

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF PAOLA, KANSAS
PAOLA JUSTICE CENTER 805 N PEARL
6:00 O'CLOCK P.M.
April 09, 2024**

The Governing Body of the City of Paola, Kansas, met with Mayor House presiding.

Council Members present: Mayor Leigh House and Council Members J.R. McMahon, Deborah Hayes, Kathy Peckman and LeAnne Shields.

Council Members absent: None

Also present: City Manager Randi Shannon, City Clerk Stephanie Marler, Chief of Police Chad Corbin, City Planner Jessica Newton, Public Works Director Kirk Rees, Community Center Director Brooks Damron, April Damron, Mike Gronemyer, Marla Dilliner, Francis Schmitendorf, Patty Schmitendorf, Joyce Shipley, Bob Gregory, Sheri Gregory and Mike Brown.

CALL TO ORDER: The regular council meeting was called to order by Mayor House.

ROLL CALL: Mayor House and Council Members McMahon, Hayes, Peckman and Shields.

EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS: Planner Newton introduced the new Paola Community Center Director Brooks Damron. He told a little bit about himself and work history. He said he is very excited about the opportunity and looking forward to things to come.

Agenda Item 1 - CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of minutes of the meeting on March 12, 2024.
- b. Approval of Salary Ordinances 24-06 & 24-07.
- c. Approval of Appropriation Ordinance 1022 & 1023.
- d. Approval of the Pledged Collateral Report for March 2024.
- e. Approval of Journal Entries March 2024.
- f. Approval of a leak allowance request for 801 S Silver, contingent on owner signature.

Council Member Shields made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and authorize the mayor to sign. The motion was seconded by Council Member McMahon and all voted aye. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Agenda Item 2 - COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mike Gronemyer, 6 Doral Dr, Linn Valley, KS spoke about an existing memorial in the Park Square for the Class of 1971. He stated the class purchases bricks through a fundraiser for the Miami County Historical Museum. He requested another 24" of sidewalk be cut out by city

staff to accommodate space for 150 bricks. He understands the Class of 1971 was told by the City Manager more sidewalk would not be cut out, but would like to know why and how they can overcome the objection to it.

Agenda Item 3 – NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 3a – Transient Guest Tax Funding Recommendations

Mayor House, who is on the Convention and Tourism Committee, said the committee met on March 11, 2024 to review 10 grant applications totaling \$45,950.

Grant No.	Requestor	Event	Requested Amount	Approved Amount
1	Lil Red Hen Quilt Shop	Ad Astra Quilt Shop Hop	\$750	\$750
2	Heartland Art Guild - Patsy Bortner	Annual Art Show	\$3,000	\$2,750
3	Mi Co Historical Museum	Oct. Trolley Ride	\$4,000	\$3,500
4	Mi Co Historical Museum	General Marketing	\$3600	\$0
5	Mi Co Historical Museum	Monthly Presentations	\$3,800	\$3,300
6	Lee Mott	Roots Festival	\$12,500	\$12,500
7	Paola Chamber of Commerce	Fireworks	\$8,000	\$7,000
8		Car Show	\$6,000	\$5,500
9		Visitors Center	\$1,000	\$500
10	Miami County Arts Coalition	Music and the Market	\$3,300	\$3,300
			\$45,950	\$39,100

Mayor House said the committee evaluated each request and recommend approval of 9 out of 10 totaling \$39,100. The City Council agreed prices for everything have increased and were willing to exceed the budgeted amount of \$30,000.

Council Member Peckman made a motion to approve the \$39,100 disbursement from the Transient Guest Tax fund as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shields and all voted aye. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Agenda Item 3b – Police Department IT Services Proposal

Chief Corbin said the Paola Police Department currently has 18 users on the computer system and they all require access to the Criminal Justice Information Center. Due to this requirement the computer system falls under polices and mandates initiated by the FBI and monitored by

KBI. He said these mandates are to restrict criminal information sharing, prevent viruses and malware or ransomware. The State of Kansas District Court computer system was successfully attacked in 2023, so new strict security measures have been implemented requiring full compliance by October 2025.

Chief Corbin said after discussions with the current IT provider IronEdge, they are not be able to provide the required services. The department was able to receive two other proposals. One from GFI with an annual cost of \$82,344 and one from NetStandard with an annual cost of \$54,000. He said it is important to implement this immediately, so for the 2024 budget this amount will be spread over several line items.

After some discussion, Council Member McMahon made a motion to accept the proposal from NetStandard to provide IT service for the Paola Police Department in the amount of \$54,000.00 and authorize the necessary signatures. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hayes and all voted aye. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Agenda Item 4. STAFF REPORTS

Chief Corbin said the department was able to hire another officer, he will be going to the academy soon.

Director Rees said a Baehr grant was awarded for a new sewer camera. He said the contractor is working on an agreement for the Wea Creek bank repair. He said he is still waiting on word for the grant for the Lake Miola Dam repair, but looks like Paola is a good candidate. He said asphalt will start again in town this week and encouraged the Council to look at the impressive work his crew has done on curb repair. He said Lead and Copper surveys are being passed out to individual residences in hopes they will be completed and returned.

Manager Shannon wanted to brag on Community Center Director Damron stating he has done a great job in his short time in charge of the Community Center.

Agenda Item 5. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FROM THE COUNCIL

Council Member McMahon thought Manager Shannon presented a very professional letter addressed to the County Commissioners in support of the Miami County Economic Development Department. He said he will be attending the City Leaders Academy put on by the League of Kansas. He said after the Work Study discussion about trash services on April 2nd, he spoke with residents about the possibility of new trash cans. He told Director Rees the trees on Baptiste Dr. look nice along with the new asphalt patches and curb repairs.

Council Member Hayes said she was approached in class about a city flag.

Agenda Item 6. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR

Consider the reappointment of Gayle Plummer to the Paola Library board.

Council Member Peckman made a motion to reappoint Gayle Plummer to the Paola Library board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shields and all voted aye. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Mayor House said she and members from the surrounding communities met with Sharice Davids to share some concerns presented by the Paola department heads. Ms. Davids told the group her office can provide letters of support. Mayor House also said information was sent to Chief Corbin regarding possible grant funding to aid with mental health issues.


Mayor House said she had previously been contacted regarding a city flag and possibly doing a student contest. She will forward the information on the Council Member Hayes.

Agenda Item 7– ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business to come before the Council, Council Member McMahon made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peckman and all voted aye. The motion passed 4 to 0.

ATTEST:




Stephanie Marler, City Clerk


Leigh House, Mayor