

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE QUIVIRA KANSAS
March 2, 2020
6:30 p.m.**

Governing Body

Mayor Brady Lilja and the following Councilmembers were present:

Gayle Best
John Christy
Dave McCullagh
Annie Noland
Greg Prieb, II

City Staff

The following staff members were present:

Erin Leckey, City Administrator/ Treasurer
Kathy Bounds, City Clerk / Court Administrator
Fred Grenier, Chief of Police / Building Official
Michelle Daise, City Attorney

Call to Order

Mayor Lilja called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Christy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Visitors

John Blessing, Waste Management Representative
Bill Cole – 143 Lakeshore Drive South
John Nelson – 480 Lakeshore Drive
Leanna Walters – 348 Terrace Trail West

John Blessing, Public Sector Account Manager with Waste Management, was at the meeting to discuss Recyclable Materials Operations, specifically as it relates to the rising costs of decontaminating materials to meet National Standards. He discussed options that Waste Management is looking into to try and offset those costs. One option was to increase recycling fees to the city. Another option is curb side auditing which entails workers going through each recycling bin to determine recyclables and leave behind (in the bin) anything that is not. Mr. Blessing reported other municipalities have gone from recycling every week to every other week, using upsized containers, provided by Waste Management from 65 gallons to 95 gallons, and he noted this has been working well as a cost savings plan in those communities. After discussing the various options, it was noted the City has a service agreement in place with Waste Management until 2021; however, recycling every other week may be the most

reasonable option to explore down the road, if needed. It was also noted that recycling education is equally as important and would be helpful for the community. Councilmember McCullagh was asked to reach out to Mike Olson about creating a recycling educational video. No formal action was taken this evening.

Approval of Minutes from the February 10, 2020 Council Meeting

Mayor Lilja entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2020 meeting. **Motion:** Councilmember Prieb made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2020 Council meeting. **Second:** Councilmember McCullagh seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0 - Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was submitted by City Treasurer Leckey. She explained the report and offered to answer any questions. Mayor Lilja entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted. **Motion:** Councilmember Best made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. **Second:** Councilmember Noland seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0 - Motion carried.** **A complete copy of the approved Treasurer's Report can be obtained at City Hall.*

SMAC Report:

Bill Cole gave an overview of, and updates to, various projects he is involved with for the City. He also explained his, and his company Foresight Solutions LLC., role to the new councilmembers, as it is a paid position by the City. He noted, for the record, that he is Erin Leckey, the City Treasurer's father, and wanted to make sure there was transparency about that. He further explained his role in detail. There were no objections and his services will remain the same as they have been.

A summary of his report:

OPTI – Contractors have been selected and work on this project is slated to begin this month, weather permitting, and should wrap up in April. There should be minimal disturbance to residents throughout the project.

SMAC - There is a meeting scheduled for Monday March 9th to select leaders for each Watershed district. LQ is considered Watershed Six. Mr. Cole is hopeful he will be selected to be on that board. The Watershed will be renamed once the leaders have been selected. Mr. Cole reported 2020 will be the year for formation of base work, and expects little to no support in 2020/2021, but noted it is critical to stay involved to get LQ mapped (AIMS).

Dam Inspection Report – this report is required every two years. Lake Quivira's next report needs to be filed by April 2021. He noted areas that must be addressed from the last report include negative grade erosion next to the dam, and leaks in the spillway. Councilmember Best will reach out to Brad with Golf Maintenance about clearing out (brush hogging) the dam toe area.

Lake Leveling Equipment – equipment has been delivered and slated to be installed and operational before the spring rain season.

Spillway Planning – Mr. Cole encouraged the Council to begin budgeting for spillway improvements and repairs, noting we are operating with the original structure from the early 1900's and it is starting to show its age and is in need of serious repair. He estimated costs of approximately one million dollars to fully restore the spillway. He offered suggestions of incorporating turbine power as well as enhancements including a railed walkway leading out to a waterfall. Discussion ensued about funding the project, noting we currently have \$400,000 in the budget for the spillway project. While raising taxes is never ideal, this may be something to explore given the importance of the project. It was noted taxes have not increased in the last 7 years.

Police Chief's Report:

Chief Grenier reviewed his monthly report, noting he had nothing new to report.

Chief Grenier provided a cost list for purchasing a new police vehicle. Different models with prices ranging from \$31,279.00 to \$36,124.00 were discussed. The costs do not include outfitting the vehicle with lights and sirens, etc. The cost for equipping the car would be additional, at approximately \$3000.00; however, Chief Grenier would do the outfitting himself to save on labor costs. Discussion ensued about keeping the current police car as a backup car. It was noted it needs minor repair work. All were in favor of keeping it. Currently there is \$30,000 budgeted for a new police car. Ways to fund the remaining costs were discussed.

Motion: Councilmember Christy made a motion to purchase a 2020 Hybrid Ford Explorer, not to exceed \$36,200, as the new police Car. **Second:** Councilmember Noland seconded.

Before the motion went to vote, Councilmember Christy amended his original motion.

Amended motion: Councilmember Christy amended his motion to include the purchasing of a 2020 Hybrid Ford Explorer, not to exceed \$36,200, as the new police car, and an amount not to exceed \$3000 to equip the car. **Second:** Councilmember Noland seconded. **Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.**

Fire Chief's Report:

None.

City Clerk's Report:

None.

City Attorney's Report

None.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lilja reported the Shawnee Fire Chief will be retiring in June. Mayor Lilja and City Administrator Leckey had lunch with the Shawnee City Manager recently to gauge how this may impact services in Lake Quivira. They are hopeful services will remain as they have been.

Mayor Lilja reported while he was taking pictures of the collapsing guard rail on Holliday Drive a resident approached him and indicated the guard rail is in Wyandotte County jurisdictional boundaries. There have been many discussions lately about jurisdictional boundaries in that area, with calls being made to the Unified Government to verify; however, no return calls have been received. Councilmember Prieb will reach out to Chad Johnson, our Engineer on the project, and ask him if he can assist us in making contact with someone at the Unified Government to see if they would be willing to cost-share and/or help provide repairs. City Attorney Daise offered to do some research to find out who the City Attorney is for that Ward as well, and noted we might be able to enter into an inter-local agreement with the Unified Government.

Due to the firetruck still being up for sale, Mayor Lilja indicated he is holding off on allowing the fire station bay area to be used for any community events. He will revisit the idea once the truck sells.

Mayor Lilja concluded his report by thanking Chief Grenier, Roy Owens, Manny Olmos, and the Shawnee Fire Department for how timely their response was to a recent auto accident in the community.

Council Reports:

Councilmember Best:

Councilmember Best provided examples of signage for the recycle and yard waste dumpsters that she obtained from Vital Signs. These are sticker type signs that include what are acceptable and not acceptable items for the dumpsters. They will also state violator warnings. She noted the cost for the signage is approximately \$100.00, and she was given approval to purchase the signs without a formal motion. It was noted, if there are still dumping issues after the signs have been placed, we may switch to a different style of dumpster. One that has slats in it, versus the open top with lid, and only allow cardboard recycling.

Councilmember Best reported on Fred Braun Day and the Animal Vaccination Clinic, noting planning is well under way, and advertising will be going out soon. Fred Braun Day is scheduled for April 18th and the Animal Vaccination Clinic is scheduled for April 11th. She reported Carol Neill is coordinating the animal clinic this year, and noted there will be photographer on hand to take pet photos as a fundraiser project for the photography club, and a local Eagle Scout group will be offering dog washing. More information to follow at the next meeting.

Councilmember Best reported the bathroom model is going well. Fred has been laying the flooring and putting up the subway tile. She noted that she purchased some picture frames

with matting and Ron Bower will be providing some photos of the community to place in the bathroom and possibly the City Hall lobby as well.

Councilmember Christy:

No report.

Councilmember McCullagh:

Councilmember McCullagh reported on a recent meeting he had with Mike Hey of Waste Management and a tour he took of the landfill. He was shown where the new cell for Lake Quivira's waste will be going and discussed some operational procedures with Mr. Hey as well. He is encouraged the placement of the new cell, which is further to the west, will make a notable difference with regard to the odor issues coming into Lake Quivira. He reported communication between both entities is a key factor, noting we need to let Waste Management know when we have events going on so they can try to minimize odors escaping during those times, and they need to let us know when to expect odor causing burns, so we are prepared for it. Councilmember McCullagh indicated he will do all he can to keep those lines of communication open.

Councilmember McCullagh reported he is still gathering information related to fuel reports, but noted he will likely be recommending we bring gas station management and operational services in-house. He reported the city is losing money on the gas station as it stands right now, and he believes through his research so far, it could be a generous revenue source for the city.

Councilmember Noland:

Councilmember Noland reported she has been working on employee evaluations and expects to have them completed in the next week to week and a half. She reported Kathy Bounds and Lisa Smith met to work on a social media project, and she was happy to see combined efforts being made.

Councilmember Prieb:

Councilmember Prieb provided a Service Agreement prepared by Olsson Engineering related to the Holliday Road Improvement project. Due to discussions earlier in the evening as to whether or not a portion of the project is in Wyandotte County, and whether or not we might be able to receive some assistance from the Unified Government with the project, no action was taken relating to the Service Agreement. Councilmember Prieb will reach out to Chad Johnson of Olsson Engineering for help in making contact with someone at the Unified Government.

Old Business:

Consider Proposal for Holliday Drive Roadway Improvements. **Tabled.**

New Business:

- 1) Waste Management Municipal Recycling & Solid Waste Agreement. *Discussion listed under Recognition of Visitors.*

- 2) Consider approval of an ordinance providing for salaries and compensation of various officers and employees of the City of Lake Quivira, Kansas. *Executive Session called.*

Executive Session:

Mayor Lilja entertained a motion for the Governing Body, City Attorney, and City Treasurer to recess into Executive Session, for a duration of 15 minutes, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1) for the purpose of protecting the privacy rights of non-elected personnel and pursuant to the Kansas Open Meetings Act.

Motion: Councilmember Christy made a motion for the Governing Body, City Attorney, and City Treasurer to recess into Executive Session, for a duration of 15 minutes, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1) for the purpose of protecting the privacy rights of non-elected personnel and pursuant to the Kansas Open Meetings Act. **Second:** Councilmember Prieb seconded. **Vote: 5-0. Motion Carried.**

The Governing Body, City Attorney, and City Treasurer adjourned to executive session at 8:52 p.m. for 15 minutes pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1) to protect the privacy rights of non-elected personnel and pursuant to the Kansas Open Meetings Act.

The Governing Body, City Attorney, and City Treasurer returned to regular session at 9:07 p.m.

Motion: Councilmember Christy made a motion that the 2020 Pay Ordinance be tabled to the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting, or to a Special Called Meeting before the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting. **Second:** Councilmember Noland seconded. **Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.**

Adjournment:

Motion: Councilmember Prieb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. **Second:** Councilmember Best seconded. **Vote: 5-0. Motion Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kathy Bounds
City Clerk

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING
April 6, 2020
6:30 P.M.



- **Brady Lilja** - Quivira Inc, Q2 Board, Lake Quivira Foundation and Police.
- **Gayle Best** - Tree City, Railroad, Aesthetics, Landfill, City Hall and Holliday Drive.
- **John Christy** - Dam/Spillway, Litigation, 4th of July/Fireworks, and Holliday Drive.
- **Dave McCullagh** - Budget/Finance, Ordinances, Gas Station, Landfill Odor, Deer Harvest and Research.
- **Annie Noland** - Employee Performance Reviews and Issues, Insurance, Web Presence and vacant fire station space.
- **Greg Prieb** - Roads, Lake Preservation, Zoning and Development, Building Requirements and City Hall.