

CITY OF CAWKER CITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
January 11, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING-CAWKER CITY

Work Session-Sign off on bills:

**Clerk Mick had given the oath of office to incoming mayor-Drew Duskie, council member Barbara Wise and Lisha Wiese on January 9, 2023 as per city ordinance.**

Mayor Drew Duskie present and presiding called the regular council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Barb Wise, Doug Bader, Carl Suter, Cole Eberle & Lisha Wiese

**CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Denelle Mick, Charles Gullion, City Attorney – Chantz Martin

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** D. Bader made a motion to approve the December 14 regular council meeting. C. Suter seconded. Motion carried 5 AYES B. Wise made a motion to approve claims ordinance 1541A. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5AYES

**PERMIT APPLICATIONS:** Livestock permits for Chris Thornton-calves, Kay Jones-chickens, Cassi Walsh-chickens were presented for renewal. D. Bader made a motion to approve all 3 livestock permits. L. Wiese seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

**PUBLIC COMMENT & PUBLIC VISITORS:** Erica Schmidt-Sunflower Electric & Susan Wienends

Susan Wienends was present to ask council a question about a recent bill she had received for some work the city did on her electric service. She stated that a city employee had told her it was not going to cost her anything if she purchased the wire for the work. She explained to council what work had been done and that it was on the city side of the service. Council advised her that they would talk to the electric supervisor about the situation and get back to her. She also stated that she was going to have the water meter moved and that she would be paying for this since she was the one wanting to have it moved. Erica Schmidt from Sunflower Electric was present to go over the Cities current electric contract. She gave a brief background report on the Cities suppliers and then reviewed the contract. She stated that the contract was reaching the time the city would be seeing some increases in prices. Council asked her some questions and thanked her for coming to explain the cost of electricity.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Martin stated that he is still working on the Agco property purchase. Martin stated that he would be working on the property easements for the storm drain project. Martin also stated that he had been researching the lead and copper rule, he advised the city to see if the League of Kansas could give some guidance on this project. Martin suggested that the city get some kind of policy in place in regards to the tampering of electric meters.

**CITY EMPLOYEES REPORT:**

**C. Gullion:** Gullion stated that after researching the street repairs he found that it was still cheaper to have the city crew do the repairs, he stated that he has been checking for a different oil truck since our oil truck is getting pretty old. He also stated that our streets are good for about 5 years. Gullion stated the chlorine pump had gone done on the south well. The city switched to the north well until another pump could be ordered. Gullion requested the purchase of a new chlorine pump from USA Blue Book at the cost of \$1,200.00. D. Bader made a motion to purchase a new chlorine pump for \$1,200.00. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5 AYES Gullion stated that Dennis Pahls was possibly going to put

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in another trailer on his property on 10<sup>th</sup> & Pine. Council asked Clerk Mick to check and see if Pine Street was closed going through the property. Gullion also stated that we have someone moving to town and asked about doing their own electrical hookups. Consensus of council was that from the transformer to the meter can was city responsibility. As things are set up the city supplies a 100 AMP service to residential and if the resident requests more they will be billed for the difference. C. Eberle made a motion that if a resident requests 200AMP or larger service they will be billed the difference from 100 AMP service. C. Suter seconded. Motion carried 5 AYES

**D. Mick:** Mick requested a raise in the credit limit on the city credit card. D. Bader made a motion to raise the city credit card limit to \$5,000.00. L. Wiese seconded Motion carried 5 AYES. Renewal for the contract with City Aid LLC (budget & consulting), raised the price of budget preparation by \$25.00. D. Bader made a motion to sign renewal contract with City Aid LLC. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

**J. Reed:** report was placed in council package

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Water tower project update- bids will go out in January
2. Update on storm drain project – final plans have been sent to K-Dot
3. No pricing was available yet for golf course greens. The 5-year committee will need to set up a meeting to get started on this project.
4. Clerk Mick reported that the repairs on the fire station are completed and money received from grant
5. Ball field repairs tabled for now

8:45. m. – D. Bader made a motion to adjourn. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5AYES

Approved:

City Clerk:

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FEBRUARY 8, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.  
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Mayor Drew Duskie present and presiding called the regular council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Barb Wise, Doug Bader, Cole Eberle & Lisha Wiese

**CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Denelle Mick, Charles Gullion, City Attorney – Chantz Martin

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** B. Wise made a motion to approve the January 11 regular council meeting. C. Eberle seconded. Motion carried 4 AYES C. Eberle made a motion to approve claims ordinance 1542A. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 4AYES

**PERMIT APPLICATIONS:** C. Eberle made a motion to approve building permits for Dylan Frasier (house), Todd Gehring (boat storage). L. Wiese seconded Motion carried 4 AYES D. Bader made a motion to approve livestock permit (chickens) for Kevin Phillips. L. Wiese seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

7:40 p.m. C. Suter arrived

**PUBLIC COMMENT & PUBLIC VISITORS:** None

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Martin stated that he is still working on the Agco property purchase. Martin stated that he had sent out letters to property owners on the public meeting that would be held on March 8 prior to the regular March council meeting. Schwab-Eaton will be present to answer any questions in regards to this project.

**CITY EMPLOYEES REPORT:**

**C. Gullion:** Gullion stated that there was several projects that he would like to see addressed this coming spring. One is utilize the used tin from the fire station and build a pole shed for the digger truck and to pour a new concrete pad to set the transformers on. Council stated that these two projects looked good. L. Wiese made a motion to allow M. Harding and C. Lowe to attend the KRWA conference in Wichita on March 28-30. B. Wise second Motion carried 5AYES Chuck discussed with the council about doing some electrical updating in the back shop so a generator could be hooked up during any electrical outage. This would give lights and opening over head door easier during outages. Council agreed this would be a good idea. Continued discussion was held in regards to electric charges to utility customers upon new connections and upgrades on service. Council asked Clerk Mick to check with other area cities our size with electric. This issue was tabled till the March meeting. Discussion on the transformers for USD 272 to supply electricity for electric school bus charging stations. C. Suter made a motion to charge USD 272 for the transformer bank for the charging station. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 5 AYES Gullion stated that Johnson service had presented a quote of options for camering and lining of sewer lines. D. Bader made a motion to move forward with the quote of \$18,324.00 for lining between 7<sup>th</sup> set extended and the highway between Elm St. & Cherry St. and clean and vacuum lines west of Lake Drive at an approximate cost of \$4.20 a LF. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

**D. Mick:** Mick stated the auditors will be in the office on March 2.

**J. Reed:** report was placed in council package

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**ORDINANCES:** Ordinance#1183 -electric meter tampering was presented. B. Wise made a motion to pass Ord. 1183 C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES Ord. 1184 was tabled till March meeting

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Water tower project update- Contractor meeting at City office on March 1 at 2:00 p.m.
2. Update on storm drain project – review of project on February 24 at 11:00
3. No pricing was available yet for golf course greens. The 5-year committee will need to set up a meeting to get started on this project.
4. Ball field repairs tabled for now and Mayor Duskie will contact the organizations and ask them to attend the March 8 council meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Water and sewer rates were reviewed. After much discussion and the possible higher costs of new water tower project, the council agreed to move forward with a 2 year review rate of raising the water base by \$2.00 and the per thousand gallon of .75 across the board. City sewer base rate by \$1.00. C. Eberle made a motion to approve Ord. 1185 to raise the city water rates base rate \$2.00 and the per thousand gallon rate by \$.75. C. Suter seconded Motion carried. C. Eberle made a motion to rated the city base sewer rate by \$1.00. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES
2. D. Bader made a motion to appoint Barb Wise to a 2-year term on KMEA board. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES
3. Council asked Clerk Mick to start advertising for summer help
4. Annual golf meeting will be held at city office on February 16 at 7
5. D. Bader made a motion to make a donation to the Lakeside After Prom for \$100.00. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

8:30 p m. – D. Bader made a motion to adjourn. L Wiese seconded Motion carried 5AYES

Approved: 3/8/23

City Clerk:

*Develle N. Mick*



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March 8, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.  
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Mayor Drew Duskie present and presiding called the regular council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Barb Wise, Doug Bader, Cole Eberle, Carl Suter & Lisha Wiese

**CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Denelle Mick, Charles Gullion, City Attorney – Chantz Martin

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** D. Bader made a motion to approve the February 8 regular council meeting. C. Eberle seconded. Motion carried 5 AYES B. Wise made a motion to approve claims ordinance 1543A. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5AYES

**PERMIT APPLICATIONS:** B. Wise made a motion to approve the livestock permit for Sonja Collard (chickens). C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

**PUBLIC COMMENT & PUBLIC VISITORS:** Joel Hardy, Paron Wilcoxson, Skyler Wise, Rollin Roth & Stuart Porter

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Martin stated that he is still working on the Agco property purchase.

**CITY EMPLOYEES REPORT:**

**C. Gullion:** Gullion asked the council about electric charges for the school to install a charger for the new electric bus. Council advised him to charge for the wire. Gullion stated that repairs are needed on both wells. He presented a quote from Sargent Drilling for \$52629.58. Council asked him if he had gotten two quotes and Gullion stated that he had not. Council asked him to get a second quote for the repairs, but would go ahead and approve the repairs with the lowest quote for the repairs. C. Suter made a motion to move forward with the well repairs upon, receiving a possible second quote. Awarding quote to the lowest bid. L. Wiese seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

**D. Mick:** Mick stated the audit was over and they would be reporting back at the April 12 council meeting. Mick asked to pay for the electric regulators out of the Electric reserve/ARPA fund for the cost of \$27,970.00. B. Wise made a motion to pay for electric regulators out of the Electric reserve/ARPA fund for the cost \$27,970.00. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

**J. Reed:** nothing to report

**ORDINANCES:** Ordinance#1184 -water meter tampering was presented. C. Suter made a motion to pass Ord. 1184 B. Wise seconded Motion carried 5 AYES Resolution -01-23 to allow the city to participate in the Federal Flood program. D. Bader made a motion to pass Resolution 01-23. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

**UNIFINSIHED BUSINESS:**

1. Water tower project update- Stuart Porter from Schwab-Eaton was present to discuss the award of the water tower contract. He went over the bid sheets. He stated that they recommend the contract be awarded to Gerard Tank & Steel in the amount of \$969,000.00 contingent on the review and approval of the bid documents by KDHE & CDBG and the city's ability to amend the KDHE loan amount to up the difference between the project budget and

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construction amounts. B. Wise made the motion to approve the water tower project to Gerard Tank and Steel in the amount of \$969,000.00. L. Wiese seconded Motion carried 5 AYES Stuart stated he would notify the contractor. Council thanked him for all the information.

2. Update on storm drain project – Field study was done on February 24. Prior to the council meeting Jesse Benedick of Schwab-Eaton was present to review the easement agreements that were sent out to the residents. Two residents were present to review their easements.
3. No pricing was available yet for golf course greens. Rollin Roth was present to go over the recent golf course annual meeting. A copy of the minutes was included in the council packet. The committee would like to raise the annual dues, cart shed rental and green fees. The council stated it looked good to them and they will have City Attorney Martin draw up the new resolution with the new rates to be approved at the April meeting to go into effect January 1, 2024.
4. Ball field repairs – Joel Hardy, Paron Wilcoxson & Skyler Wise was present to discuss some upgrades at the old football field. This field is being used now by the flag football program and the new Waconda Chiefs football program. The group stated that they would like to spray for stickers and to plant new grass on the west side of the field. Discussion on the lighting was discussed and the council stated that the present poles would need to be addressed and the city would take care of this. Mayor Duskie stated he would check in about sprinklers for watering of the new grass and the city would also check on pricing for new lights. The council stated that they would need Skyler Wise to help with cutting and taking down the existing poles due to the height. The council stated that they were excited to see the field put back to use and they would be more than happy to help with these updates. The committee stated they would get prices on grass and get back to the council
5. Much discussion in past meetings in regards to what the city should charge for electric upgrades. Council had requested that Clerk Mick get a copy of other towns ordinances for this sort of charges for council to review. After much discussion the council reached a decision and requested that Attorney Martin draw up an ordinance explaining how the city will charge for this service.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Clerk Mick placed a copy of the lead and copper letter that was prepared for review by the council. Council reviewed and stated that it looked good to them. Mick stated it would go out in April to the city utility customers.
2. Clerk Mick went over the figures for the water tower project with council. She stated that in order to meet the debt repayment on the larger amount water rates would need to go up approximately \$5.00. She stated that she had discussed this with Brianne at North Central Regional Planning and they will present a plan to KDHE. We have started on the 3D replicas of the old water tower that will be done at NCK Vo-tech and the arial photography will be done by Eberle Studios. C. Suter made a motion to amend the KDHE loan for an addition of \$250,000.00. L. Wiese seconded Motion carried 5 AYES
3. C. Eberle made a motion to donate \$200.00 to the annual Easter Egg Hunt. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

**COUNCIL REPORTS:** L. Wiese discussed the parking of food trailers with the council. At the present time there is no set rules in regards to food trailers. Attorney Martin stated he would look into it.

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9:10p m. –B. Wise made a motion to adjourn. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 5AYES

Approved:

City Clerk:

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April 12 2023 – 7:30 p.m.  
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Mayor Drew Duskie present and presiding called the regular council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Barb Wise, Doug Bader, Cole Eberle, Carl Suter & Lisha Wiese

**CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Denelle Mick, Charles Gullion, City Attorney – Chantz Martin

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** D. Bader made a motion to approve the March 8 regular council meeting. C. Eberle seconded. Motion carried 5 AYES B. Wise made a motion to approve claims ordinance 1544A. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5AYES

**PERMIT APPLICATIONS:** C. Eberle made a motion to approve the building permits for Jonathan Adams (small shed), D. Reling (storage shed) L. Wiese seconded Motion carried 5 AYES L. Wiese made a motion to approve the livestock permit for Sam Bowles (chickens) C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES C. Suter made a motion to approve the fence permits for Chris Thornton & David Reling. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

**PUBLIC COMMENT & PUBLIC VISITORS:** Matt Alford, Jessica Marquina, David Reling & Sheri Naasz (EMC ins.)

Matt Alford was present to discuss the tree on the city right away west of his building. He shared his concerns in regards to the tree. C. Eberle made a motion to have the city remove the tree. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5AYES Jessica Marquina was present to discuss trees south of her home that are in electric lines. She stated that the trees are inside her fenced in yard, the city can't reach them with there truck. The council advised her to have the tree trimmer come talk to the city crew and they would help find a solution to the problem. David Reling was present to discuss the repairs at the golf course. They still have not gotten an exact cost at the present time. Mayor Duskie stated that he and David should go visit the bank and find out some options and asked Clerk Mick to review the project with the budget writer and report back at the May meeting and to also check on possible grants. Sheri Naasz-Cushing Ins. was present to explain the benefits and changes in the current policy. She reviewed all the different sections that are covered and the deductibles. Workman comp policy now offers a Nurse on call program for the city to take advantage of. She asked C. Gullion and D. Mick to review the equipment and see if coverage was correct and if there was any equipment needed to be removed or deductible lowered. The council asked questions in regards to the policy and the raise in premiums, the premiums increased by \$2,400.00 yearly. D. Bader made a motion to renew the EMC insurance at a cost of \$48,635.00. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Martin stated that he is still working on the Agco property purchase. Attorney Martin reviewed the water storage tank project with council. B. Wise made a motion to accept the Gerard Tower bid for the new water storage tank. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

**CITY EMPLOYEES REPORT:**

**C. Gullion:** Gullion stated that Johnson Service had found some more sewer locations that are needing lined at an additional \$9,000.00. B. Wise made a motion to go ahead and line the extra sewer lines at a cost \$9,000.00. L. Wiese seconded Motion carried 5 AYES Gullion stated that all the camering of the sewer lines are complete. Gullion reported that the regulators have been installed and wondered about possibly rebuilding one of the regulators so we



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have extra in place. B. Wise made a motion to rebuild a regulator. L. Wiese seconded motion Motion carried 5 AYES  
Gullion discussed the removal of poles at ball field with council.

**D. Mick:** Mick discussed the renewal of the Cities CD investments with council. Mayor Duskie and Clerk Mick will address this matter. A citizen asked if they could have a pit bull in town that serves as a therapy dog. City ordinance does not allow and consensus of council was to not allow.

**J. Reed:** nothing to report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Water tower project update- Loan amendment had been sent to KDHE
2. Update on storm drain project – project bid date Sept. 1, 2023
3. Ball field repairs – Council was brought up to date on the ballfield project. One pole has been removed, the sprinkler will be picked up at the school in Downs, the Waconda Chiefs organization will pay for grass seed, a quote for lighting was put in council packet. C. Eberle made a motion to purchase 4 lights at the cost of \$198.00 each - total cost of \$792.00. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Employee payroll review was placed in the council packets. 8:30 p.m. B. Wise made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel with City Attorney Martin for 15 minutes. 8:45 L. Wiese made a motion to return to regular session. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 5 AYES (NO ACTION) B. Wise made a motion to give Charles Gullion, Mark Harding, Charles Lowe, Denelle Mick & Viki Aramendi a flat 3% pay increase effective May 1, 2023. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 5 AYES
2. Clerk Mick reminded Carl Suter, Cole Eberle & Doug Bader of the election filing deadline
3. Electric charges for food trailers were discussed no decision was made at this time
4. A resident had requested a child playing sign to be put up on Elm Street. Council stated there is know need to put one at this location at this time.
5. Appointment of Radonna Carver to housing board replacing Dayla Schmidt. L. Wiese made a motion to appoint Radonna Carver to housing board. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 4 AYES (B. Wise abstaining)
6. Summer help applications were presented to the council at 8:55 p.m. B. Wise made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel with City Attorney Martin and Charles Gullion for 10 minutes. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES. 9:05 D. Bader made a motion to return to regular session. L. Wiese seconded Motion carried 5 AYES (No Action) B. Wise made a motion to hire John Hutson, Ross Hutson & David Reling for summer help, each receiving a \$1.00 per hour pay increase. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES
7. Fire department minutes were placed in council packet and the council reviewed the ordinance in regards to the annual pay of the fire dept. Mayor Duskie stated that he would attend the next fire meeting to discuss this issue. A financial report for the fire department was placed in council packet and also emailed to Fire Chief Thorton.
8. Library Board replacements were presented. Radonna Carver and Jessica Zobel will be replacing Virginia Wilson & Betty Chance. B. Wise made the motion to place Radonna Carver and Jessica Zobel on the library board. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

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9:30p m. –D. Bader made a motion to adjourn. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5AYES

Approved:

City Clerk:

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Work Session-Sign off on bills:

Mayor Drew Duskie present and presiding called the regular council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Barb Wise, Doug Bader & Carl Suter

**CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Denelle Mick, Charles Gullion, City Attorney – Chantz Martin

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** D. Bader made a motion to approve the April 12 regular council meeting. B. Wise seconded. Motion carried 3 AYES C. Suter made a motion to approve claims ordinance 1545A. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 3 AYES

**PERMIT APPLICATIONS:** D. Bader made a motion to approve the building permits for LeRoy Loyd-deck & Kevin Phillips – chicken coop. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 3 AYES B. Wise made a motion to approve the livestock permit for Cody Schlaefli (chickens & ducks) C. Suter seconded Motion carried 3 AYES D. Bader made a motion to approve the fence permit for Cody Schlaefli. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 3 AYES B. Wise made a motion to approve the use of the golf course club house – Cunningham Telephone C. Suter seconded Motion carried 3 AYES

7:45 C. Eberle arrived

**PUBLIC COMMENT & PUBLIC VISITORS:** Scot Loyd-Loyd group (auditor), Mitchell Co. Commissioner Jim Marshal, Jamie Cunningham

County commissioner Jim Marshal was present to discuss the stability of the Mitchell Co. Ambulance that is located in Cawker City. There had been rumors of the station being closed, at the present time Mr. Marshal stated that he didn't see that happening, but there may be some days it is closed due to a shortage of employees. He stated that the ambulance gets 12% of the county budget. Scot Loyd (city auditor) spoke of other small communities that are having trouble keeping their ambulance services. The council asked questions and thanked Mr. Marshal for coming to the meeting and explaining the situation. Scot Loyd of the Loyd group presented the 2022 audit. He explained the budget reports and that the City only had one infraction and that was that they do not have a KMAAG book in place, he went on to explain this issue. Council asked him questions in regards to the rest of the audit and stated that the city books were very well managed. Council thanked him for coming.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Martin stated that he is still working on the Agco property purchase and that the council would address the Federal Flood program at the June meeting.

**CITY EMPLOYEES REPORT:**

**C. Gullion:** Gullion stated that he needed to do some repair work on the tool box on the brown truck. To repair tool box would be approximately \$680.00. D. Bader made a motion to repair tool box. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4AYES. Chuck reported that he needed 4 tires for his truck. D. Bader made a motion to replace the 4 tires and for Gullion to report back to council in June with the prices. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 4 AYES Gullion mentioned a pole by the school that needs to be replaced and the council advised him to replace and to not charge the school.

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**D. Mick:** Mick discussed the possibility of software update with council. She stated at this time the cost was too high. Clerk Mick stated that she had put a job description for city clerk in the council packet and mentioned that the council should consider changing that city employees have to live in the City of Cawker City. City Attorney Martin stated he would address this issue. Clerk Mick reported to council that she had been asked to attend a round table discussion with Senator Mashall in regards to USDA grants on May 24 in Concordia.

**J. Reed:** nothing to report

**UNIFINSIHED BUSINESS:**

1. Water tower project update- Planning meeting was held on May 9 and concrete construction should start around June 1. Contractor requested one city employee to be on call during project, so overtime was discussed and approval of council for contractors to work seven days a week if needed. Council stated that they would address these issues as needed
2. Update on storm drain project – project bid date Sept. 1, 2023
3. Update on golf course repairs was given, stating that a grant was being written to Dane Hansen to help with costs with a grant deadline of May 25.
4. Ball field repairs – Council was brought up to date on the ballfield project. Rolling Hills will be removing remaining poles at no charge. Football committee stated that they would wait to plant grass in the fall
5. Clerk Mick reminded C. Suter, C. Eberle & D. Bader of council filing deadline of June 1

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. D. Bader made a motion to appoint Susan Scott to the Library board replacing Vivian Humphrey. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

8:50p m. –C. Eberle made a motion to adjourn. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4AYES

Approved:

City Clerk:

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Mayor Drew Duskie present and presiding called the regular council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Barb Wise, Doug Bader & Carl Suter

**CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Denelle Mick, Charles Gullion, City Attorney – Chantz Martin

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** D. Bader made a motion to approve the May 10 corrected regular council meeting minutes. C. Suter seconded. Motion carried 3 AYES B. Wise made a motion to approve claims ordinance 1546A. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 3 AYES

**PERMIT APPLICATIONS:** D. Bader made a motion to approve the building permits for SMC-sidewalk, USD 272 for storage container & storm shelter at daycare C. Suter seconded Motion carried 3 AYES B. Wise made a motion to approve the Fireworks stand permit for Shannon DePoy. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 3 AYES

**PUBLIC COMMENT & PUBLIC VISITORS:** Chris Thornton-fire dept. , Sheri Naasz-Cushing Ins.

Chris Thornton-Fire Chief of Cawker City Fire Dept. was present to discuss flow testing of fire equipment and the new lock put on the fire dept. door. Cost of testing was approximately \$770.00 last year and the lock on the door was \$151.89. B. Wise made a motion to pay the two items for the fire dept. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 3 AYES Chris then presented the Mitchell Co. Mutual Aid agreement for all services offered with the county for the council to review. Sheri Naasz was present to deliver the EMC dividend check to the city in the amount of \$7165.44. She thanked the city for their business.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Martin stated that the contract to purchase the parcel of land from Agco had been signed with a closing date in mid July. The cost to the city would be \$1,000.00 plus closing costs. The City employee residency policy was discussed and the council at this time decided to leave the policy as written. They felt it would be reviewed as needed. Federal Flood insurance should be ready to be signed at the July council meeting.

**ORDINANCES:** D. Bader made a motion to pass Ord. 1187 KDHE loan amendment. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 3 AYES

8:00 pm C. Eberle arrived

D. Bader made a motion to pass Resolution 2-2023 golf course fees for 2024. C.Eberle seconded. Motion carried 4 AYES Resolution 3-2023 was tied to resolution 1-2023 pertaining to Federal Flood program

**CITY EMPLOYEES REPORT:**

**C. Gullion:** Gullion asked about ordering a truck load of utility poles with Mark Bergmann buying some of the load. D. Bader made a motion to approve the purchase. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 3AYES Discussion was held in regards to rocking roads (15<sup>th</sup> & Ash). This discussion was tabled till the July meeting. Gullion stated that he would like to purchase two boxes of sprinkler heads for the golf course at a cost of \$424.00. C. Suter made a motion to purchase sprinkler heads. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 3 AYES Gullion asked about purchasing a arm assembly for the

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electric bucket truck this would be used for electric lines when replacing electric poles. The cost would \$1840.41 from Hastings Supply. D. Bader made a motion to purchase the arm assembly at a cost of \$1840.41. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES. The next discussion was rebuilding a cover for the pumps at the golf course. Gullion stated that they had a roof off the old pay station that would work for part of the building. The total cost for rebuilding the cover would be \$2,500.00. Council asked if he had gotten permission from the bureau and he stated he had. C. Suter made a motion to rebuild cover for pump. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 3 AYES Gullion reported that he had gotten 4 tires for the white truck at a cost of \$707.00

**D. Mick:** Mick discussed the current water rates with council. After receiving the amended water tower loan, the rates will need to be raised. She proposed doing \$3.50 in October 2023 and the \$3.50 in April 2024 this will help get ready for the first loan payment in January 2025. Council agreed that this was a good plan.

**J. Reed:** report in packet

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Water tower project update- KDHE loan amendment has arrived for approval
2. Update on storm drain project – project bid date Sept. 1, 2023
3. Update on golf course repairs was given, stating that a grant was being written to Dane Hansen to help with costs with a grant deadline of May 25.
4. Ball field repairs – All poles were removed and the city crew filled in mud volleyball pits so that the ballfield could be used for a practice field.
5. Clerk Mick stated that the Lead & copper surveys are being sent out. This will be done according to wards, starting with ward 1. Clerk Mick stated that her and Chuck Gullion attended the monthly senior center potluck and discussed the EPA reasoning on the lead & copper surveys and helped fill out some of the surveys.
6. D. Bader made a motion to approve the corrected 2022 City budget. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. B. Wise made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Lakefest fireworks display. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES
2. Discussion on the possible closing of streets and alleys for new construction. Much discussion took place and it was decided to table till more information was available. Mayor Duskie stated that he would get in contact with the individual doing the project.
3. Information was placed in council packets in regards to the Kansas Byways program.
4. Scaffolding on main street was discussed and C. Eberle stated he would talk to Code Enforcement officer Reed about the issue

8:25 p.m. -D. Bader made a motion in go into executive session for attorney/client with Denelle Mick present for 5 minutes. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 4 AYES. 8:30 p.m. D. Bader made a motion to return to regular session. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 4 AYES NO ACTION

8:30p m. – D. Bader made a motion to adjourn. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4AYES

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Approved:

City Clerk:



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Work Session-Sign off on bills:

Mayor Drew Duskie present and presiding called the regular council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Barb Wise, Doug Bader , Carl Suter

**APPOINTMENTS:** B. Wise made a motion to approve the following appointments: Denelle Mick-City Clerk, Viki Aramendi- Ass. City clerk/treasurer, Chantz Martin-City Attorney, Bruce Berkley-Municipal Judge, Charles Gullion-Utility Super, Mark Harding-Ass. Utility Super, Charles Lowe-Street Foreman, Chris Thornton-Fire Chief, Charles Lowe-Ass Fire chief, Cushing Ins. Agency-Insurance agency of record, Farmers & Merchants Bank-Official Bank Depository, Cawker City Ledger-Official newspaper, Rollin Roth-Utility hearing officer, James Reed-Code Enforcement, Colleen Eberle, Traci Diel, Nick Werthmann, Rollin Roth, Doug Bader, Dionn Hake & Corey Frasier-Five Year Plan for the City Park committee. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 3AYES D. Bader made a motion to appoint C. Eberle council president. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 3 AYES

**CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Denelle Mick, Charles Gullion, City Attorney – Chantz Martin

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** D. Bader made a motion to approve the June 14 regular council meeting minutes. B. Wise seconded. Motion carried 3 AYES C. Suter made a motion to approve claims ordinance 1547A. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 3 AYES

**PERMIT APPLICATIONS:** D. Bader made a motion to approve the building permit for D. Yannicito for a deck. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 3 AYES

**PUBLIC COMMENT & PUBLIC VISITORS:** Jamie Cunningham, Terry Cunningham, Stuart Porter, Skyler Wise, Jake Wise and David Reling

Skyler Wise addressed the council in regards to the location he is going to build a residency. The location is the corner of 15<sup>th</sup> and Ash. He asked about the possibility of closing the alleys in block 43 & 44 and Birch Street in block 43 & 44. Discussion among the council in regards to this issue and asked questions in regards to utility easements. City Attorney Martin stated that a legal agreement between Skyler and the City would need to be done. D. Bader made a motion to close the alleys and street in block 43 & 44 in the fourth ward of Cawker with Attorney Martin drawing up the correct agreements. C. Suter seconded. B. Wise abstained. Mayor Duskie voted (per KSA 12-3002) motion carried 3 AYES C. Gullion stated that he would get with Skyler and discuss how the city utility situation would be handled. Stuart Porter spoke about the causeway project that will take place in 2024 and talked to the city about the entrance to the sewer ponds. Terry Cunningham spoke on the Golf course repairs and what the course offers for the community. Council asked questions in regards to the project. Consensus of council was to hold a special council meeting to further investigate the financial side of the project. Cunningham also mentioned that a private individual has come forward to make the final payment on the cart shed that will come due in 2024 and that Cunningham Telephone will be installing Wi Fi at the golf course at no expense to the city. Council thanked him for coming to the meeting and that they may reach out in the future for more information.

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**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Martin stated the property purchase from Agco is almost completed.

**CITY EMPLOYEES REPORT:**

**C. Gullion:** Chuck discussed repairs on international tractor, D. Bader presented a list and prices of possible repair parts. Council approved repair cost up to \$10,000.00. B. Wise made a motion to move forward with repairs up to \$10,000.00 on international tractor. C. Suter seconded. D. Bader abstained. Mayor Duskie voted Motion carried 3 AYES Council gave Gullion approval to go ahead and cut ditches on 15<sup>th</sup> & Ash.

**D. Mick:** Thanked council for patience during the recent health issues with Lee.

**J. Reed:** report in packet

**ORDINANCE:** B. Wise made a motion to approve ordinance #1188 which allows the City of Cawker City to participate in the Federal Flood program. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 3 AYES

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Water tower project update- No updates on start date
2. Update on storm drain project – project bid date Nov. 1, 2023

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. D. Bader made a motion to approve the Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2024 budget with a public budget hearing on September 13, 2023. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 3 AYES
2. B. Wise made a motion to approve the Cawker City picnic insurance coverage with Cushing Ins. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 3 AYES
3. D. Bader made a motion to donate \$500.00 for the food stand at the annual Cawker City picnic. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 3 AYES
4. C. Suter made a motion to appoint Kay Zachgo to the housing board replacing Denne Brandt. D. Bader seconded B. Wise abstained Mayor Duskie voted Motion carried 3 AYES

**COUNCIL REQUEST:** Discussion was held on the condition of the playground equipment at the Lakeside Park. C. Gillion stated that he had gotten the boards to fix the merry go round.

8:25p m. – D. Bader made a motion to adjourn. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 3 AYES

Approved:

City Clerk:

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CITY OF CAWKER CITY  
Special Council Meeting  
July 18 – 6:00 P.M.  
804 Locust St. – Cawker City, Ks

To the Honorable Drew Duskie, Mayor, we request you call a special meeting of the City Council to be held at 804 Locust Street at 6:00 p.m. on July 18, 2023.

The nature and general purpose of the special meeting:

1. Lakeside Golf course repairs

To the members of the City Council, I acknowledge your request to call a special meeting of the council and issue a call for such a meeting. Drew Duskie- Mayor  
6:00 p.m. Mayor Drew Duskie called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Doug Bader, Carl Suter, Cole Eberle & Barb Wise

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Denelle Mick & Charles Gullion

Guests: Brett Winkel, Rollin Roth and David Reling

Council discussion began with the repairs on the Lakeside Golf Course. A letter from a private citizen was presented about the benefits of the golf course. Brett Winkel stated the benefits also and that Cunningham Telephone would be installing wi fi at the golf course location at no charge and also spoke on the benefits the golf course gives the local youth. Discussion was on setting up a reserve fund in the future, so that when repairs were needed there was money already available to put towards the project. The City budget righter also gave a written presentation on her recommendations for the project. Clerk Mick reported that she had talked to the State Recovery, Auditor and the League of Kansas on the availability of the use of the ARPA funds if the council should chose to use any of these funds. A presentation from the Farmers and Merchants Bank on the several different options on a lease/loan for the improvements was given. After a lot of discussion on the value of the golf course. C. Eberle made a motion to go with the plan of a 15 year lease/loan using \$25,000.00 out of General/capital outlay and ½ of ARPA fund \$22,763.26 towards project. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4AYES Council asked David Reling to get in contact with VersaSport and have them come give a final quote.

6:25 p.m. D. Bader made a motion to adjourn. C.Eberle seconded. Motion carried 4AYES

APPROVED:

CITY CLERK:

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August 9, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.  
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Work Session-Sign off on bills:

Mayor Drew Duskie present and presiding called the regular council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Barb Wise, Doug Bader , Carl Suter

**CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Denelle Mick, Charles Gullion, City Attorney – Chantz Martin

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** D. Bader made a motion to approve the July 12 regular council meeting and July 18 special council minutes. B. Wise seconded. Motion carried 3 AYES C. Suter made a motion to approve claims ordinance 1548A. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 3 AYES

Mayor Duskie presented a letter of resignation from Council member Lisha Wiese to be effective July 31, 2023. D. Bader made a motion to accept the resignation of council member Lisha Wiese. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 3 AYES Mayor Duskie then appointed Jamie Cunningham to fill the open seat. B. Wise made a motion to accept the nomination of Jamie Cunningham for city council. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 3 AYES

**PUBLIC COMMENT & PUBLIC VISITORS:** Jamie Cunningham, Mr. Benfer – Van Diest Supply Company

Mr. Benfer gave a presentation on a new mosquito sprayer and the benefits that it could provide the City. The new one would be more efficient and the chemicals would be less expensive. The current sprayer was purchased in 1999. Council asked questions in regards to the new sprayer. The proposed sprayer would be a Grizzly ULV sprayer at a cost of \$19,250.00 from VanDiest Supply Company and could be delivered the next day. C. Gullion stated that would be great so it could be used prior to the Cawker Picnic. D. Bader made a motion to purchase the new sprayer at a cost of \$19,250.00. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Martin stated that the Agco property was getting closer to being finished. He also discussed the new electric utility proposal and the consensus of the council was to allow C. Gullion to make the decision on the charges on each application with a standard charge for certain items.

**CITY EMPLOYEES REPORT:**

**C. Gullion:** Chuck explained that C. Lowe would be attending a lineman class on Sept 27,28 & 29 in McPherson and asked permission to pay for lodging. B. Wise made a motion to pay for lodging for C. Lowe while attending the class. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

**D. Mick:** Reminded council that the Budget hearing for 2024 would be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 13. She also stated that the new camera had been installed at the mural.

**J. Reed:** report in packet

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Water tower project update- construction has started
2. Update on storm drain project – project bid date Dec. 1, 2023

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3. A bid had not been received yet from VersaSport on golf course repairs.

**COUNCIL REQUEST:** The council requested that Clerk Mick check into getting another camera installed on the west edge of the City park.

8:15p m. – D. Bader made a motion to adjourn. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

Approved:  9/13/23

City Clerk:

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Mayor Drew Duskie opened the 2024 public budget hearing & RNR hearing at 7:00 p.m. Jake Wise was present to ask questions in regards to the published budget. Questions in regards to RNR and the amount budgeted to the general fund was discussed. Anita Goertzen- budget writer had sent an explanation on most all questions that were submitted prior to the meeting. C. Eberle made a motion to pass resolution 4-2023 (revenue neutral rate). C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES B. Wise made a motion to pass the 2024 budget as printed. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES C. Eberle made a motion to close the budget hearing at 7:30 p.m. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

Mayor Drew Duskie present and presiding called the regular council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Barb Wise, Jamie Cunningham, Carl Suter & Cole Eberle (Doug Bader absent)

**CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Denelle Mick, Charles Gullion, City Attorney – Chantz Martin

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**CONSENT AGENDA** B. Wise made a motion to approve the August 9 regular council meeting minutes. C. Suter seconded. Motion carried 3 AYES (Cole Eberle abstained) C. Eberle made a motion to approve claims ordinance 1549A. C.Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

**PERMIT APPLICATIONS:** C. Eberle made a motion to approve building permits for Skyler Wise (new home) and Agco Corp for cement work. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES C. Suter made a motion to approve fence permits for Lon Taylor (granting a 12ft variance) and Kristin Koster. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

**PUBLIC COMMENT & PUBLIC VISITOR :** Jake Wise, Skyler Wise, David Reling & Lon Taylor

Skyler Wise visited with the council in regards to the water lines for his new home. C. Gullion presented prices for 2",4" and 6". The council discussed with Gullion on his suggestions and Gullion stated he would like to see a 4" line for fire protection. Approximate cost for the new line would be \$9,500.00 which would not include the labor, hydrant or valves. C. Eberle made a motion for the city to pay \$5,000.00 towards this project and the remaining amount to be paid by the homeowner. C. Suter seconded motion carried 3 AYES (B. Wise abstained) Skyler then spoke on some suggested improvements at the baseball field so it could be used for a practice field. After discussion council requested that Skyler come back to the October meeting with a plan and costs.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Martin stated the property purchase from Agco is almost completed.

**CITY EMPLOYEES REPORT:**

**C. Gullion:** Gullion asked about having trees removed on 13<sup>th</sup> street so that the street could be graded at an approximate cost of \$900.00 with Remus Farms doing work. C. Eberle made a motion to remove trees. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES Gullion stated that the electric department would like to purchase a phasing stick at a cost of \$1880.00. C. Eberle made a motion to purchase the phasing stick at a cost of \$1880.00. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

**D. Mick:** D. Mick talked briefly on the water rate increase. She also made a presentation on a possible fence project at the new water tower, it was tabled at this time. Mick stated that fire chief Chris Thornton had reached out and wanted council approval to have fire trucks pump tested. Consensus of council was to have trucks tested.



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**J. Reed:** no report

**ORDINANCE:** C. Eberle made a motion to pass Ordinance 1189 (water base rate increase of \$3.50) C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES B. Wise made a motion to pass Ordinance 1190 & 1191 (standard traffic and Uniform public offense) C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES C. Eberle made a motion to pass Resolution 5-2023 to establish golf course project fund. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES C. Suter made a motion to pass Resolution 6-2023 to transfer funds to the established golf course project fund. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Water tower project update- Daily progress
2. C. Suter made a motion accept the bid from Versa Sport of the repair of the golf course project. J. Cunningham seconded Motion carried 4 AYES
3. C. Gullion reported that the merry go round at the Lakeside Park had been repaired.
4. Clerk Mick reported that the camera and lighting were finished on the mural

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion on a camera to be located on the west end of city park and the possibility of putting an antenna on top of the new water tower. Council asked Clerk Mick to call Chad Carter in regards to these two issues and ask him to come to the October meeting

9:00 p. m. – C. Suter made a motion to adjourn. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

Approved: 10/11/23

City Clerk:

*Denelle Mick*

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Council president Cole Eberle called the regular council meeting to order due to the absence of Mayor Drew Duskie at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Barb Wise, Jamie Cunningham, Carl Suter, Cole Eberle & Doug Bader

**CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Denelle Mick, Charles Gullion, City Attorney – Chantz Martin

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**CONSENT AGENDA** B. Wise made a motion to approve the September 13 regular council meeting minutes. C. Suter seconded. Motion carried 3 AYES (Doug Bader abstained) C. Suter made a motion to approve claims ordinance 1550A. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

**PERMIT APPLICATIONS:** D. Bader made a motion to approve building permit for Jim Wiles (storage shed) C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

7:40 p.m. -D. Bader made a motion to go into executive session in regards to public security with City Attorney Martin for 15 minutes. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES 7:55 p.m.- D. Bader made a motion to return to regular session. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 4 AYES (NO ACTION)

**PUBLIC COMMENT & PUBLIC VISITOR:** Jake Wise, Skyler Wise, David Dohe & Chad Carter

David Dohe gave a presentation in regards to what would happen if a disaster would happen in Cawker City. He talked about being certified and the chain of command in regards to the disaster. Council asked questions in regards to certification. He provided a handout that held a lot of important information. Clerk Mick asked about notifications to the citizens phones, in regards to weather, water and electrical outages. These items would be addressed soon with the city working with Mr. Dohe. Council thanked him for coming and providing all of the important information.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Martin stated the property purchase from Agco is almost completed. Martin answered some questions in regards to the real estate tax sale being held on October 12.

**CITY EMPLOYEES REPORT:**

**C. Gullion:** Gullion asked about costs being accrued for C. Lowe lineman schooling. Contract in regards to this issue was discussed and Attorney Martin stated he would review the current contract between the city and C. Lowe. Gullion asked about purchasing some used climbing gear for C. Lowe at a cost of \$800.00. D. Bader made a motion to purchase used gear. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES. Gullion gave a quote on rebuilding an electric regulator, Clerk Mick asked to table till the November council meeting. Gullion reported that he had to do a line stop after a water leak at a cost of \$3,500.00 which was approved by Mayor Duskie due to it being an emergency repair.

**D. Mick:** D. Mick asked about the city participating in a coloring book for the elementary school at a cost of \$75.00. D. Bader made a motion to do coloring books at a cost of \$75.00. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 5 AYES Clerk Mick asked council about attending a KMAAG meeting at a cost of \$242.00 or to purchase the manual at a cost of \$90.00. Council advised Mick to purchase the manual for \$90.00. Clerk Mick reported to council that the BC/BS rates on the employer side only had an increase of 4.8%.

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**J. Reed:** Report was placed in council packet

**UNIFINSIHED BUSINESS:**

1. Water tower project update- Daily progress
2. Chad Carter was present to discuss the camera at golf course and the possibility of putting an antenna on top of the new water. Consensus of council was to not allow an antenna and no repairs to be done on camera at golf course at this time. Council thanked Chad for coming and talking about the cameras. At the present time another camera will not be placed in the city park.
3. Skyler Wise was present to discuss the updates he would like to see at the baseball field. He gave a presentation and presented costs of equipment. He explained that an extra field would be great for practices with all the teams, trying to squeeze practice in on one field in Downs. The council voted to spend \$16,000.00 out of the ARPA fund to purchase equipment for the ballfield. C. Suter made a motion to update ballfield and purchase equipment at a cost of \$16,000.00 to be paid out of the ARPA fund. Jamie Cunningham seconded Motion carried 5 AYES
4. Golf course repairs are to start December 4, 2023

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. D. Bader made a motion to allow Beloit cross country to use the Lakeside Golf Course for a cross country meet. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES
2. Council asked Clerk Mick to contact Rich Hahn in regards to some cracks in the front side of the Municipal building
3. The City of Tipton had contacted the mayor in regards to using the city oil truck for their street repairs. After much discussion the consensus of council was not to let them use it. Council asked C. Gullion to give them a call and explain the reasons for not lending the truck out.

Council report: C. Eberle reported to council that the replacement parts had been ordered for the Christmas tree that suffered damage in wind storm.

9:25 p. m. –D. Bader made a motion to adjourn. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

Approved:

City Clerk:

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
November 8, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.  
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Work Session -Sign off on bills

Mayor Drew Duskie present and presiding called the regular council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Barb Wise, Jamie Cunningham, Carl Suter, Cole Eberle & Doug Bader

**CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Denelle Mick, Charles Gullion, City Attorney – Chantz Martin

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**CONSENT AGENDA** D. Bader made a motion to approve the October 11 regular council meeting minutes. B. Wise seconded. Motion carried 5 AYES D. Bader made a motion to approve claims ordinance 1551A. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

**PERMIT APPLICATIONS:** D. Bader made a motion to approve building permits for Teresa Cobb (storage shed), Jan Cornely (driveway repairs), Bill Brummer (building addition) J. Cunningham seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

**PUBLIC COMMENT & PUBLIC VISITOR:** No one was present

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Martin stated the property purchase from Agco is almost done. Council asked Martin to draw up a new employee reimbursement contract for training, he stated he would present it at the December meeting. Attorney Martin stated that he is working on the agreement between the City and Skyler Wise on the street and alley closing on his property where he is building a new residence.

**CITY EMPLOYEES REPORT:**

**C. Gullion:** Gullion advised the council that Mark Harding would be leaving the city on June 1, 2024. Consensus of council was to start advertising the open position in January. Gullion asked about contacting Ron Schlaefli about cleaning out the tree burn pit. C. Suter made a motion to move forward with the tree pit clean out. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5 AYES. Gullion stated that it was time to order skid steer and mower due to the bi yearly hours. D. Bader made a motion to update skid steer and mower with Carrico Impl. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5 AYES C. Gullion stated that the green fire truck and mosquito sprayer has been listed for sale with Purple Wave.

**D. Mick:** D. Mick advised the council on the rebuilding of an electric regulator. D. Bader made a motion to rebuild one electric regulator paying for out of remaining ARPA funds and electric reserve. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 5 AYES Mick stated that she had ordered the KMAG manual as requested by council. Mick stated that after the first of year she would like to shred some documents after the council has time to review material before shredding is done. A resident had come to the city office requesting that the noon whistle not be sounded on weekends and the monthly test of sirens be shortened. No action was taken in regards to the request. Mick requested that 4 - \$25.00 utility coupons be drawn and applied to the November 25, 2023 utility billing. Consensus was to move forward with the utility coupons. Council requested that Viki Aramendi come to the December 13 meeting to discuss her position with the city.

**J. Reed:** Report was placed in council packet

**ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:** B. Wise made a motion to pass resolution 07-2023 transfer of funds according to the 2023 budget. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

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November 8, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.  
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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Water tower project update- Project is on hold till spring due to cold weather
2. Golf course renovation should start around December 4
3. Most all material for ball field improvements have arrived.
4. Rich Hahn looked at front of Municipal building and he will address in the spring of 2024
5. Clerk Mick stated that lead and copper surveys have been sent out to Ward 1 & 2 with about 60% returned and she stated reminders would be sent out with utility billing

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. D. Bader made a motion to pass the 2023 Emergency water supply plan. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5 AYES
2. B. Wise made a motion to give full time employees a \$300.00 Christmas bonus and part time employees \$150.00. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES
3. The city employees will be installing a plaque on the mural
4. C. Eberle made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Solomon Valley Community Foundation. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES. Council expressed thanks, the foundation has helped with numerous grants to help with projects in Cawker City.
5. Discussion on grant money for water lines that is becoming available with the State of Kansas. Council asked Clerk Mick to further research the grant information and report back in December.

8:05 p. m. –D. Bader made a motion to adjourn. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

Approved: 12/13/23

City Clerk: *Danelle Mick*



CITY OF CAWKER CITY  
Special Council Meeting  
November 20 – 6:30 P.M.  
804 Locust St. – Cawker City, Ks

To the Honorable Drew Duskie, Mayor, we request you call a special meeting of the City Council to be held at 804 Locust Street at 6:30 p.m. on November 20, 2023.

The nature and general purpose of the special meeting:

1. Water Line installation on Ash Street

To the members of the City Council, I acknowledge your request to call a special meeting of the council and issue a call for such a meeting. Drew Duskie- Mayor

6:30 p.m. Mayor Drew Duskie called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Doug Bader, Carl Suter, Cole Eberle , Barb Wise & Jamie Cunningham

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Denelle Mick & Charles Gullion

The subject of the meeting was the installation of a primary water line along Ash street. After much discussion in regards to the installation and the permitting of the project. The consensus of the council was to take **NO**

**ACTION** at this time in regards to the water line project.

6:50 p.m. D. Bader made a motion to adjourn. C.Eberle seconded. Motion carried 5AYES

APPROVED: 12/13/23

CITY CLERK: Denelle Mick



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Work Session -Sign off on bills

Mayor Drew Duskie present and presiding called the regular council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Barb Wise, Jamie Cunningham, Carl Suter, Cole Eberle & Doug Bader

**CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Denelle Mick, Charles Gullion, Viki Aramendi, City Attorney – Chantz Martin

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**CONSENT AGENDA** D. Bader made a motion to approve the November 8 regular council meeting minutes. C. Eberle seconded. Motion carried 5 AYES D. Bader made a motion to approve the November 20 special council meeting. C. Eberle seconded. Motion carried 5 AYES C. Eberle made a motion to approve claims ordinance 1552A. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

**PUBLIC COMMENT & PUBLIC VISITOR:** Skyler & Jake Wise

Skyler Wise was present to discuss the utility process for water and electricity at his new home location at 15<sup>th</sup> & Ash. First item discussed was the water line installation that requires a permit from KDHE and the consensus of council is that water line can not be installed until permit is received (discussed at special meeting on November 20) permit could take up to 4 months. Pricing on water line is estimated at about \$16,000.00. C. Eberle made a motion to have Skyler Wise (property owner) to pay \$5,000.00 and the rest would be paid by the City. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES (B. Wise abstained) S. Wise asked about tap fees for other residences to connect to this line. City Attorney Martin stated he would check into tap fees for water and electric on this project. The council then discussed the electric installation to the property and the need of a transformer. The city has the transformer in stock and Skyler will pay the City to install the transformer for his property for \$500.00. Skyler then signed the pricing that had been quoted to him by the city at a cost of 1 free utility pole, 600 ft of underground primary at \$3,168.00 +(25 Kv) transformer of \$500.00 with a total cost of \$3,668.00. C. Eberle made a motion to allow Skyler to purchase a 25 Kv transformer for \$500.00. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES (B. Wise abstained) .Trenching will need to be done for the project. Skyler stated that he would do the trenching for \$500.00. C. Eberle made a motion to have Skyler Wise do the trenching for the utility project to his new home location at a cost of \$500.00. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES (B. Wise abstained) City sewer was also discussed with Skyler and he stated at this time is going with a septic system. The next item was the road condition on 15<sup>th</sup> and Ash. At this time the City needs to investigate the road condition and available funds for the road work. Council asked Clerk Mick to go over the city budget with the preparer and to report back to the council on what is available for the project. Clerk Mick also stated that she would ask the budget preparer to be available by phone on January 10, 2024 council meeting for any budget questions

Bri Beck via phone discussed the new water grants available from the State of Kansas. She suggested that the city do the preliminary work and then move forward with applying for the actual water grant. Council asked questions and the consensus was to move forward with primary work.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Martin presented two ordinances on the closing of street and alleys at the Skyler Wise new home construction site.

**CITY EMPLOYEES REPORT:**

**C. Gullion:** C. Gullion reported that the tree burn site has been cleaned out. Ron Schlaefli completed the clean out at a



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cost of \$4,000.00. Gullion reported that the old mosquito sprayer sold on purple wave for \$110.00. Gullion then asked about placing a stop sign at 13<sup>th</sup> & Maple. Consensus was to not do anything at this time.

**D. Mick:** D. Mick reported to council that the Holiday \$25.00 utility winners were Mathew Hood, Terry Raymer, Eyegores & Kent Koster. Clerk Mick asked for a volunteer from council to review a cash receipt posting. C. Eberle stated he could do it. The curb and gutter project on redwood went over previous approval by \$220.00. C. Eberle made a motion to pay Bob Miller the total of \$2170.00 which was approved in 2022. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES. Sample help wanted ads were placed in council packet for the council to review and update.

**J. Reed:** Report was placed in council packet

**ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:** Ord 1192 vacating alleys in blocks 43-44 ward 4 – D. Bader made a motion to pass Ord 1192. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5 AYES Ord 1193 vacating a portion of birch street running north and south between 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> street in ward 4. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Water tower project update- Project is on hold till spring due to cold weather
2. Golf course renovation has started
3. All but dirt as been delivered for ball field project

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Viki Aramendi was present to discuss her part time employment with the city. She works part time for the US Post Office also and her time at the city has become limited. She stated that she would stay with the city for now and train someone for her position. Consensus of council was to start advertising for her part time job.
2. D. Bader made a motion to accept the new fireman application from Dean Scott. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES
3. Discussion on who could use the city equipment during the golf course renovation, at this time Dave Reling will be the only one using city equipment
4. C. Eberle made a motion to participate in the Neighborhood Revitalization program and a public hearing to be held on January 10, 2024 during regular council meeting for public comment. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 5 AYES
5. C. Eberle made a motion to allow T. Mick (fire dept training officer) to use Lakeside Golf club house for a training session on Dec. 18. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 5 AYES
6. B. Wise made a motion to approve the Dollar General CMB license for 2024. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

9:25 p. m. – C. Eberle made a motion to adjourn. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

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Approved:

City Clerk: