

City of Hanover Council Meeting: February 12, 2024 at 6:00pm

Mayor Kim Lohse called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Council members present were Scott Jueneman, Nick Garber, Don Spencer and Chuck Garber. Employees present were Katlin Bruna and Melissa Minge. Fire Chief, Shawn Minge was present. Council member, Coby Sedlacek, and Employee, Scott Wieden, were absent.

1. Fire Chief, Shawn Minge
  - a. Shawn discussed that the fire department would like to get a truck to replace the van—the van is now powerful enough to pull the trailer which is what it is intended for. The fire department has had discussions of getting a 4-door truck & placing brackets in the back seat to hold extra equipment and a truck would be able to pull the trailer when needed.
    - i. Clerk is to talk to the city CPA about payments & loans.
  - b. All trucks have been serviced; discussion on the steer tires of the trucks.
2. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Don made a motion, seconded by Nick to approve the 2024 January Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.
3. Expenditures
  - a. Don made a motion, seconded by Chuck to approve the 2024 January expenditures. Motion carried.
4. Minutes
  - a. Nick made a motion, seconded by Chuck to approve the 2024 January minutes. Motion carried.
5. Public Hearings
  - a. Citizens scheduled for public hearings did not show. The council discussed how to proceed.
    - i. It was decided to send out a notice that the citizens that have not paid were to pay at least half the total balance by Friday February 16, 2024 or their services would be turned off.
6. Public Comments
  - a. There were no public comments.
7. Water/Sewer Department
  - a. Clerk notified council that water commissioner would like to attend the Water Convention in Wichita March 26-28, 2024. Council approved; contingent water commissioner would be able to find someone that could do the chores for the sewer plant while he was gone.
8. Street Department
  - a. Executive Session
    - i. Nick made a motion, seconded by Don to go into executive session at 7:10pm for 15 minutes for non-elected personnel. Motion carried.
    - ii. Scott made a motion, seconded by Don to come out of executive session at 7:25pm. Motion carried.
      1. No decisions made.
  - b. Salt Bin Lean To
    - i. Council approved for bids to be sent out to have a lean to put on the west side of the salt bin and on the northeast side of the city shop. Both additions will be for storage. Bids will be due by the April meeting.
  - c. CrafcO Patch Material: two (2) pallets needed
    - i. Chuck made a motion, seconded by Don to approve the purchase of two (2) pallets of cold patch material from CrafcO. Motion carried.
  - d. Rock
    - i. Don made a motion, seconded by Chuck to approve purchasing needed rock. Motion carried.
  - e. Dumpsite Clean Up
    - i. Council approved for bids to be sent out for the dumpsite cleanup. Bids will be due by the April meeting.
  - f. Hobbyist Permit Review
    - i. Linda Prior submitted a hobbyist permit. After discussion, the council declined the hobbyist permit.
  - g. Washington Street Bridge
    - i. Discussion was held regarding the Washington Street Bridge replacement.

- ii. After discussion, the City of Hanover council had the consensus that they will not be providing any financial assistance to the replacement of a bridge on Washington street. This decision is based on the following:
      - 1. Townships are not required to assist in the funding of replacement bridges.
      - 2. The City learned that they were being asked to help pay for the bridge by reading it in the Washington County News.
      - 3. Scott Zaboktrsky failed to exercise proper decorum and refused to wait for his turn on the Agenda.
      - 4. The County taxes the Citizens of Hanover at a rate that is not proportionate to the services delivered.
      - 5. The Counties approach to the matter has been to use threats and coercion instead of cooperation.
    - iii. Discussion was concluded with no further action.
- 9. Council
  - a. Paper Shredder
    - i. Don made a motion, seconded by Nick to approve the purchase of a paper shredder from Amazon for \$189.00. Motion carried.
  - b. Computer
    - i. Office computers are having issues of shutting down. Council member Don Spencer is going to stop in & look at it to see what the issue may be.
  - c. Clerk Conference in Manhattan: March 19-22
    - i. Council approved clerk to attend.
  - d. After Prom Donation
    - i. Don made a motion, seconded by Chuck to approve a \$100 donation to the After Prom Committee. Motion carried.
  - e. Properties
    - i. Attorney, Jason Brinegar, asked the council, by phone, how they wanted to proceed with James Swearingen's court case regarding the towing/storing invoice as that will need to be paid upfront.
    - ii. After discussion, Don made a motion, seconded by Chuck to approve moving forward with the towing of any unregistered vehicles. Motion carried.
- 10. Pool & Park
  - a. Park
    - i. Mowers: tabled; waiting for Tyler Bruna to look at our current mowers.
  - b. Pool
    - i. Summer Help Advertisement
      - 1. Applications for lifeguards, maintenance help, ball fields, and concession stands will be due by April 10, 2024.
    - ii. Lockers
      - 1. There are lockers that the clerk seen for sale for \$200.00 that would work good at the pool.
        - a. Don made a motion, seconded by Scott to approve the purchase of the lockers. Motion carried.
- 11. Adjourn
  - a. Nick made a motion, seconded by Scott to adjourn the February 2024 meeting. Motion carried.