

The regularly scheduled **Vinita Utilities Authority (VUA) Meeting** was held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 5:30 p.m., in the City Council Meeting Room, 104 East Illinois, Vinita, Oklahoma. Public notice of the meeting was given by posting the agenda at City Hall on December 1, 2023 at 3:40p.m.

Legal Counsel: Ryan Olsen

Mayor Josh Lee called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

1. The Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to Oklahoma Flag was led by Scouts Alexander and Aryanna Franks with Troop 1875.

2. Roll Call. Members attending: Kevin Wofford, Roger Tyler, John Swift, Dale Haire, Danny Lankford, Skip Briley, Terry Young. Absent: Stephanie Hoskin.

3. Recognition of Visitors and Public Comments.

No cards or emails were submitted.

4. Consideration to approve Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes from the November 21, 2023 VUA Meeting.

B. VUA November 2023 Bills Payable.

Motion by Swift, seconded by Wofford, to approve Consent Agenda. Motion: Passed.

5. Discussion, consideration and possible action to:

A. Provide a turkey or ham for each employee.

City Clerk Brian Prince reported that were 16 VUA employees eligible.

Motion by Young, seconded by Tyler, to approve to provide a turkey or ham for each VUA employee. Motion: Passed.

- B. Award a \$100.00 safety bonus to employees hired prior to July 1, 2023, who has not had a "lost time" on-the-job injury from December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023.

City Clerk Brian Prince reported that were 12 VUA employees eligible.

Motion by Wofford, seconded by Swift, to approve to award a \$100.00 safety bonus to employees hired prior to July 1, 2023, who has not had a "lost time" on-the-job injury from December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023. Motion: Passed.

6. VUA Superintendent Report.

Justin Smith reported electronically: Started prep work on Filter 3 for paint project. Alos Sewer Plant work on the bar rake that is out of service. Multiple water line repairs have been completed.

7. New Business.

None.

8. Adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Motion by Haire, seconded by Swift, to adjourn. Motion: Passed.

ATTEST:


Brian Prince, Secretary




Josh D. Lee, Chairman

The regularly scheduled **Vinita City Council Meeting** was held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 immediately following the Vinita Utilities Authority (VUA) Meeting at 5:30 p.m., in the City Council Meeting Room, 104 East Illinois, Vinita, Oklahoma. Public notice of the meeting was given by posting the agenda at City Hall on December 1, 2023 at 3:40 p.m.

Legal Counsel: Ryan Olsen

Mayor Josh Lee called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

1. Roll Call. Members attending: Kevin Wofford, Roger Tyler, John Swift, Dale Haire, Danny Lankford, Skip Briley, Terry Young. Absent: Stephanie Hoskin.

Motion by Hoskin, seconded by Swift, to approve roll call from VUA Meeting. Motion: Passed.

2. Recognition of Visitors and Public Comments.

Aaron Simms with the Vinita Chamber of Commerce wanted to invite everyone to the Vinita Chamber banquet December 12, 2023 at 5:30 pm and the Vinita Christmas Parade December 7th at 6:00 pm.

Kelly Thomas requested to speak on the excitement of the American Heartland Theme Park and the prayers for this community. Also commented about littering and trash control and writing more tickets for this action. Kelly Thomas also wanted to a possible program for sheltered dogs to be trained as K9 dogs for the police department.

Dodie Carr with Carr & Carr Plumbing requested the ability to call in to the City and pay for any permits required for plumbing or electrical. Stated it take 30 minutes to come into City Hall to purchase one.

Mayor Lee said that this will be looked at by committee.

3. Consideration to approve Consent Agenda:

A. Actions taken during the VUA meeting.

B. Minutes from the November 21, 2023, City Council meeting.

Motion by Wofford, seconded by Briley, to approve Consent Agenda. Motion: Passed.

4. Discussion, consideration and possible action relating to items removed from Consent Agenda.

No action needed.

5. Discussion, consideration and possible action on Finance Ordinance 3831; Bills Payable.

Motion by Tyler, seconded by Swift, to approve Finance Ordinance 3831; Bills Payable. Motion: Passed.

6. Discussion, consideration and possible action on Finance Ordinance 3831 Emergency Clause.

Motion by Tyler, seconded by Young, to approve Finance Ordinance 3831 Emergency Clause. Motion: Passed.

7. Discussion, consideration and possible action to:

A. Provide a turkey or ham for each employee.

City Clerk Brian Prince reported that were 60 City employees eligible.

Motion by Briley, seconded by Tyler, to approve to provide a turkey or ham for each employee. Motion: Passed.

B. Award a \$100.00 safety bonus to employees hired prior to July 1, 2023, who has not had a "lost time" on-the-job injury from December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023.

City Clerk Brian Prince reported that were 49 City employees eligible.

Motion by Briley, seconded by Tyler, to approve to award a \$100.00 safety bonus to employees hired prior to July 1, 2023, who has not had a "lost time" on-the-job injury from December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023. Motion: Passed.

8. Discussion, consideration and possible action on Ordinance 3829; Amending the Zoning Classification of Certain Property Located within the City of Vinita, Oklahoma; and Declaring an Emergency

A. The North Half (N1/2) of Section Twenty-two (22), Township Twenty-five (25) North, Range Twenty-one (21) East of Indian Meridian, Craig County, Oklahoma, according to the United States Government Survey thereof, LESS AND EXCEPT the NE1/2NE1/4NW1/4 of said Section 22, Township 25 North, Range 21 East of the Meridian, Craig County

This ordinance is in reference to the Three Ponies RV Park and Campground. This recommendation is from the Planning and Zoning Committee. This will be a 320 acre zoning request in two parcels items 8 and 9 on this agenda.

Motion by Young, seconded by Lankford, to approve Ordinance 3829; Amending the Zoning Classification of Certain Property Located within the City of Vinita, Oklahoma; and Declaring an Emergency. Roll Call: Aye votes: Wofford, Tyler, Swift, Haire, Lankford, Briley, Young. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

B. Emergency Clause

Motion by Tyler, seconded by Wofford, to approve Emergency Clause. Roll Call: Aye votes: Wofford, Tyler, Swift, Hoskin, Haire, Lankford, Briley, Young. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

9. Discussion, consideration and possible action on Ordinance 3830; Amending the Zoning Classification of Certain Property Located within the City of Vinita, Oklahoma; and Declaring an Emergency

A. The North Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (N1/2NE1/4NW1/4) of Section Twenty-two (22), Township Twenty-five (25)

North, Range Twenty-one (21) East of Indian Meridian, Craig County, Oklahoma, according to the United States Government Survey thereof.

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Motion by Swift, seconded by Tyler, to approve motion to extend probation period to 18 months and complete a safety driving course. Roll Call: Aye votes: Wofford, Tyler, Swift, Haire, Lankford, Briley, Young. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

B. Emergency Clause

Motion by Tyler, seconded by Swift, to approve Emergency Clause. Roll Call: Aye votes: Wofford, Tyler, Swift, Haire, Lankford, Briley, Young. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

10. Discussion, consideration and possible action on the ASPCA Service Agreement (The American Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals.

This agreement will be in place for a place for ASPCA while traveling be able to use the Animal Shelter Facility. Dr Lankford was concerned on how much of the shelter would be used according to this contract.

There was a motion by Young and a second by Swift to accept the agreement. After discussion Young withdrew the motion and no vote was taken to accept agreement.

John Swift left meeting at 6:09

Motion to table until more information is gathered.

Motion by Lankford, seconded by Tyler, to table item. Roll Call: Aye votes: Wofford, Tyler, Haire, Lankford, Briley, Young. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

11. Department Reports:

Police Chief Mark Johnson updated on the Cops and Kids Christmas event to be held this Saturday.

City Clerk Brian Prince gave a report on the weekly meeting of the Three Ponies RV and Campground and American Heartland Theme Park. Also a TIF Committee had a meeting last Friday along with a Planning and Zoning Meeting on December 11, 2023.

Mayor Josh Lee thanked REC for the Operation Round up. He noted all of the local groups that receive funding from the is grant. The Craig County Task Force received \$10,000.00 for a Thermal Drone to help with locating lost or missing people.

12. New Business.

None.

13. Adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Motion by Young, seconded by Wofford to adjourn. Motion: Passed.

ATTEST:


Brian Prince, City Clerk




Josh D. Lee, Mayor