

The regularly scheduled **Vinita Utilities Authority (VUA) Meeting** was held on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 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 3, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Legal Counsel: Leonard Logan

Mayor Hoskin 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 Boy Scout Aidan Delcour.
2. Roll Call. Members attending: Kevin Wofford, Roger Tyler, John Swift, Stephanie Hoskin, Dale Haire, Danny Lankford, Skip Briley, Terry Young. Absent: None

3. Recognition of visitors.

No cards were submitted for VUA Meeting.

4. Consideration to approve Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes from the November 16, 2021 VUA Meeting.
- B. VUA November 2021 Bills Payable.

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

5. Discussion, consideration and possible action on hiring Billy Ratcliff to a full time VUA Employee effective December 6, 2021.

Allen Goforth reported that Billy Ratcliff will be a good fit for a fulltime employee.

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

6. VUA Supervisor Report.

Allen Goforth reported that he had three solid waste trucks go down today. Was able to get one going by end of day.

7. New Business.

None.

8. Adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

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

ATTEST:


Brian Prince, Secretary




Chuck Hoskin, Chairman

The regularly scheduled **Vinita City Council Meeting** was held on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 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 3, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

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MEETING MINUTES

1. Roll Call. Members attending: Kevin Wofford, Roger Tyler, John Swift, Stephanie Hoskin, Dale Haire, Danny Lankford, Skip Briley, Terry Young. Absent: None

Motion by Haire, seconded by Young, to approve roll call from VUA Meeting. Motion: Passed.

2. Recognition of Visitors.

Kimberly Nash visited tonight to stand as a resident and for a group of people to ask Vinita to be a healthy role model about racism in Vinita. Mrs. Nash reported that about 2 years ago she believed there to be some racial slurs from Vinita Police Chief Joey Babcock. Mrs. Nash stated that between Assistant Chief Troy Messick and Chief Babcock that a racial comment was made. How can we handle this she asked? Mrs. Nash was in contact with Mayor Hoskin this past week on this issue and they were able to come up with an idea to have a community meeting which was scheduled for December 13, 2021 6:00 pm. Mrs. Nash went on to say that we voted the Chief of Police into office. She would like to review what she heard and other community concerns. She asked that we come together not only for her but for everyone in the community. Mayor Hoskin replied about this agreement to have a community meeting to face all areas of concerns and thanked Mrs. Nash for being here tonight.

3. Consideration to approve Consent Agenda:

A. Actions taken during the VUA meeting.

B. Minutes from the November 16, 2021, City Council meeting.

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

4. Discussion, consideration and possible action on Finance Ordinance 3773.

Councilor Young asked about an expense on the Animal Control Vehicle to be looked at. City Clerk Brian Prince reported he would look at the invoice and change the verbiage on the type of expense if needed.

Motion by Hoskin, seconded by Haire, to approve Finance Ordinance 3773. Motion: Passed.

5. Discussion, consideration and possible action on Finance Ordinance 3773 Emergency Clause.

Motion by Hoskin, seconded by Swift, to approve Finance Ordinance 3773 Emergency Clause. Motion: Passed.

6. Discussion, consideration and possible action with recommendations from the Finance Committee:

A. ARPA Funds.

Councilor Hoskin reported after Water/Sewer and Finance Committee meetings the committees have proposed 3 projects to use some of the ARPA Funds allocated to the City of Vinita.

First project at the WTP to work on Trane #3 to refurbish the Trane with new carbon and polymer beads for this trane cost is estimated at \$250,000.00.

Second Project at the WWTP to help remove trash and debris is installation of a machine cost is estimated at \$250,000.00

Third project is water line distribution replacement on 300 and 400 N Gunter. Estimated at \$105,000.00.

Councilor Hoskin reported that each project will have a bid for project before projects will start.

Motion by Hoskin, seconded by Lankford, to approve the use of ARPA funds for these three projects. Motion: Passed.

B. 2022 Health Insurance Benefits.

Councilor Hoskin reported that this year health benefits with Blue Cross Blue Shield came in at 19% increase but with some work from our City Clerk and Broker they were able to get the cost down to a 10% increase. Finance Committee looked at the costs and recommend for the city to pick up 100% of additional cost. This will be at no expense to the employee for the 2022 benefit.

Motion by Hoskin, seconded by Briley, to approve the 2022 Health Benefit Plan from Blue Cross Blue Shield with the cost to be absorbed by the city. Motion: Passed.

7. Discussion, consideration and possible action on Vinita Police Department expenditures in the amount of \$11,656.57 from Emergency Vehicle Resources, LLC.

This expense was to equip a portion of the new police units.

Motion by Lankford, seconded by Wofford, to approve the Vinita Police Department expenditures in the amount of \$11,656.57 from Emergency Vehicle Resources, LLC to use the General Government Support Fund. Motion: Passed.

8. Discussion, consideration and possible action on the recommendations for positions of SAFER Grant Recruitment & Retention Coordinators:

A. Deriek Harris

Motion by Lankford, seconded by Young, to approve Deriek Harris for SAFER Grant Recruitment & Retention Coordinator: Motion: Passed.

B. Kevin Huxtable

Motion by Lankford, seconded by Wofford, to approve Kevin Huxtable for SAFER Grant Recruitment & Retention Coordinator: Motion: Passed.

9. Department Reports:

Cemetery/Parks/Street Departments have been removing leaves in drainage areas and working on several city vehicles

Police Chief Joey Babcock reported that they had two new officers in the department.

City Clerk Brian Prince updated the council on new features for the ability for email notifications from the City of Vinita website for whoever would like to sign up for this free service. Prince also wanted to thank the council for the health benefit that they approved for the city employees. He believes that the city has a great health benefit plan and that goes along ways for an employee.

Mayor Hoskin appreciates the employees hard work every day. Also the exercise equipment has been installed in North Park and a special thanks to Allen Goforth and his crew. This equipment was purchased from Atlas Steel and this equipment is made for people and set for a mixture of ages. Vinita Christmas Parade went well and Hoskin thanked all those that participated from floats to food trucks.

10. Adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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

ATTEST:


Brian Prince, City Clerk




Chuck Hoskin, Mayor