

The regularly scheduled **Vinita Utilities Authority (VUA) Meeting** was held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 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 February 11, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

Legal Counsel: Leonard Logan

Mayor Chuck 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 Aidan Delcour and Preston Coppedge.
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 or emails were submitted.
4. Consideration to approve Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes from the February 1, 2022 VUA Meeting.

Motion by Tyler, seconded by Hoskin, to approve Consent Agenda. Motion: Passed.
5. Discussion, consideration and action on expense to Omni Water Consultants, Inc in the amount of \$5,850.00 for water plant chemicals.

Purchase of orders placed of chemicals for WTP.

Motion by Hoskin, seconded by Swift, to approve expense to Omni Water Consultants, Inc in the amount of \$5,850.00 for water plant chemicals.
Motion: Passed.
6. Discussion, consideration and action on sewer repairs in Cobblestone Addition.

It was reported that was a leak on our sewer distribution line. Moorhead dug the line due to the depth of the repair and our crews replaced over 450 foot of line. This cost could be close to \$20,000.00 for materials and equipment.

Motion by Briley, seconded by Tyler, to approve emergency repair not to exceed \$20,000.00
Motion: Passed.
7. Discussion, consideration and action to hire Austin Miles as a full-time Solid Waste VUA Employee, with a base pay salary of \$14.00 per hour.

Motion by Tyler, seconded by Haire, to approve to hire Austin Miles as a full-time Solid Waste VUA Employee, with a base pay salary of \$14.00 per hour effective February 11, 2022. Motion: Passed.
8. VUA Supervisor Report.

Multiple leaks were repaired. Having some issues with the jet rodder and the repair in Cobblestone was already discussed.

9. New Business.

None.

10. Adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

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

ATTEST:


Brian Prince, Secretary




Chuck Hoskin, Chairman

The regularly scheduled **Vinita City Council Meeting** was held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 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 amended agenda at City Hall on February 14, 2022 at 2:48 p.m.

Legal Counsel: Leonard Logan

Mayor Chuck Hoskin Briley called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

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.

Luanna Peck and Traci Carey both spoke on behalf of item #8 and were concerned how the council will evaluate the interim Police Chief or will there be a special election. Legal Counsel Leonard Logan responded as this will be information possibly available after the executive session.

Mayor Hoskin thanked them both for their questions and participation in their government.

3. Consideration to approve Consent Agenda:

A. Actions taken during the VUA meeting.

B. Minutes from the February 1, 2022, City Council meeting.

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

4. Discussion, consideration and possible action with request from the Vinita Ag Boosters to host The Farmer's Market in the Vinita Breezeway on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays June – August from 7am – 12pm and one full Saturday in September for Fall Market.

Motion by Hoskin, seconded by Wofford, to approve the Vinita Ag Boosters to host The Farmer's Market in the Vinita Breezeway. Motion: Passed.

5. Discussion, consideration and possible action with recommendations from Fire Chief Kevin Huxtable to recruit Sydney McElhany as a Volunteer Firefighter.

Motion by Lankford, seconded by Wofford, to approve to recruit Sydney McElhany as a Volunteer Firefighter. Motion: Passed.

6. Discussion, consideration and possible action to accept Hay Bid for City of Vinita Properties.

Osborn Cattle won the bid with a bid of \$1,242.00.

Motion by Young, seconded by Wofford, to approve hay bid to Osborn Cattle with a bid of \$1,242.00. Motion: Passed.

7. Department Reports:

Cemetery/Parks/Street Departments crews have been patching potholes, installing culverts in the industrial park and light tree trimming over the streets.

Fire Chief Kevin Huxtable reported that Engine 4 was repaired and back in service. There was several structure fires during the snow storms and have over 20 firefighters on scene. This is an amazing turnout for the Vinita Fire Department.

Economic & Community Development Coordinator submitted an electronic report.

Mayor Hoskin wanted to share his appreciation to the City Employees and their families. There have been many hours of call outs and late days of working and can't thank them enough.

8. A) Vote to enter into executive session, pursuant to Title 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1), for the purpose of discussing and taking possible action on concerning the follow, to-wit:

- 1) Resignation of Chief of Police Joey Babcock;
- 2) Possible appointment of Interim Chief until next Chief of Police takes office; and
- 3) Possible special election to elect next Chief of Police to serve out remainder of present Chief's term of office.

Motion by Young, seconded by Wofford, to enter into Executive Session. Motion: Passed.

Closed doors at 5:52 pm

B) Vote to return to regular meeting.

Opened doors at 7:13 pm

Motion by Young, seconded by Wofford, to return to regular meeting. Motion: Passed.

C) Possible action to be taken based on Executive Session discussions.

Accept resignation of Chief of Police Joey Babcock

Motion by Young, seconded by Wofford, to approve to accept resignation of Chief of Police Joey Babcock. Motion: Passed.

Skip Briley asked to solicit application for Interim Police Chief to serve until successor takes office with a notice to solicit for 7 days with all applicants be returned by February 22, 2022 and decision to be made on March 1, 2022 City Council Meeting.

Motion by Briley, seconded by Tyler, to approve to solicit application for Interim Police Chief to serve until successor takes office with a notice to solicit for 7 days with all applicants be returned by February 22, 2022 and decision to be made on March 1, 2022 City Council Meeting. Motion: Passed.

9. New Business.

None.

10. Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

Brian K Prince
Brian Prince, City Clerk



Chuck Hoskin
Chuck Hoskin, Mayor