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The La Cygne City Council met on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at the La Cygne Community Building. Council Members present were: Thomas Capp; David Brenneman; and Ed Smith. ABSENT: Jerome Mitzner, Keith Stoker and Mayor Debra Wilson.

Others in attendance included, but not limited to: City Attorney Burton Harding (via Zoom); City Clerk (CC) Jodi Wade; Police Chief Zachary Mathies; Linn County Newspaper, Tony Furse; Linn County Journal, Roger Sims.

CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER (7:00 P.M.)

Pledge of Allegiance – Council President Thomas Capp

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Fall Season is here and there are a lot of activities happening in our community and the surrounding communities. Support the local towns by participating in their festivals, holiday markets and events! Ray of Hope will be hosting their Fiesta Celebration on October 19, 2024 from 5-7pm, La Cygne Fire Hot dogs and treats will be at Thayer Park on Halloween night October 31 starting around 5pm, and Trunk or Treat on Broadway will be on November 1 from 6-8pm. The community Thanksgiving dinner will be on November 16, 2024 at the Christian Church, time to be determined.

CONSENT AGENDA:

❖ Motion to approve Consent Agenda:

Council Member Smith motioned to accept the Consent Agenda.

Minutes of October 2, 2024 City Council Meeting;
2024 September Budget Report;
2024 September Treasurer's Report;
2024 3rd Quarter Financial Statement;
Check Register: September 28, 2024 – October 12, 2024;
Drinking Establishment License: Rivers Lodge & Hunt Club, LLC

Motion seconded by Council Member Brenneman, voted on, passed 3-0

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR:

None

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS:

POLICE CHIEF ZACHARY MATHIES

Chief Mathies reported on the 2024 Totals for Traffic Stops (613), Citations (69), Calls for Service (529) and Reports (132). From October 1 – Oct 16: (3) Information Reports, (1) Alcohol Offenses, (2) Traffic Offense, (33) Traffic Warnings, (0) Criminal Offense Report, (0) Accident Reports, (0) Drug Offenses, (0) Warrant Arrests, (2) Traffic Citations, (26) Calls for Service.

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REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS CONTINUED:

POLICE CHIEF ZACHARY MATHIES

As of 10/14 Ram 301 is on Purplewave to end 11/05. Currently at \$4,100.

Durango was involved in a collision with a deer, moderate cosmetic damage. Working with insurance currently.

Completed Annual Taser training on 10/13. Four officers were trained.

Code Enforcement uniform policy has been updated to be consistent with the police department.

Two applicants, interviews will be tomorrow and on the 25th.

The new vests have shipped hope to receive those within the month.

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT (BG CONSULTANTS)

Contracts have been signed by the City Attorney/Mayor/Clerk, mailed to USDA for signature. Progress meeting was held on Wednesday, October 9. Hodges Farms and Dredging has a Notice to Proceed dated October 21, 2024. Work will begin on the cells to remove sludge which will be approximately 10-12 days of work. The bags of sludge will have to sit for approximately 90-120 days and tested before hauled to the landfill.

KDOT CCLIP (KILLOUGH CONSTRUCTION/CFS ENG/BG CONSULTANTS)

No new updates

WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS:

CC Wade reached out to the City of Linn Valley and BG Consultants to set up a meeting. Dates are being reviewed for the week of October 28 – November 1. Mayor Lew Donelson of the City of Linn Valley stopped by the City Hall to introduce himself.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

a] Utilities Committee: None

- ✓ Tentative meeting with City of Linn Valley the end of October. Meeting has been set for October 29, 2024 at 1:30pm at the La Cygne City Hall.
- ✓ Provided requested information to KMGa for assistance with Gas rate review.

b] Street Committee: None

c] City Facility Committee:

- ✓ Consultant for City Hall (Agenda Reminder)
- ✓ DRAFT: Cemetery Rules and Regulation Sign – TABLED UNTIL NOVEMBER 6 MEETING

d] Public Safety Committee: None

e] Employee Relations and Training:

- ✓ CC Wade will be attending the KMGa Board meeting/conference next week.
- ✓ Utility Clerk Gore will be attending the KCC Gas Conference the last week of October.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Resolution No. _____ Adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region J Hazard Mitigation Plan.

❖ **Motion**

Council Member Smith motioned to approve Resolution No. 476 adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region J Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion seconded by Council Member Brenneman, voted on, passed 3-0

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Be sure to visit the exhibit currently at the La Cygne Historical Society titled “Life in the Trenches” open 10am – 4pm through the month of October. Preparations have started for Christmas on Broadway. The theme is Frozen – A winter wonderland. Participants and volunteer judges are needed for the Light up Parade.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION (PZC): Public Hearing for CUP 2024-4 for 110 South 4th Street was continued to Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 6pm and CUP 2024-5 for 621 N. Broadway Street was continued to Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 6pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

COMPACTOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA CYGNE AND LINN COUNTY

TABLED UNTIL THE NOVEMBER 6, 2024 MEETING.

ARTICLE 3. KEEPING OF CHICKENS

Draft Article 3. Keeping of Chickens was provided for the Council. Police Chief Mathies reminded the council of their discussion of having a Town Hall meeting to allow the opportunity for the public to present their considerations.

❖ **Motion**

Council Member Smith motioned for a Special Meeting to be held on October 30, 2024 at 6:30pm at the La Cygne Community Building for the purpose of a Town Hall meeting to review the draft Article 3. Keeping of Chickens. Motion seconded by Council Member Brenneman, voted on, passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

❖ **Motion**

Council Member Smith motioned to go in to executive discussion for 3-minutes for non-elected personnel for review of applications for the City Hall and to return to the council table at 7:31pm. Motion seconded by Council Member Brenneman, voted on, passed 3-0.
7:28pm

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Others in attendance: CC Wade

OPEN SESSION RESUMED AT 7:31pm:

❖ Motion

Council Member Smith motioned to approve the recommendation to hire Melissa Ruiz as the permanent part-time Office Professional effective October 28, 2024 contingent upon the completion of the pre-employment screening. Motion seconded by Council Member Brenneman, voted on, passed 3-0

POLICY REVIEW IN PROGRESS

DRAFT COMPANY VEHICLE USE POLICY

RENTAL READY PROGRAM (LANDLORD REGISTRATION)

NEW POLICY REVIEW:

ARTICLE 5. PARKING

SOCIAL-MEDIA POLICY

BNSF QUIET ZONE

GOVERNING BODY REMARKS:

NOTES AND COMMUNICATION:

CC Wade asked the Council if the City Hall could be closed on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 from 8am until noon to allow the city staff to attend the funeral service for Ret. Chief of Police Tate A. West.

❖ Motion

Council Member Smith motioned to close the La Cygne City Hall on October 22, 2024 from 8am until noon to allow the city staff to attend the funeral service for Ret. Chief Tate A. West. Motion seconded by Council Member Brenneman, voted on, passed 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

❖ Motion

Council Member Brenneman moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Smith, voted on, passed 3-0. 7:38p.m.

I, _____ La Cygne City Clerk, do hereby declare
(Jodi Wade) the above to be true and correct, to the best of
my knowledge, and do hereby subscribe my name
on this 16th day of October 2024.