

**TOWN OF KIOWA PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**June 29, 2017 @ 6:30 P.M.**

**KIOWA TOWN HALL**

**813 S. HARRISON ST.**

**KIOWA, OKLAHOMA**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** K. Sexton, Ned Naugle, Bob Ramey, Serena Johnston, Deanna Sexton, Carla Lamson was present. Regina VanBlaricom came in late but was present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Completed

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Mayor Johnston made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Naugle. K.Sexton, Naugle, Ramey, Johnston, D.Sexton, and C. Lamson voted yes. VanBlaricom not present. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:** C. Lamson reported total revenue at \$32,005.75, total expenses at \$60,901.87 with a loss of \$28,896.12, with 88.8% of the budget used. Mayor Johnston made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by K.Sexton. K.Sexton, Naugle, Ramey, Johnston, D.Sexton, Lamson all voted yes. VanBlaircom absent at this time. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS:** Mayor Johnston made the motion to approve the purchase orders, seconded by Naugle. K.Sexton, Naugle, Ramey, Johnston, D.Sexton, Lamson all voted yes. VanBlaircom absent at this time. Motion carried.

- 1. Discussion and possible approval to accept contract/letter of agreement with George M. Kerns CPA. Mr. Kerns is present for questions and discussion. Mr. Kerns suggested an Audit and Finance committee consisting of supervisors and financial managers. Mayor Johnston made the motion to accept the of contract/letter of agreement with George M. Kerns CPA, seconded by K.Sexton. K.Sexton, Naugle, Ramey, Johnston, D.Sexton, Lamson all voted yes. VanBlaircom absent at this time. Motion carried.**

2. Discussion and possible approval to accept contract/letter of agreement with Crawford and Associates. No Vote
3. Discussion and possible approval to change pay periods from bimonthly to every 2 weeks. Mayor Johnston made the motion to change payroll from bimonthly to every 2 weeks to begin July 1, 2017, seconded by K.Sexton. K.Sexton, Naugle, Ramey, Johnston, D.Sexton, Lamson all voted yes. VanBlaircom absent at this time. Motion carried.
4. Discussion and possible approval to purchase a SCADA system/computer system from Worth HydroChem. Mayor Johnston made the motion to approve the SCADA system in the amount of \$7,784.00 with a monthly payment not to exceed \$400.00, seconded by Naugle. K.Sexton, Naugle, Ramey, Johnston, D.Sexton, Lamson all voted yes. VanBlaircom absent at this time. Motion carried.
5. Discussion and possible approval to allow test run of new chemical from AmeriChem. Mr. Shepard present to discuss, chemicals used for the trial run. Mayor Johnston made the motion to revisit this at a later date, seconded by K. Sexton. K.Sexton, Naugle, Ramey, Johnston, D.Sexton, Lamson all voted yes. VanBlaricom absent at this time. Motion carried.
6. Discussion and possible approval to sign agreement with Atom Broadband granting permission to use the right of ways in Kiowa and offer broadband service to the citizens of Kiowa. Argeement sent to Pat Layden he approved. Mayor Johnston made the motion to sign agreement with Atom Broadband granting permission to use the right of ways in Kiowa to offer broadband services to citizens in Kiowa, seconded by Naugle. K.Sexton, Naugle, Ramey, Johnston, D.Sexton, Lamson all voted yes. VanBlaricom absent at this time. Motion carried.
7. Discussion and possible approval to surplus several items no longer needed for business. Mayor Johnston questioned Pat Layden about the process to surplus items, he recommended an inventory of items before doing the surplus. Mayor Johnston made the motion to table until next meeting and do inventory. No Vote.

**Public Discussion:** Mayor Johnston stated appreciation for everyone being here. Several Rural water customers present, Patrick Griffin, Dan Isom, and Dub Thomas who are Rural Water Dist. 11 Board members were present

along with Todd House board member of Rural Water Dist.2. Mayor Johnston stated we have turned rural water back on and asked William Ellis to discuss the happenings of the water situation from the beginning. William stated that Monday night at 9 p.m. Serena and Justin called and said the water tower was at 67 feet went looking for leaks until 2:30 a.m. Todd House asked why the decision was made to shut rural water Wardville meter off, harper valley left on and Brewer road meter was left on. William stated it was due to Rural water meter spinning and the tower losing 2000 gallons per hour which seemed a little high for 10:30pm at night especially when at 2:30 in the morning it was still using the same amount. Todd House said it was probably just filling the tower. William Ellis stated we didn't know the tower was being filled. Our tower started building but the next morning around 6:00am it was around 72 feet so we weren't gaining water but we are maintaining, so we go on about our routine here and at 10:00am Justin calls and says we are at 60 feet in the tower. Mr. Ellis walked the lines from the plant to the tower on foot from tower all the way down. Ms. Johnston stated we were out all night looking for leaks. Visitor 1 asked, isn't it hard to find a water leak if there is no pressure on the lines. Mr. Ellis stated we didn't walk the lines to Wardville or anywhere that way. Tuesday, we shut the town off to determine if it was our main line or not. When the water was turned back on it blew a line. The line was fixed and water was entering the tower, but it didn't come up as much as we thought it should've. Visitor 2 said since Rural water was turned off we haven't been able to get back up? William stated yes. Visitor 1 asked who made the decision to cut Rural water off? Ms. Johnston said that she did. Visitor 1 stated he has worked for the City of McAlester for a long time and they have never shut anyone off without giving notice. Ms. Johnston stated, the reason they were shut off at 2:30 am we thought by morning if the tower gains then we would know what side the leak was on and their meter was spinning. Visitor 1 asked why they weren't turned back on? Visitor 2 asked if we were aware that we have a contract with the USDA stating that if Rural water is turned off then Kiowa must be turned off as well? We said no. She said Brian Renegar called us to inform us that we cannot cut off certain parts of district, city or Rural according to contract. Ms. Johnston asked who Dr. Renegar spoke to because no one from our office has spoke

to him. Deanna Sexton stated that Dr. Renegar called U.S.D.A. and talked with Gaylene because Gaylene called me and said that Dr. Renegar had called her, and I explained the situation to her and she said she would inform him.

After one hour and thirty minutes of hearing all concerns and answering questions. Motion was made to adjourn by Mayor Johnston and seconded by Naugle. K.Sexton, Naugle, Ramey, Johnston, D.Sexton, Lamson all voted yes. VanBlaricom absent at this time. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.