

CITY OF GAS

CITY COUNCIL MEETING REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 14, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the City of Gas Council was held January 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room at City Hall with the following present: Mayor Kenneth Baker, Council Members; George Grisier, Harry Holloway, and Rick Morrison; city employees: City Clerk, Rhonda Hill, City Superintendent Brad Kress, and City Attorney, Ross Albertini.

VISITORS

Tiffany Davidson

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Baker called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

✓ Motion to approve agenda

Harry Holloway made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. George Grisier seconded the motion. **Motion Carried 3-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tiffany Davidson with the Multi-County Health Department spoke about the services offered by the Health Department and left pamphlets to be disbursed.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Bills
2. Approval of Minutes – December 10, 2024
3. Approval of Treasurer's Report – December 2024
4. Approval of Treasurer's Report – 4th Qtr. 2024
5. Approval of Treasurer's Report - 2024

✓ Motion to approve consent agenda

Harry Holloway made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. George Grisier seconded the motion. **Motion Carried 3-0.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Fund Replacement Grant from FEMA
Nothing new to report

Allen Regional Transit

The Council could possibly be interested in donating on a regular basis to this service, but would like more information. They would like to donate \$100.00 at this time, and would like Clerk Hill to ask Mr. Keithly to attend the next meeting to hear more about the service.

✓ Motion to approve donation

George Grisier made a motion to donate \$100.00 to Allen Regional Transit. Rick Morrison seconded the motion. **Motion Carried 3-0.**

Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

A 3% COLA was given in January 2024. Employees current wages are: Rhonda Hill - \$28.13, Brad Kress - \$22.64, Frank Logan - \$18.39. This item was moved to the end of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Yearly Appointments

President of the Council and official bank of the city will need to be appointed.

✓ Motion to appoint Council President and Bank for 2025

Rick Morrison made a motion to appoint George Grisier as President of the Council and Landmark Bank as the official bank of the city. Harry Holloway seconded the motion. **Motion Carried 3-0.**

Resolution No. 2025-58 City Newspaper

This Resolution designates the city website, www.cityofgas.com as the official newspaper of the City of Gas.

✓ Motion to adopt Resolution

Harry Holloway made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-58. Rick Morrison seconded the motion. **Motion Carried 3-0.**

Resolution No. 2025-59 GAAP Waiver

This Resolution waives the city from the use of GAAP.

✓ Motion to adopt Resolution

Harry Holloway made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-59. George Grisier seconded the motion. **Motion Carried 3-0.**

KPERS Rate

The KPERS rate has increased from 9.26% to 9.71% for 2025.

Health Insurance

The health insurance premium has increased by \$439.95 from \$2,054.32 to \$2,494.27 for 2025.

Personnel Handbook

Some adjustments need to be made to the handbook concerning comp time, overtime, and call out time. These items are mentioned in the handbook, but there are no descriptive policies. FEMA requested a copy of our policies for these items. Council would like to see some examples of policies at the next meeting.

Reimbursement Request – Pat Spencer

Ms. Spencer's meter froze up at one of her rental properties, and she feels that it was due to the insulation foam not being in the proper place. She has requested that the city reimburse her for the bill she incurred. After much discussion it was decided that there was no sufficient evidence that the meter froze is what froze first due to lack of insulation.

✓ Motion to deny request

George Grisier made a motion to deny Ms. Spencer's reimbursement request. Harry Holloway seconded the motion. **Motion Carried 3-0.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Maintenance – Brad Kress

- Fixed water leak at 1884 US Hwy 54.
- Been working on the main lift station. Second VF Drive is out, and Josh with HFE Process will install new one.
- Put ice control on streets after icy weather on January 5th.

Zoning – Rhonda Hill

No Requests.

City Clerk – Rhonda Hill

- Community Center- 33 rentals for a total of \$1,600.00 for 2024.
- 2024 Sales Tax collected was \$139,705.47 up by \$27,468.83 from 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Non-Elected Personnel

✓ Motion to recess into Executive Session

At 6:39 p.m. Harry Holloway made a motion to recess into Executive Session for 5 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). Rick Morrison seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 3-0. Those to be present are Mayor, and Council Members. The Regular Meeting will resume at 6:44 p.m.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 6:44 p.m.

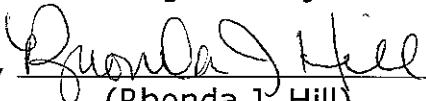
✓ Motion to approve COLA

Rick Morrison made a motion to approve a 2.5% cost of living adjustment for the employees to take effect with the current payroll. Harry Holloway seconded the motion. **Motion Carried 3-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

✓ Motion to adjourn

There being no further business to discuss George Grisier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Harry Holloway seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

I, , City Clerk of Gas, do hereby declare the above to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and do hereby subscribe my name this 11th day of February, 2025.

(Rhonda J. Hill)