

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the City of Maud

August 19th, 2024

The Maud City Council met in regular session on August 19, 2024.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Jimmy Porterfield.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Porterfield.
3. The Roll Call was made by City Clerk David Zeller. Present for the meeting were Council Members Lee Davis, Kurtis Dustman, Bobby Shatto and Chad Votaw. City Attorney Mat Thomas was also present. The Mayor Declared a Quorum.
4. The Mayor welcomed the visitors.
5. No Public Comments.
6. Bobby Shatto moved to approve the consent agenda. Lee Davis seconded. The vote was Shatto-aye, Davis-aye, Dustman-aye, Votaw-nay. The Mayor declared the motion carried.
7. No items removed.
8. Police Chief Brawner reported that the PD had responded to 188 calls this month.
9. EM Director David Zeller reported that Chad Larman had resigned as Pottawatomie County EM. Aaron Scott has been hired to replace him.
10. Kurtis Dustman moved to approve General Fund Purchase Orders 10209 and 10217. Lee Davis seconded. The vote was Dustman-aye, Davis-aye, Shatto-aye, Votaw-abstain. The Mayor declared the motion carried.
11. The Council discussed the visit from personnel from the State Auditor and Inspector's Office. Clerk Zeller informed the Council that they had looked at the report previously prepared by him, as well as other records pertaining to the audit. They estimated that the cost to do the audit would be between \$15,000 and \$25,000 dollars. They also stated that that the report previously prepared was more than sufficient to take to the District Attorney. It was brought up that we could not really afford the price of the audit at this time due to decreased revenues. Chad Votaw stated that he thought we just need to drop it as Russell Dillon was no longer in office. Bobby Shatto stated that the DA would probably not prosecute as it is a misdemeanor. Kurt Dustman stated that we should take it back to the DA and let the DA make that call. Kurtis Dustman then made a motion to send the report back to the District Attorney. Lee Davis seconded. The vote was Dustman-aye, Davis-aye, Shatto-aye, Votaw-nay. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

12. Bobby Shatto moved to rescind the request to the State Auditor and Inspector's Office for an audit of the City's O'Reilly's account. Chad Votaw seconded. The vote was Shatto-aye, Votaw-aye. Davis-aye, Dustman-nay. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

13. The Council discussed changing the City ordinances regarding Goats and Pigs. Mayor Porterfield presented a possible ordinance restricting goats and pigs based on available space and setting out other requirements and conditions. Mayor Porterfield also stated that he had contacted several other surrounding cities regarding the subject. Konawa does not allow livestock in city limits at all. Neither does Asher. Other Cities control it through zoning, which we don't have. Several members of the audience addressed the Council regarding the issue. After a lengthy discussion, Kurtis Dustman moved to table the issue to allow for more research. Bobby Shatto seconded. The vote was Dustman-aye, Shatto-aye, Davis-aye, Votaw-aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

14. The Council discussed changing the City's ordinances on Trailer Houses and Mobile Homes. Mayor Porterfield said that he had contacted other cities. Some have no restrictions. Others have restrictions based on age of trailers at the time of installation. He also stated that due to his time in the Fire service, he was concerned with the safety of trailers manufactured in the 70s and 80s as they were typically of poor construction. Several members of the audience addressed the council stating that we should not restrict by age of the trailer as that is all that some people can afford, and that some of the older trailers look better than some of the houses in town. It was also discussed that any policy regarding trailers and mobile homes would be hard to enforce without expanding Code Enforcement to include property management, and to implement zoning and permitting. After a lengthy discussion, Bobby Shatto moved to take no action on the item at this time. Lee Davis seconded. The vote was Shatto-aye, Davis-aye, Dustman-aye, Votaw-aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

15. The Council discussed purchasing Badges and Body Armor for Code Enforcement officers. Mayor Porterfield stated we would need 2 badges and one set of Body Armor for Teresa Wilkerson, as David Zeller has Body Armor already. He also stated that the badges would better identify the officers as city officials, and the body armor would help protect them, as there have been several code enforcement officers killed in the line of duty nationwide. Clerk Zeller stated that the cost would be approximately \$150/ea for the badges and \$900 for the Body Armor. Kurt Dustman asked if Code Enforcement officers were allowed to carry firearms. Mayor Porterfield responded that under current policy Code Enforcement Officers were authorized to carry firearms. Chad Votaw then moved to purchase Badges and Body Armor for Code Enforcement Officers. Bobby Shatto seconded. The vote was Votaw-aye, Shatto-aye, Davis-aye, Dustman-aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

16. Clerk Zeller informed the council that the VOIP Phone system that was approved previously is supposed to be installed tomorrow. There may be phone interruptions at City Hall while they are switching the phones over.

17. Bobby Shatto moved to adjourn. Lee Davis seconded. The vote was Shatto-aye, Davis-aye, Dustman-aye, Votaw-aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried and adjourned the meeting at 8:04PM.



David W. Zeller, City Clerk/Treasurer



Jimmy Porterfield, Mayor