**TOWN OF KIOWA**

 **REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

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**AT THE KIOWA CITY HALL**

**813 S. HARRISON ST.**

**KIOWA, OKLAHOMA**

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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order @ 7:43 PM.

**ROLL CALL:** Hall present, Peterson present, Vanblaricom present, Sexton present, Drake present.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** No questions or discussion. Sexton made the motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Peterson. Hall – yes, Peterson – yes, Vanblaricom – yes, Sexton – yes, Drake – yes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT:** Tracy Reed, “Through September, 25% of our budget year, you see our Sales and Use Taxes are lagging behind our budget which is a little bit concerning. For most towns it would be very concerning but it’s not as large of a chunk of your revenue as for most towns. That equates to about $6,000 short of where we might have expected to be at this point. In a couple of pages we will look at where we are thru October. Unfortunately the story remains the same and is trending in the wrong direction in that case. Again the good news is that is not our largest revenue source so it’s not as impactful and obviously we don’t control it. It’s not the trend we like to see. Especially given the fact that inflation is rising. So obviously we are getting a percentage of sales but the cost of those sales are increasing. It is really probably indicative of just people restricting their spending. I will note for you Regina we have received some Hotel Tax. We have seen even more of that. You can see in our Fire we did receive that Fire Grant and it is larger than it normally is. Normally it is about that $4,500 range. We knew it was going to come in high and it did at $10,053. I will note for you when we get to that page that there was an in and an out this month which I have never seen before. When I saw that it concerned me because the grant comes to the Town. We have to comply with all of the State regulations. We have set approval processes, we have minutes and we have an audit. I asked about it. It came back to, I can’t remember what his title was, and I think his title had something to do with the Development Authority, KETA. I can’t remember his name. It’s a forestry grant. I think his title had something to do with fire grants. I asked if we could move it and he said yes, not understanding it was an account outside of our control and our visibility.” Peterson, “So that Fire Department Account that they have right now currently is not related to the City, so that is why there is the issue.” Reed, “We have no visibility to it yet. The government holds the governing body, you five, responsible for it.” Vanblaricom, “You’ve lost me. So we received the money and then it got taken out.” Reed, “Yes, we gave it to the Volunteer Fire Department.” Vanblaricom, “Who gave it to the Volunteer Fire Department?” Peterson, “Kasey. She had asked me if she could transfer the money over to them and I told her yes because it’s Fire Department money which I thought it was.” Reed, “The concern is not where. I think it is going to be spent in the exact same place. It’s just that we are held responsible for that and we won’t have invisibility. Now he did say if Council wants to vote to do that you can. If you do my recommendation would be that we set up some self-recipient monitoring. We assign someone to come and provide Council with those receipts with that documentation so that if we do get audited we have those. And I would recommend they are original receipts. We don’t want copies because if they come and audit us a copy is not going to be substantial evidence.” Peterson, “So therefore any money that you would spend, if Council decides to let you all keep that in your account, we would have to basically watch what it gets spent on. Receipts would have to get brought to us. There would have to be accountability basically. And if it’s in ours we already have a system set up.” Reed, “And I recommend that you all see that report. You all set the time frame, monthly, quarterly or whatever.” Clifford Sexton, “Here’s the deal on that. It cannot be combined with our budget. It goes above and beyond our budget. Our budget is $5,000 plus it gives us $15,000 and we ain’t seen it.” Reed, “Now I know that last time we had some unexpected expenditures. I can’t remember what they were for. We knew they were coming. Kris looked at me and I said I’m comfortable moving forward with that. We know the money is coming. What was that for? Do you recall? It was something.” Hall, “It’s been so long.” Reed, “Do you recall what that was for?” Clifford Sexton,” Probably for the building.” Reed, “We know the building and we know we have no county money for the building. The building is ours. We pay for all of that.” Peterson, “I don’t know what she’s talking about. Maybe it for the new coats, your outfits.” Clifford Sexton, “That’s from the county. Here’s the deal with the Forestry deal. We have to fill out the paper work and send it in and we have been doing that every year. And we send receipts in with it. So it ain’t on the City.” Reed, “Well, are our volunteer firefighters a legal organization now?” Clifford Sexton, “Yes.” Reed, “Are you filing your 990?” Clifford Sexton, “Yes.” Reed, “Did you all apply for the grant through the Forestry? I mean if you all can apply for it and get it directly, I think it’s going to be spent there. I think that is a great way to do it.” Clifford Sexton, “Well how else will we get it if we ain’t applying for it? The City damn sure ain’t.” Reed, “Well this one is given automatically.” Clifford Sexton, “No, you still have to apply for it. I can show you the paper work where you have to apply for it.” Reed, “So if you apply for it why did they give it to us and not to you?” Drake, “Because it had to be sent to the last place that it was sent to last year.” Clifford Sexton, “Yes.” Reed, “So can we change that in the future?” Clifford Sexton, “Yeah, we can.” Reed, “If Council wants. I would encourage Council to take formal action on that, which is probably what they are going to require for you to change that. If that’s Council’s desire to have it sent directly there.” Jess Wilson, “How many years have we got it here?” Peterson, “Forever.” Wilson, “Well we just had an audit and we did so good in the audit they talked about they were going to drop the price down didn’t they?” Peterson, “Yes.” Vanblaricom, “But we’ve not had a grant. She’s talking about the grant money that you just applied for.” Reed, “We get it every year.” Wilson, “What I am saying is we have complied every year.” Reed, “And it’s going to be spent in the exact same way. We have complied every year.” Clifford Sexton, “It’s a forestry grant that we get every year.” Vanblaricom, “We got more this year.” Wilson, “Yes. And the City has been audited. This is part of our audit every year. And it went into the account last year.” Clifford Sexton, “Here’s the deal. It is going into the General Fund instead of going into the Fire Department. That’s the whole deal.” Sexton, “It needs to go into the Fire Department?” Clifford Sexton “Yes sir.” Reed, “We do not have a separate bank account for the Fire Department. Is that what you are thinking of?” Clifford Sexton, “That’s what I am saying and that’s why it’s in our bank account right now.” Reed, “Are you saying we didn’t spend it last year on fire?” Clifford Sexton, “I don’t know. I just took over as chief.” Reed, “That’s right, that’s right.” Wilson, “The concern is the $5,000 budget going to get paid for out of the forestry money or is it going to increase the budget to $15,000.” Reed, “That was my intention.” Clifford Sexton, “You cannot do that. That is misappropriation of funds.” Reed, “So when we budgeted it I budgeted that income and I budgeted that expense and they were an offset so I don’t believe that is misappropriation when I budget it on both sides. But it’s Council’s choice. If we say we budgeted to spend $5,000 but we got $10,000, let’s increase it by $10,000 when we revise the budget, we can do that. You all have that ability to do that and if our Fire Department feels like they don’t have the funds that they need to operate that’s obviously a concern. As you all recall we have county money, we have that Sales Tax that’s dedicated to only be spent on the Fire. They had at the end of last year $110,000 I believe that was unencumbered. They spent $48,000 in September. Their average for the last year they have collected is about $70ish. They spent about $15ish on their equipment purchase. Nets of about $55ish each year they might expect to have in the Fire Department. My recommendation was, and it is going to be for everything, that we use restricted monies first and then we move to unrestricted, just because to replace the top of the water plant I can’t use the Fire money. I can’t use the Street and Alley money. I also can’t use the Police money. But I can use those unrestricted funds to fund the Fire, to fix the water plant, to fix the streets if we don’t have enough in our streets. That’s the recommendation. The idea is not to strip our Fire Department. The recommendation is that we use those restricted funds first and then we move on. And in this case it is grant monies. However you all want to account for it I just want the five of you to know that you are going to be the one’s responsible for that. They are going to look to you for that. If you all want to in the future, if we can get our Volunteer Fire Organization to get it directly and that’s Council’s desire, all the better. At this point because it was given to us, as I understand it, they will look to you all. My point is whatever decision that you make moving it without Council’s approval was not the way to do that.” Drake, ‘That we have all of our duck’s in a row.” Reed, “Yeah, let’s just make sure. The money is going to be spent the same way. I have no doubt it is going to be spent exactly as it was going to be spent. So wherever you want that responsibility to lie.” Clifford Sexton, “The only thing that I, and I am sitting on the outside, the only thing that bothered me was that was $5,000.” Reed, “Yeah, and that’s not much.” Clifford Sexton, “And that’s crazy. I said there’s no way the Fire Department is going to operate on that. But I later understood that you had monies that you hadn’t spent which was grant monies and that needed to be spent first. That was my understanding. Am I wrong here?” Reed, “I think all the grant monies have been. I think what you may be referring to that County Sales Tax.” Clifford Sexton, “And that’s another thing. The City used to buy our fuel and everything else and they ain’t. We are going strictly county and our funds are…..” Firefighter, “Just like the City has reserve money for whatever comes up. That’s what we use that money for as well, where as you guys have $1.4M we have $30,000 or $40,000 and that’s it. Nothing that we buy is cheap either.” Reed, “Well that doesn’t preclude them from adding to the budget. It’s not like Council’s hands are tied, like well we can’t go above $5,000 this year. Things happen, we drain those funds. As we have the need Council can say we want to appropriate some of these unrestricted funds to the Fire Department. It is important. We need to get that done. It’s not a ‘we can’t add to it’.” That’s not the case at all. We just can’t take your County Fire money and spend it on anything but Fire.” Clifford Sexton, “But it has to go to the Fire Department.” Reed, “Absolutely.” Clifford Sexton, “The bills for the building were more than $4,500 this year and it didn’t every get budgeted. Just to pay like gas, electric and phone bill, Internet and the stuff that the county is supposed to pay.” Reed, “But I believe, we can go back to the County Treasurer on this to confirm, if I understood this correctly and I may be wrong, but if I understood correctly, those bills, those operational bills, the County Tax can be used. What can’t be used is the actual building, the building repair and all that.” Clifford Sexton, “If we are going to rely on the County then why don’t we just become a County Fire Department.” Reed, “I don’t know what the ins and outs of that are, the advantages or the disadvantages. Does that serve the citizens better? I don’t know. You are more versed in that than I am.” Clifford Sexton, “Right now we are the lowest County Funds in the whole county right now.” Reed, “Is your County Sales Tax divided equally? Are you are saying you spent more than everybody else?” Clifford Sexton, “Our available balance is lower than anybody else.” Drake, “OK, so the $40,000 is gone that we were talking about. That you added to the $5,000. It’s gone.” Wilson, “The City Budget for the Fire Department is $5,000 for the year. And then what the debate is right now is the Fire Department grant that just came in for the $10,000. That would basically only be $5,000 because the $5,000 that the Fire Department got budgeted would be taken away from that. So basically it would only be $10,000 but actually the Fire Department is only getting $5,000 so it brings their budget to $10,000 for the year. Is that right?” Reed, “That’s Council’s choice.” Drake, “Can we do that?” Reed, “Yeah, I recommend it.” Wilson, “If we were only able to budget the Fire Department $5,000 and then they are fixing to deplete their County funds what do we do next year?” Vanblaricom, “When we voted on that for that amount we were basing that off years of what they had utilized. When we set up the budget for the City side of it, it was set up on what the City had been funding for the last year. That is what we set up the new budget for.” Clifford Sexton, “No, it was $30,000. The previous years have been about $30,000.” Hall, “And they didn’t spend anything out of there.” Clifford Sexton, “But you also got a brand new Fire Department.” Sexton, “Hold it we have too many people talking at once. Settle down and let her talk.” Vanblaricom, “We went basically off what was recommended to us which was what was told to us. What Tracy told us is what we voted on the budget for the Fire Department.” Drake, “She said you didn’t spend the $30,000 that was in there last year.” Vanblaricom, “And they had $50,000 before.” Drake, “Was this the same group of people?” Peterson, “No, but at that time when all of this had changed he was brand new and he came with like a $120,000 budget. And I do understand that we went from three firefighters to many, many more and we had to start brand new with boots, clothes and everything. That changes the whole dynamic so that doesn’t go not into consideration.” Vanblaricom, “All this conversation is technically supposed to be about is the $10,000. And really whether they can keep it in their account.” Reed, “Yes, it’s really Council’s choice whether you choose to do that. You would need to take formal action on that. And then monitor it.” Sexton, “Anytime you do that they have to be held accountable. Anytime you give $10,000 off of a grant they have to show where they spent it. I mean that’s understandable. He understands that. I mean that’s not the problem I don’t think. The biggest problem is are we going to put it in their account. That's the problem. Are we going to do it? Anybody here have a problem with them taking care of it?” Council responds no. Sexton, “All you have to do is have accountability for every penny and where it was spent. And you all do that.” Clifford Sexton, “I have every receipt for every penny that we spent.” Sexton, “And I have seen that out of this guy right here, Clayton. He comes up with a bunch of stuff. We need our Fire Department. We need people to work together. I don’t see the Council has a problem with it. There’s not a problem as best I understand it.” Peterson, “Does the Treasurer need to be on their account just so she can have access to that?” Reed, “I would not expect that. That’s a legal question. For this year you all would be responsible so therefore you would want to have some kind of monitoring on that. If the Council’s desire is in the future to have the funds send directly, good Lord it is government, so you had probably better start on that now because it could take that long and next September they make that deposit.” Drake, “I would get a ledger book and keep that ledger.” Clifford Sexton, “We got that. We got everything.” Reed, “Perfect. If it’s Council’s desire in the future that we want our volunteer fire organization to have that directly, they be directly responsible, then it’s a process.” Sexton, “First of all this has to be put on the agenda to be approved. Right now we are discussing it.” Reed, “Yeah, right. We are looking at the financials and I wanted you all to see that.” Sexton, “And we probably need to move on but anyway let’s get that on there and move on.” Reed, “If it is something that we want to change moving forward the sooner we start that process, and I say we. The sooner you all approve it gives the Fire Chief time to get that done and it takes time. So moving on, I will also note for you, it’s not included in here, but you all will remember the ARPA grant. We got half of it and I think the other half came in this month. It’s not reflected on here. $59,000 we will see was budgeted to receive. We also budgeted to spend it, as you all recall, as an unidentified project at that time. Just look for that next month. Overall the income is slightly above over where we thought it would be for our General Fund. So that’s great news. In our expenses in our general government, we did have a Surety Bond come through. It was budgeted, about $4,000. There at the top of Page 4 in the Fire Department under Other Services and Charges include that $10,000. That’s with our volunteer firemen right now. In our Nutrition Department, I didn’t get to talk with you about this in August. They did have an AC repair to the tune of about $700 in that month. And then Cemetery expenses include spraying and then the Tech Fees for all of our mapping that we have done. Overall expenses at 25%. Just about where we would expect them to be through this point in the year. So any questions on this General Fund Financials?” Peterson, “How much is the ARPRA, the other half?” Reed, “It is 59,000? Peterson, “And $34?” Reed, “I think so, that sounds about right. So we’ll see that next month. It is sitting in our General Fund so that’s the completion of that. We will report on that in April. So Page 5 is our Sales Tax and it does include October activity. We are down 11% year over year on Sales Tax through October, so now we are four months in. That equates to about $8,000. Page 6 is our Use Tax and it’s a similar story. We are down. Really percentage is not as applicable because you can see last September was crazy on Use Tax, but we are down 43%. It equates to about $11,000. Most of that is reflective of last year’s September, which was highly unusual. We did not budget of course for that September amount to recur in the current year. Any questions on financials?” Drake, “Are we getting taxes from the motel now?” Reed, “We have. Yes! We are so excited. Kasey would you agree? They seem to be remitting it on a regular basis?” Kasey, “Yes, and the last check we got was over $11,000.” Wilson, “We got new owners and the hotel has been really busy.” Peterson, “Thank you.” No further questions or comments. Peterson made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Seconded by Hall. Hall – yes, Peterson – yes, Vanblaricom – yes, Sexton – yes, Drake – yes. Motions carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASES:** No questions or discussion. Peterson made the motion to approve the Purchases. Seconded by Hall. Hall – yes, Peterson – yes, Vanblaricom – yes, Sexton – yes, Drake – yes. Motion carried.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** Zach Taylor, “Not a whole lot happened since the last one. Had a bunch of water leaks.” Peterson, “Thank you for that.” Sexton, “That water leak that was up there by the school where they thought they were going to have to shut the whole Pittsburg County down, what was that?” Taylor, “It was a three quarter inch service line that runs in the middle of the road.” Sexton, ‘It was a little bitty line huh.” Taylor, “Why they would run a service line in the middle of the road nobody know. Peterson, “Thank you.”

**ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT:** Loyd Hasty, “So far this month 11 dogs.” Peterson, “Are we starting to write tickets or at least warnings?” Hasty, “Warnings and verbal warnings. One was turned in to us and then adopted the next day.” Peterson, “You have everything you need out there for the animals because it’s going to be getting cold?” Hasty, “So far. I’m not sure what all we need out there.” Peterson, “OK.” Hasty, “I’ve cleaned up some of it. Did some of the cages so the smaller dogs couldn’t get out.” Peterson, “Did you get the pole, like the pole to get them?” Hasty, “No, the long pole needs to be replaced.” Peterson, “I thought we ordered those.” Leighanne said she was waiting on the card. Peterson, “So we are going to order those and some gloves?” Hasty, “And maybe a leash so if they have a collar on I can just go out there and slip one on there. If they don’t have a collar I have two collars I think in the truck but I don’t have a leash. I made one out of a chain.” Hall, “I have lots of leashes. Just come by my house.” Peterson, “And Saturday you are wanting to be gone so can you ask Mark and let me know what he says?” Hasty, “Yes. It’ll be overnight if I go and that’s why I didn’t know if I should.” Peterson, “Let’s ask Mark and let me know what he says. And if not, then we’ll figure out something. There’s plenty of us here. Thank you.”

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Jess Wilson, “For September we had 484 contacts and then about 79 calls for service. We went and picked our dog up and he has performed way better than what we thought he would.” Peterson, “Where is the pup?” Wilson, “He’s in the truck out there. I think we got a real good one as far as our dog. He was performing at the top out there from what we saw with the other dogs. I took him to the vet today to get the paperwork filed for the insurance through OMEG so we can get him insured for what we paid for him. Just doing training around town. People probably see us out tracking and stuff. NAPWDA will be here November 9th. He’ll be down and then we will get all of our certs. I got back with him Thursday and they called us to go track for the armed robber up in McAlester but without having the certs with him yet we would have had too much liability without having any certs to go track because it would have ended in a bite I’m sure. So we had to turn that down. I hate it but we didn’t have a choice since we didn’t have any certs with him yet.” Peterson, “Thank you.”

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Clifford Sexton, “We had one gas leak, two medical calls, four grass fires, two fire poles on fire, one landing zone, two vehicle accidents and one downed tree after the storm.” Peterson, “Nothing else? Everything quiet? You all handing out candy tomorrow or Saturday?” Clifford Sexton, “Yes.” Wilson, “We will be going to the school tomorrow at 9 to pass out our Halloween stuff that we do every year.” Peterson, “I want you to go to the little guys because they really like you.” Wilson, “We always go to the little guys.” Peterson, “But let Katelyn go to the big kids. You have to come to my class anyway. But yes, and then I am going to have her tell them that we are going to be here and you guys are going to be there. They are going to be at the lodge and Mandy and them are going to be at the community center. It’ll be good. Because a lot of people said we are going to go to the bank and I said no, wait a minute.

Peterson, “We are going to do Tracy Reed. She needs to go. So we are going to do her Agenda Item which is Number 9.

9. **Discussion and take action on billing issues with Tracy Reed, CPA.** Hall, “Our questions were on the QB Training and Assistance. What would that be? What was that?” Reed, “There was an initial one when we got that all set up. I worked with Jerri to get everything set up.” Peterson, “On QuickBooks? Changing over to QuickBooks?” Reed, “Right, but then when she left it was the time spent with them getting them up to speed on being able to perform their duties with the QuickBook software.” Peterson, “So it would have been two or three times? Or more than that?” Reed, “Oh I would have to go back and look.” Peterson, “Kinda like itemized, not itemized because you couldn’t do that off the top of your head but around about.” Reed, “Well, so one day on site and then various, as there were calls, trying to square all that away. Sally was really good. We got it to where it exactly needed to be and then had to start over but maybe not according to who fills that.” Peterson, “Ok. So on our QuickBook training, I understand what QB is now. Was that not offered in your services is a question that we have?” Reed, “Oh, in the contract?” Peterson, “Un-huh.” Reed, “Here’s what’s covered under the contract, reconciliation of all of your accounts, the two dozen or so, a review of all of your general ledge activity and corrections therein, all of your intercompany balancing, making sure all of those ins and outs are recorded as they should be and then the ending financials that we just went over. So taking what QuickBooks has and giving it an in-depth analysis, what does this mean, where are we, you know. Any further actions we need to take, etc.” Peterson, “Alright, so when our girls call you with a question we are getting billed more?” Reed, “Not if it’s a quick little question. I mean you know there are always little questions. I have to bill my time in quarter hour time. And the payment does not go to me just FYI. I am not an owner in the firm. I have no equity. I am an employee just like everybody else is but I have to account for my time. And so if it gets beyond a half hour or so I have to account for that. If it goes unbilled it starts getting into my vacation time or something. Now if they call and ask a question and we resolve it, and most of the questions are small and are resolved quickly, that’s not a problem. When it’s an hour here and an hour there, six hours sitting next to them that is the additional. So it’s not hey, we got this, and what do we do with this. It’s not that kind of stuff. Not hey, this came in, not really sure, do you have a recommendation what we might we do xyz? It’s when it becomes a project essentially, something long. It’s not different than like our attorney. I assume that we call him when there’s questions. That’s part of his contract. If we say hey we’re getting sued can you look into this for us and it’s another 5 hours of time.” Peterson, “Usually he’ll let us know, this is going to cost this.” Reed, “And a lot of things that have come up I’ve been unable to determine over the phone. Like on training it takes until they get it. Some people are really fast and some people it takes a little longer. On IRS issues it takes as long as it takes to resolve it. So let me ask you this, we got an IRS letter from 2020. Do you want me to resolve that? Or do we have someone here who feels they can jump in and resolve that?” Peterson, “What’s it going to cost?” Reed, “I don’t know until I jump in and see. It all has to do with what those records are. It’s just an amount of time.” Peterson, “You being our accountant I would probably rather you do that Tracy.” Reed, “So those are the kind of things. When we first started we had problems with the Social Security Administration, the IRS, the OESC, and then our conversion to ADP was incorrect and getting those W-2”s right was a problem as well. So all of that. I mean it takes as long as it takes. The problem typically is by the time it gets to me the people who were involved at the time aren’t here so there are a lot of questions that can’t be answered. Like well what happened here? We only have a document and then backing into all of that. And so those are the things you don’t know until you get into it. I can give an estimate.” Peterson, “So basically this is getting us caught up for a year because we’ve had ADP for almost a year.” Reed, “Yeah, The problem with ADP was the IRS letter came around the first quarter of 2020. So we’re way back. This was a long time ago. And that is not unusual. That is how long it takes for them to catch up and say hey, wait a minute. You still owe us money. The ADP thing, the way it got started was whatever documents were given initially were not correct, and therefore the ending, those W-2s to be processed, were not correct. So now I have no problems. Moving forward they are all correct but it’s not unusual the problems are from two or three or four years ago. And we don’t even know they are wrong until they send us the letter.” Peterson, “So how much do we owe?” Kasey, “We got a new invoice on it. They gave us a discount of $2,500.” Peterson, “So $2,725. Am I reading it right?” Kasey, “Yes.” Peterson, “All right so I understand better. Kris, do you understand better?” Hall, “Yes.” Peterson, “I’m ok with paying this bill.” Peterson made the motion to pay Tracy Reed, CPA the invoice in the amount of $2,275. Seconded by Sexton. Hall – yes, Peterson – yes, Vanblaricom – yes, Sexton – yes, Drake – yes. Motion carried.

**1. Discussion and possible approval to replace tin horn for Tina and Riley Dees @ 439 S Taylor**. Peterson, “We had discussed on the last one that we were going to go by and look at it. Did anyone go by and look at it because they do have a tin horn and it is just closing in on the ends. But they really don’t need a tin horn where they are.” Hasty, “No, I didn’t go. I don’t even know where that is.” Peterson, “Well, Mr. Mackey’s house right here with the big garden, it’s his sister and her husband, right there on the end. It’s across from Ashton but you might not know where Aston lives either.” Hasty, “No.” Peterson, “it’s a block from Danny.” Hasty, “Who’s Danny?” Peterson, “Danny right there. Anyway where’s Zach? Do you think we need to replace the tin horn or take it out?” Zach Taylor, “I thought he wanted a second tin horn. He has a carport and then a driveway.” Peterson, “We can’t give somebody two, right?” Taylor, “I think in the past the City would give you one but the second one you pay for.” Peterson, “I can probably go ahead and answer for that one. He probably isn’t going to want that.” Taylor, “But when you look at his driveway he doesn’t even need the tin horn.” Peterson, “He doesn’t need the one buried under the ground right now and he does drive all over it.” Taylor, “He has a tin horn and he parks under the carport that doesn’t have a tin horn. I would sell it to him if he wants to buy it.” Peterson, “Alright, so will ask him if he wants to buy a second one.” Hall, “And how much are they?” Taylor, “I have no idea.” Peterson, “They are going to be a lot. Definitely going to be a lot to what they were a year ago.” Sexton, “We probably need to find out and then we can approve it.” Peterson, “So we will call and ask him. One of you ladies will call and ask him. Thank you. So this is a no vote.”

**2. Discussion with Scotty Barker about building apartments in town**. Barker, “Ok, so this is exciting for me. I hope it is for you all. I talked to an investor in housing that’s in McAlester. They have a thousand units there they take care of. We looked at a property, Kenneth Richardson’s property down on Harrison and Harper Valley, that whole 22 acres right there. And potentially building 36 units. There will be 9 units that house 4 apartments in each unit. Two downstairs, two upstairs. Two bedroom, two baths. The loan on that would come from potentially First Bank here in town. It’s a little over a $1,000,000 for that project and the purchase of the property which is pretty high there. We are potentially going to make him an offer on that next week if it’s something we can be provided water and sewer for. I don’t know how much water we can get provided for 36 units. I don’t know what the sewer entails. I haven’t talked to Vincent but we need to find that out before we can even think of making an offer on that property because it’s so high that if we make an offer on the property and they accept it and then we can’t do the apartments there then what are we going to do with that property. Don’t want approval from the Council as far as putting you on the spot for anything but it’s something that needs to be thought about. Can we house 36 units here in Kiowa? Absolutely, we have a housing problem here. Stuff happens and people can’t find anything besides the trailer park to pull a trailer in. These will be brand new apartments. Managed, which would potentially make a job for somebody here in this town on a management property. A maintenance guy. Like I said, the person who is going to invest in this has over a 1,000 units that they run in the McAlester area. They want to come to Kiowa because the bank gets calls all the time, is there any housing in this area. The City Hall does. So I think it’s a problem that we can address. And I am willing to invest with her, majorly her, on the project if we can get approval for water and sewer on that location. We are looking at two locations. That would be the primary one. Like I say, I don’t know how the sewer runs through there. I know its city water. It’s in the city limits. I don’t know what the City will potentially make off that. I don’t know as far as tax. That’s something that you all need to consider too.” Drake, “They are going to be shopping you. They are going to be dealing with our bank. They are going to be using our services.” Barker, “Yes, and it could potentially bring a few more things in with that development on the same property. So, like I say it is something we would be willing to look at and invest in if we can get the utilities and things that we need there. It would be on Harrison, not off of Harper Valley so it is a lower traffic area. I talked to some of the officers and Harper Valley is busy. So Harrison is less busy in that area. That tree line would be taken out.” Hall, “Did we tell him about the OCCI?” Barker, “The OCCI coming down behind \_\_\_\_\_? Like I said, it’s a lot of property. It would be on Harrison, probably not on Harper Valley.” Sexton, “And every bit of that is in the City Limits?” Barker, “Every bit of that is in the City Limits all the way to Daves.” Drake, “And they will have a guy, from my understanding when I visited with a person here a while back, they are going to have somebody do background checks before they rent them.” Barker, “So it’s not going to be a public housing like HUD assisted. It’s going to be $750 per month. If you afford it, you can afford it. It will be background checked, credit checked and things like that. That’s the initial thoughts on that. I don’t think that is going to change. It’s just too much paper work and too many people involved in that. Like I say we will be starting with 12 units. Well 4 units will get rented out, the next 4 units will go up, and the next 4 units will go up. And if it filled up it would continue to the 24 units with no more than 36. Anyway that’s what we wanted to know from you guys if that’s a possibility before we make an offer on it.” Sexton “So I guess my opinion would be the first thing you want to check is how fast are we making water right now?” Vanblaricom, “That’s going to be the deal. How much can we produce?” Sexton, “Yes. And how much sewer can we take right now. That’s the key. I mean is our plant big enough? Yes, it was at one time but is it now? We are supplying the surrounding area with water. This is potable water. It’s all good. Is the plant big enough?” Vanblaricom, “The water plant is the only thing I would have concerns with. I don’t think the sewer would be a problem.” Sexton, “It’s all new.” Vanblaricom, “Right, it’s all new. So I don’t think there would be an issue with that but it’s going to be the water I think.” Sexton, “That would be the first thing that we need to check and then we go from there. Sounds like everything else is good.” Vanblaricom, “That’s just a two inch over there in that area? I know that behind that one building there is a two inch there because you all just fixed that one.” Wilson, “The map right there is showing a two inch runs right through the middle of that property and that it’s got the sewer line right there that runs through.” Clifford Sexton, “Another thing is that you all would have to put a hydrant somewhere.” Vanblaricom, “I thought there was one.” Sexton, “And the hydrant is a four or six inch?” Nichols, “You can run a four but a six would be preferable.” Vanblaricom, “But wouldn’t the one right there on Harper Valley Road not cover the fire hydrants for that?” Clifford Sexton, “Not in a complex like that?” Barker, “There are already blueprints for a complex like this as they are putting up a hundred units in McAlester behind Angels. It’s going to be off the same blueprints as there. So those can be provided to look at in an area to see where that stuff would need to go and can it be housed. It’s not worth it as an investment if you can’t have the 36 units. Not for that amount of money. And interest rates are going up.” Peterson, “Isn’t there one on down?” Clifford Sexton, “No, there’s one at the tracks on the west side. And then there’s one on the main bank and there’s one at the Scott Edition.” Sexton, “Ok, I guess the bottom would be can we produce it?” Clifford Sexton, “And another thing is the Fire Rating and stuff on that. I mean we already have a house fire we run out of water on and on that we would dang sure run out of water.” Sexton, “Yeah, that’s another thing. Anyway that’s some things you need to think about.” Barker, “And that’s why we didn’t take action to make an offer on the property until talking to you guys officially because it takes all of you to figure that out. I thought about that and it’s something to consider. Water was going to be the biggest issue I thought, providing the water for that many units. It wouldn’t be that many units initially but over a year and a half time it would be 36 units so if it’s something the town can’t provide for the water then we…….” Sexton, “Well you’ve got 36 families you’re talking about.” Barker, “That’s right.” Sexton, “You’ve got several homes that are abandoned right now and that are leaving. If you count those up you probably have 37 of them.” Barker. “The deal is, in talking with her, it’s just becoming an issue for housing in Kiowa. We can get people in.” Wilson, “That property is going to boot up to Harper Valley so there will be a 6 inch on the edge of their property. Now there is a 2 inch that runs through the middle of it.” Vanblaricom, “But you would have to run a line.” Wilson, “Yeah they would have to run a line.” Vanblaricom, “They would have to run a line over to it. I was just being told that a 2 inch wouldn’t do it. They would have to run at least a 4 inch.” Wilson, “That 6 inch runs right down Harper Valley and their property line boots right up to Harper Valley.” Sexton, “That pretty much settles that you would have to come off with a 6 inch. The next thing is still can we produce the water.” Clifford Sexton, “That’s another thing, I know out there at the water plant, there’s a hydrant out there that comes straight off the pumps from the lake. If we had a way to tap into that and bring it into the City we wouldn’t have to worry about that.” Sexton, “That’s coming out of Eufaula isn’t it?” Clifford Sexton, “No, it’s coming out of Kiowa.” Drake, “And there’s a tap out there coming out of Eufaula for the Kiowa lake that goes down to the power plant. Drake, “Yes, I had it put in when they were doing all that construction. It’s there in case of an emergency.” Sexton, “The City wouldn’t have to be making water. It would just be coming straight from the lake if we had a fire or something like that.” Nichols, “And it wouldn’t be treated water so we wouldn’t be wasting our treated water.” Drake, “Another thing you have to look at is your lake. If you ain’t been out there, it is going to have to be dug out, dredged or something. You are living on very little water. So that’s another thing. Even when I was in the first time we were looking at getting that thing done. We did the dam but we still have to look at that lake. That thing is not that deep. So that’s going to be a problem. Anyway I’m not trying to knock it out. I’m just telling you we need to look at some stuff before you jump into that.” Barker, “I don’t think that property is leaving any time soon at the price that’s on it but I would hate to miss out on the opportunity if it did. But we just have however much water we have. But the plan would entail 36 units. For it to be profitable eventually for everybody it would have to be 36 units.” Sexton, “So there is no vote on that is there?” Peterson, “No, but we will get back with you when we find things out, find more details out.” No vote.

**3. Discussion and possible approval to have reserve officers for the police department.** Wilson, “We have kind of been back and forth on it about reserves. We haven’t done them in a while. We were looking at trying to do a Reserve Academy but we just can’t get an attorney to commit to doing the week long legal block right now because by the time our legal block would hit, by the way CLEAT wants, it would be right around jury trial time so none of them want to commit to teach the week. But we will end up trying to do our own academy here because we have plenty of people here between me and some of the officers I put through the Instructor’s School to teach it. But then the fact on the reserves is if we wanted to do reserves I’ve got one or two that are interested but I have never budgeted any money to put in to outfit them. You are looking at probably $1,500 per guy to outfit them. Of course if they leave I’m stuck with that $1,500.” Sexton, “Can we do a contract with them?” Wilson, “Yeah we can try that. And then of course, make them work the 16 hours a month they have to work for free. They work, we don’t pay them. They would have to come in and work at least their 16 hours. Drake, “They would be really good around ball season when you have to have officers over in the gym to quell the potential rioters. I kid you not, I’ve been there.” Wilson, “I’ve got the money in my budget to do it. It’s just one of those deals we haven’t done any reserves since I’ve been here. It’s all been pretty much part time officers. If we wanted to do it I would to find some and then outfit them.” Peterson, “What’s your opinion on it?” Drake, “Another good thing on your Reserves is if you have an officer leave and that reserve officer, you already know him, you know his potential, and if you had to hire one, and he was interested, that would save you having to go out and look for you.“ Wilson, “Yeah, it’s a good deal if we can keep them. I mean it’s a good deal. We’ll put $1,500 equipment in. Say they stay here 6 or 7 months we would definitely make money on our equipment by the 16 hours a month that we wouldn’t have to pay.” Peterson, “Ok, officers or officer?” Wilson, “I would say if you are going to do it you would probably want to do at least 5 reserve spots. That way your goal would be to keep 2 or 3 of them filled all the time. Reserves kind of come and go. You’ll have it where you may have all 5 filled up and then you may only be able to keep 2 for a while. You’re always looking but when they come available you have to see if you can get them to transfer from the SO or something like that.” Peterson, “Where are your funds coming from?” Wilson, “They would just be coming from my budget. Out of my equipment, supplies, uniforms and that type stuff. I mean your biggest cost is going to be buying them a bullet proof vest. That’s your biggest cost because you have to put that in. The bad thing is that if they leave you may not be able to use that vest again for the next guy because it may not fit him. That’s your biggest cost.” Peterson made a motion to have 5 reserve officers for the Police Department. Hall seconded the motion. Hall – yes, Peterson – yes, Vanblaricom – yes, Sexton – yes, Drake – yes. Motion carried.

**4. Discussion and possible approval for our officers to give gifts to the elderly at Christmas.** Peterson, “This was a question I had. I don’t know if you all want to do it or not but something for, I say our elderly, but maybe the ones that go to the Community Building. They have about 50. Some of those are together so there are about 25 or 30 basically. Wouldn’t you say?” Goss, “Are we talking about the homebound too?” Peterson, “No. So what’s that total?” Goss, “We are 46 over there right now.” Peterson, “Ok, so what’s the total for everybody?” Goss, “46 total for everybody.” Peterson, “Ok, yes, so around 50. Whether its blankets or whether you think some goody sacks, with soap, laundry soap, all that good kind of stuff. The bank said they would put in if we did something like that. They would be more than happy to go in and help us buy supplies or help us, whatever. But I know the Police Department talked about trying to do something last year. I asked Tracy if we had funds available. She said yes, there were reserve funds that could be spent on this. I just thought it would be nice. We always do things for the kids. That’s great. I love doing things for the kids. I want our older ones to know we appreciate them and that we care about them.” Peterson, made a motion for our officers to give gifts to the elderly at Christmas.Sexton seconded the motion. Peterson, “Alright we’ll put the limit at $25 on a blanket or whatever.” Drake, “You might want to buy a little bit more.” Peterson, “I know but the bank is going to put in on it too.” Drake, “Do you want to buy them small baskets and put a limit of $25?” Peterson, “Yes, per basket and I’ll tell Mandy whatever they want to throw in, maybe they want to pick a couple of items.” Sexton, “Ok maybe we want to amend our motion to limit it to $25 a basket? “ Peterson, “Times 50.” Sexton, “Right. Will that cover the home bound?” Peterson, “Yes. Add to that our officers are going to help deliver. Thank you officers.” Hall – yes, Peterson – yes, Vanblaricom – yes, Sexton – yes, Drake – yes. Motion carried.

**5. Discussion and possible approval to consider preapproval to pay bills before council meetings so late fees aren’t added.** Petersonmade a motion to pay bills before council meetings so late fees are not added.

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			8. Kiamichi Electric Cooperative
			9. Cannon Financial Services
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Sexton seconded the motion. Hall – yes, Peterson – yes, Vanblaricom – yes, Sexton – yes, Drake – yes. Motion carried.

**6. Discussion and take action with food the city purchased during COVID. Peterson, ‘**Leighanne has a list. One thing has expired which is the cornmeal. The pinto beans are next on the list to expire and there are two 50 pound bags of them. They are in a freezer and they expire this month.” Goss, “All of it is in the freezer except the spaghetti sauce. Crackers are in the refrigerator.” Peterson, “So what do you want to do with the pinto beans? Do you want some pinto beans to make a fund raiser out of it? Or do you want me to donate them somewhere else?” Hall, “Isn’t there rice too?” Goss, “Yes.” Clifford Sexton, “What about the Thanksgiving Day Dinner for those that are less fortunate in McAlester?” Peterson, “I’m good with that.” Wilson, “The Good Samaritan Shelter has helped us out when we needed to get people in.” Drake, “Is that the one on Cherokee?” Wilson, “Yeah.” Vanblaricom, “Well the Good Samaritan, the juvenile place and the women’s shelter and stuff get funded. I deal with that sort of stuff all the time. But the Good Samaritan is literally people in the community helping out.’ Peterson, “So we are thinking let’s donate the two 50 pound bags of pinto beans to the Good Samaritan in McAlester? And the cornmeal?” The Council discussed all the foods still in inventory. Peterson made the motion to take the two 50 pound sacks of pinto beans, one 25 pound sack of cornmeal and 12 cans of spaghetti sauce to The Good Samaritan Shelter. Hall seconded the motion. Hall – yes, Peterson – yes, Vanblaricom – yes, Sexton – yes, Drake – yes. Motion carried.

**7. Discussion and possible approval to take Mark Watkins off of probation**. Peterson, “Basically we need our maintenance man to have a vehicle in case we have a leak during the night.” Sexton made a motion to take Mark Watkins off probation. Peterson seconded the motion. Hall – yes, Peterson – yes, Vanblaricom – yes, Sexton – yes, Drake – yes. Motion carried.

**8. Discussion and possible approval to purchase rain and winter coats, shirts, and coveralls for maintenance workers.** Peterson, “We always get them winter coats and coveralls because they are outside in the elements. Shirts they wanted to know because they are running through shirts.” Drake, “Isn’t there a uniform service?” Peterson, “We don’t have a uniform service.” Drake, “I mean can we check into a uniform service?” Jeffery Drake, “Right now I’m doing Unifirst and right now, I don’t have the brand but I have already bought a couple and I just ordered another set of kind of like the Carhartt brand. If you go buy just the bibs alone, at Atwood’s its $90. But you get the jackets and the bibs for $115 as their sales are doing right now. That’s Unifirst. We also got a package deal for soft shell vest and hoodies.” Sexton, “Do you have their number?” Jeffrey Drake, ‘I can get it. They come tomorrow morning. We are placing our orders right now.” Drake, “Is that a uniform service?” Jeffrey Drake, “Yeah.” Drake, “And they maintain it? They clean it, right?” Jeffery Drake, “Yes. That’s only uniforms. Now if they sell you particular items, that’s yours. They can physically do uniforms. I remember years ago they used to do uniforms here. Button up shirts, blue jeans and stuff like that. It is handy. They come once a week, swap them out, change sizes. I deal with them on a daily basis.” Sexton, “You are going to have to have something in writing because the only thing we ended up with at Big B when I did the uniforms there was the individual turnover. They would leave and take the clothes with them. And we would wind up paying for them. That’s how it works.” Vanblaricom, “Can we hold it out of their check?” Sexton, “They called me and said you can’t hold that out of their check. Government won’t let them so we lose it. Just hope that they have good faith and they will bring it back.” Hall, “Just hold their final check until they do return the belongings.” Sexton, “You can’t hold their check either. You can’t hold it and you can’t take it out anymore. I think the way you are headed would just be the best way. Just buy their coats.” Peterson, “Ok, so the winter coats. How much are the winter coats? Jeffrey Drake, “I mean a Carhartt jacket can cost you anywhere from $90 to $200.” Peterson, “Ok, so we are going to take bids or we are going to get quotes and put it on a special meeting on November 7th. No Vote.

**9. Discussion and take action on billing issues with Tracy Reed, CPA.** Moved to first item addressed on the agenda.

**10. Discussion and take action with ice machine in community center kitchen**. Laura Goss, “It has been put back together in the community kitchen. My advice that I got for it was that it needed to be taken out and never put back in there. No ice machine in there because it’s just not going to run.” Sexton, “I thought we had already talked about this.” Peterson, “I thought we did too. Oh they said it was in public discussion so it had to be an agenda item.” Vanblaricom, “That was the Humphries who came out and did all the cleaning and fixed it and all that. And they just put it back together.” Drake, “We decided to just use an ice chest. We talked about it.” Goss, “The ice machine in the center where we are cooking, the date on the filter is 2015.” Vanblaricom, “So he didn’t look at that?” Goss, “I need the filter changed. And if it is one we can buy I am sure we can change it.” Drake made a motion that the ice machine be removed and not put one back in. Hall seconded. Hall – yes, Peterson – yes, Vanblaricom – yes, Sexton – yes, Drake – yes. Motion carried.

**11. Discussion and possible approval to purchase weather radios**. Peterson, “I just put that on here because I don’t know what kind of winter it is going to be. I’m not trying to ask for any kind of winter that we need weather radios. I know a long time ago the Fire Department gave them out. When I say a long time ago I was about 10 or 11. Vanblaricom, “We used to get them thru the Emergency Management Council.” Peterson, “I was wondering how we got them.” Drake, “They were donated. They were free.” Clifford Sexton volunteered to get with Kevin Enloe to see if the City could get them.” No vote.

**12. Discussion and possible approval to purchase 2 pallets of water.** Peterson, “Last time we had a bad ice storm we had some of it donated. We had some of it purchased. It lasted us for a long time. The water didn’t go to waste. Whenever water was cut off at the school the City donated some so the school could keep going. When our elderly around here didn’t have water we delivered it every day to them. We checked on them every day. Sometimes we had a bad water leak over there by your church I delivered water every day to residents. We do have emergency funds to be used for this. It can be designated for this. If you all are ok with this I would like to do that. I know we don’t have any more out there. So basically instead of us buying it from Coke every week anyway it just comes from out there. Peterson made a motion to purchase two pallets of water. Hall seconded the motion. Hall – yes, Peterson – yes, Vanblaricom – yes, Sexton – yes, Drake – yes. Motion carried.

**13. Discussion and possible approval to hire office assistant.** Johnston, “We would like to hire Ashton Williams at $11 an hour and probation for 60 days. Peterson made a motion to approve to hire Ashton Williams at $11.00 with a probation period of 60 days, with insurance after 60 days. Hall seconded the motion. Hall – yes, Peterson – yes, Vanblaricom – yes, Sexton – yes, Drake – yes. Motion carried.

**14. Discussion and possible approval to hire maintenance worker.** Peterson made a motion to approve to hire Braden Brines at $11 an hour, probation period of 60 days, and insurance after 60 days. Peterson, “Zach will get you a phone in the morning. Are you starting in the morning?” Hall, “You do still have a job, yes? Brines, “Yes ma’am, it’s only on Tuesday and Thursdays, I’m a stocker in McAlester.” Peterson, “Alright we will see you in the morning.” Hall seconded the motion. Hall – yes, Peterson – yes, Vanblaricom – yes, Sexton – yes, Drake – yes. Motion carried.

**15. Discussion and take action to surplus, sell, or auction off equipment. (See attachment)** Peterson, “We didn’t get these items on Facebook so we can’t take any action on this.”No Action. Tabled until next month’s council meeting. Will be placed on next month’s council meeting agenda.

**16. Discussion and possible approval to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion of possible promotions and/or pay raise or disciplinary action for Kasey Sawyer. OS TITLE 25 SECTION 307 (B) (1)** Peterson made the motion enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion of possible promotions and/or disciplinary action for Kasey Sawyer at 9:03 PM. Hall seconded. Hall – yes, Peterson – yes, Vanblaricom – yes, Sexton – yes, Drake – yes. Motion carried.

**17. Discussion and possible approval of findings from executive session for Kasey Sawyer.** Council returned from Executive Session at 9:36. Peterson made a motion to put Kasey Sawyer on probation for 30 days and to revisit this on next council meeting.Vanblaricom seconded the motion. Hall – no, Peterson – yes, Vanblaricom – yes, Sexton – yes, Drake – yes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Clifford Sexton, “Laura Goss has been talking to the Fire Department about the community.” Goss, “To try to pull the community back in here and get them involved. The Fire Department could put on a spaghetti dinner over at the community building which is what the community building is for.” Drake, “I’ve got some spaghetti we will donate.” Goss, “I don’t know how many this will feed. I need to check what’s there. If Clifford and the rest of the boys are all for it then I think that is something that we ought to do. It’s going to be for the community anyway.” Clifford Sexton, “I’m fine with that.”

Johnston, “So I don’t know what this will be but this renewed September 23. Clayton Nichols was saying they have insurance also with county and theirs is up for renewal next month and he said basically theirs was the same as ours.” Peterson, “I thought we got rid of one of these things.” Vanblaricom, “Yeah, I thought it was on last month’s agenda.” Clifford Sexton, “When she called us and said they had automatically renewed, they paid it and then they automatically renewed.’ Johnston, “Yeah, it was automatically renewed on September 23.” Clifford Sexton, “Both insurances offset each other. What one didn’t cover the other one covered. That’s why we had two insurances.” Peterson, “That’s what I thought. They were close to identical. There wasn’t too much that one covered that the other one didn’t cover. I just really thought that we had dropped one last year.” Sexton, “We talked about this what a month or two ago?” Hall, “We tabled it last month because they were going to get with county.” Peterson, “Let’s just put this on a special meeting and look at it. The funding hasn’t come out yet, out of county?” Clifford Sexton, “No, she says it will be like the first of the month.” Peterson, “So like November 7 would still be an okay time to revisit this? Okay and we maybe need to look at them and compare them and cancel one of them. Can you get us copies of county’s Clayton?” County?” Peterson, “Yeah.” Nichols, “Yeah, I can probably get it.” Peterson, “That way we can look at it.”

Peterson, “Anything else on new business? Goss, “I have one more thing. I talked to Mike a while ago and of the senior citizens over there, we have a 93 year old senior that just went into a nursing home and she is not doing well. They would all like to go see her. It’s about an hour from here. So I would need to be able to fill the van with enough fuel to get us up there and back and I don’t know how to go about doing that. But I think it is really important that they go see her before she passes. They talk about her every day.” “Sexton, “Kind of like a field trip.” Goss, “Well she’s been here in the community forever.” Vanblaricom, “So why can’t they just use one of the other cars go down there and fill it up?” Goss, “Several of them have asked me. They have asked me every day if there is any way they can do this. It’s Lorraine Nash Little. Ms. Little.” Peterson, “Well you can fill up here and we can do petty cash. That way if you need to fill up or anything happened you would have money. Just let me know and I will come by and sign it or whatever.” Goss, “And I will get with the two that are most adamant about going and have them tell me exactly how far it is.” Drake, “Is John going to drive?” Goss, “No, I am going to drive. John will not do that. He refuses to do that. He won’t drive them anywhere. I’ve taken them to vote and I want to be able to take them to see her.” Peterson, “Did you take them to get a shot?” Goss, “No, they had already gotten their shot. I had home health come in over there and give them their shot.’ Peterson, “Ok, thank you.” Goss, “But I will take them to vote.”

No other new business.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**: Peterson, “Our art class at school, we have an art class now, they just made leather patches, little satchels. The art class is going to come paint somewhere for Christmas and they are going to donate the supplies and the time and all that. If that’s ok with everybody that is what they are going to do” Council agrees. Peterson, “Find me something that you want on there, that you would like to have on there. So anyway that is going to happen.”

We need to buy Laura and them turkeys for the community center. She said all city employees which would be all of you and the police department and our senior citizens. That would be 79 total cause I included council. I don’t know how many people one turkey feeds but I was told 12 to 15 for one turkey. Does that sound right?” Goss, “We were always getting six.” Peterson, “I had seven since the Fire Department got bigger. I didn’t know how many would go. All the employees are invited.” Goss, “They have been invited every year but nobody every shows up.” Peterson, “I know. As I said I didn’t know. So anyway we need to buy seven?” Goss, “No, eight.” Peterson, “Ok, eight.” Vanblaricom, “When do you plan on doing this Thanksgiving? Peterson, “November 18. Do you all come up to the school?” Goss, “No.” Peterson, “Well you should. The community is invited.”

**ADJOURN:** Peterson made a motion to adjourn at 9:46 PM. Vanblaricom seconded the motion.Hall – yes, Peterson – yes, Vanblaricom – yes, Sexton – yes, Drake – yes. Motion carried.

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