

City of Caney, KS
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Monday, November 18, 2024
6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Zach Ellison		Justin Harkey	x	Kerry Gorby	x	Lori Patterson	x
Valerie Hurd	x	Kenith Butts		Addie Traxson	x	Debbie Wood	x

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. INVOCATION

5. CONSENT AGENDA

The items listed below are considered to be routine by the City Council and may be approved in one motion.

A. Approval of the City Council meeting minutes of November 4, 2024

B. Approval of expenses (Payables 11-2-24 to 11-15-24) \$140,632.72

Approval of payroll (10-20-24 to 11-2-24) \$40,855.48

Route 66 Motor \$17,995.00

Associated Whole Grocers \$30,106.66

R.E.P. Enterprises \$9,357.84

Waste Connections \$39,389.87

Core & Main \$7,762.29

Evergy \$12,960.36

Brenntag \$3,287.20

Community National Bank \$2,747.91

KPERS \$4,419.90

Blue Cross/Blue Shield \$8,901.56

FICA/Medicare \$4,212.64

Motion made by Councilperson Hurd; seconded by Councilperson Patterson.

Vote: 6-0

C. Approval of expenses for Main Street Auto in the amount of \$51.06

(2006 Ford Explorer-oil change, flat repair)

Motion made by Councilperson Patterson; seconded by Councilperson Traxson.

Vote: 6-0.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Hurd

Council Member Ellison

Council Member Patterson

Retreat after January 6, 2025 for new councilpersons as well as current councilpersons

Council Member Butts

Council Member Traxson

Council Member Wood

Council Member Harkey

Council Member Gorby

Here for what's best for the City of Caney, water issues, city cleaned up, help neighbors in need

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Next City Council Meeting: Monday, December 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilperson Hurd; seconded by Council Patterson. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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The items listed below are considered to be routine by the City Council and may be approved in one motion.

A. Approval of the City Council meeting minutes of October 21, 2024

B. Approval of expenses

Accounts Payable 10-19-24 to 11-01-24 \$111,904.64

Payroll 10-06-24 to 10-19-24 \$52,090.99

Associated Wholesale Grocery \$26,064.16

Kansas Public Employees \$7,182.14

Mayer Specialty Services \$16,578.24

Tom's Ditching & Backhoe \$4,500.00

Blue Cross/Blue Shield \$7,384.19

Core & Main \$12,807.41

Evergy \$6,631.86

Brenntag \$7,311.38

Federal Withholding \$11,333.70

State Withholding \$2,034.10

Higher Calling Technologies \$1,512.00

Motion made by Councilperson Patterson; seconded by Councilperson Butts, after research done on Evergy charge. Vote: 7-0.

C. Approval of expenses for Main Street Auto in the amount of \$206.40

2017 Ford Explorer Wheel/Mount/Balance - \$86.45

Dumptruck Battery - \$119.95

Motion made by Councilperson Patterson; seconded by Councilperson Wood.
Vote: 7-0.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Caney Grocery Store

1. Contract with Jerry Mitchell CPA for a forensic audit on the Grocery Store for January 1-September 30, 2024 in the estimate of \$3,000-\$4,500. (Fund-General Admin)
2. Contract with Jerry Mitchell CPA for a forensic audit on the Grocery Store for January 1-September 30, 2024, all of 2023, and 2022 in the estimate of \$10,000-\$12,500. (Fund-General Admin)

Motion made by Council Patterson; seconded by Councilperson Traxson to contract with Jerry Mitchell CPA for a forensic audit on the Grocery Store for January 1-September 30, 2024. Vote: 7-0.

B. Utility Bill Concerns

Mayor Elliott explained that the utility bill concerns have been addressed.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mayor Elliott rescinds resignation

B. Accept the retirement of Kelley Zellner, City Administrator, effective 12-31-24.

Motion made by Councilperson Patterson; seconded by Council Traxson. Vote: 7-0.

C. Solicit for applications for City Administrator.

Motion made by Councilperson Patterson; seconded by Councilperson Butts to have a committee put together with young and old – 5 people – to interview applications. Discuss at worship November 18, 2024. Vote: 7-0.

D. Applications be taken 11-4-2024 to 11-8-2024 for additional appointed Recreation Position. Applications will be reviewed on 11-11-2024.

E. Horseshoe Construction Final Statement for Maple Avenue Water Line in the amount of \$34,646.

Motion made by Councilperson Patterson; seconded by Councilperson Butts to make payment pending hook-up on non-metered water spicket. Vote: 7-0.

F. Permission of an expense for Public Works Pickup in the amount of \$15,000 (Funding: Equipment Fund)

Motion made by Councilperson Patterson, seconded by Councilperson Wood. Over \$15,000 pending approval of Council. Vote: 7-0.

G. Electric meter software

1. Incode Software - \$4,960.00 with \$750.00 yearly maintenance
2. Banyon Software - \$2,295.00 with xxx yearly maintenance

Motion made by Councilperson Wood, seconded by Councilperson Hurd to move ahead with electric meter software from Incode. Vote: 7-0.

H. Executive Session

To discuss confidential information relating to non-elected personnel according to K.S.A. 75-4319 b(1).

Motion made by Councilperson Ellison, seconded by Councilperson Hurd to recess into Executive Session to discuss confidential information relating to non-elected personnel according to K.S.A. 75-4319 b(1) for 10 minutes to include the City Council and Mayor. Entering in at 6:49. Vote: 7-0.

Motion made by Councilperson Patterson, seconded by Councilperson Wood to return to Regular Session at 6:59 p.m. Vote: 7-0.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Council only allows public comments from anyone who has filled out a "Request for Communication with City Council." Comments shall be limited to 3 minutes unless extended by a majority of the Council. The Council does not hear matters involving litigation or City Personnel. The Council does not take action on subjects not on the agenda unless unusual or hardship conditions exist.

9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor Joshua Elliott

Workshop November 18, 2024 with discussion about goals of council members
Police Chief Ike Dye

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Hurd

Motion made by Councilperson Hurd, seconded by Councilperson Ellison, to fill vacant spot for Ward 4 with Kerry Gorby. Vote: 7-0.

Council Member Ellison

Council Member Patterson

Council Member Butts

Council Member Traxson

Council Member Wood

Council Member Harkey

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Election Day: November 5, 2024

City Hall Closed: November 11, 2024 in observance of Veteran's Day

Council Workshop: Monday, November 18, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Next City Council Meeting: Monday, November 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilperson Hurd; seconded by Councilperson Traxson. Vote:
7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

From: Joshua Elliott <mayorelliott87@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:42 PM
To: Kelley Zellner; Caney City Clerk; Lori Patterson; Debbie Wood; Addie Traxson; val hurd; IDye@cityofcaney.org; Kenith Butts
Subject: Resignation

I spent a lot of time wondering if I made the right choice .. spent a lot of time thinking and praying .. I'm writing this letter to ask to be put on the agenda to accept my resignation.. I Gave it 100 percent but the demand and accusations of current government issues was to much .. with Kelley leaving it leaves a lot of projects unknown and a lot of grants in limbo or needing started .. I put that all in my choice and I'm just gunna step away .. I will help with anything. You all elected Zac as president so I wish him the best and I have already contacted him and letting him know I would send him all emails pertaining to everything stated above .. I will stay on the store committee and help guide that long as it don't because a fight between City and committee which I felt started last meeting .. I wish everyone the very best and please remember what I said set core values for Caney and why we are doing what we are doing and remember your in a elected position for a reason and took an oath !! Thanks for everything guys !!!!

I'll be praying for everyone !
Resigning mayor ,

Joshua Elliott