**TOWN OF KIOWA**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 7, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M.**

**OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PWA SPECIAL MEETING**

**AT KIOWA CITY HALL**

**813 S. HARRISON ST**

**KIOWA, OK**

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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order @ 6:13 PM

**ROLL CALL:** Hall – here, Peterson – here, Sexton – here, Drake – here, Vanblaricom – absent.

1. **Discussion and take action on VFIS insurance for FD.** Johnston, “So the County has the same exact plan that we do.” Peterson, “I thought so.” Johnston, “So I guess we need to decide which way we are going because they sent an invoice. We need to decide if we are going to do this or let county.” Peterson, “I think we decided last year that we were going to let county. I just didn’t realize it had gone on for another year. Really, we had a whole meeting, we had a couple of meetings.” Sexton, “What does this policy cover?” Johnston, “I have the policy right here.” Peterson, “Because we went through line item by line item.” Johnston, “But County’s is the exact same.” Sexton, “It’s the exact same?” Johnston, “Yes.” Sexton, “Because they said it was close last time.” Johnston, “They sent it over to Kasey and it was the exact same.” Peterson, “We went over line item by line item. We wasted a lot of time. I say wasted because we are going over it again. And it was supposedly dropped. This from town was supposedly dropped with the Fire Department agreeing that the County would pay for it because then there’s more money for them here.” Drake, “Amen, I agree.” Peterson, “That’s the decision we came to.” Drake, “Mike, you’re a fireman. What do you think?” Sexton, “I never knew about this. Well, if I did I forgot.” Drake, “I don’t believe that.” Sexton, “I was Fire Chief back when we were just county. We were not city when I was Fire Chief, we were just county. The City bought out gas and that was it. Patrick was the Fire Chief.” Drake, “So is county going to pick it up?” Peterson, “Un-huh.” Drake, “We don’t mess with it?” Peterson, “Nope.” Drake, “Then I think that is a no-brainer. When you’ve got that county money utilize it. Because not everybody has that.” Peterson, “I know.” Sexton, “Pittsburg County is one of the few in the state. They revote on it in Atoka County every three years. Pittsburg County, like I said is unique. We’ve had it and there has been complaints come in like they don’t understand how when these guys go to fire training up here in McAlester and go over to Pizza Hut to eat. They think they are goofing off and wasting taxpayer’s money.” Peterson, “Until they come to their home on their property or their loved one’s property.” Peterson, “Alright, so I am going to make a motion to take action on the VFIS insurance for the Fire Department for the Town of Kiowa. We are going to drop it. It has already renewed so we need to call them and drop that and County pick this up.” Drake, “And we need to make sure this is gets picked up.” Drake seconded the motion. Hall – yes, Peterson – yes, Sexton – yes, Drake – yes.
2. **Discussion and possible approval to purchase rain and winter coats, shirts, and coveralls for maintenance workers.** Peterson, “They are still coming in with our bid. They haven’t come in yet. We need to table this.” Sexton, “Jeffery has some people doing that?” Peterson, “Yes, they are coming Tuesday.” Johnston, “They are coming Thursday.” Peterson, “Thursday?” Johnston, “Yes, Thursday at 10:00.” Peterson, “So we can get this on the next agenda and have the quote by then hopefully.” Tabled.
3. **Discussion and possible approval to hire a full time office assistant.** Peterson, “Ok, we want to take applications until? What day do you all want to do interviews?” Johnston, “The 16th I am going to be gone. So the 15th or the 17th.” Peterson, “So do you want to do it until the 14th and do interviews on the 15th? Johnston, “That sounds good.” Peterson, “So take interviews until the 14th and interviews on the 15th and then we can vote to hire somebody on the 17th.“ Sexton, “Have you got anybody?” Peterson, “We have one application, the one they really liked the last time. They just couldn’t hire two.” Johnston, “It was Loyd’s wife, our maintenance worker’s wife.” Peterson, “And Elainea said she was going to turn hers in and I had a lady at school ask me about an application.”Drake, “So you got some then?” Peterson, “Yes.” Sexton, “Does Elainea want full time?” Peterson, “Yes, full time is what she said.” Hall, “Are we sure?” Drake, “Who is Elainea?” Peterson, “She was here before.” Drake, “Who is Elainea?” Sexton, “She’s married a Rice, she’s married to what’s his name?” Peterson, “Tyden.” Sexton, “He does a lot of construction work. She works down here at Nichols Cafe.” Drake, “I know who she is now. A real cheerful little girl.” Peterson made a motion to take interviews until the 14th and interviews on the 15th and then hire somebody on the 17th. Hall seconded the motion. Hall – yes, Peterson – yes, Sexton – yes, Drake – yes. Motion carried.
4. **Discussion and possible approval to set dates to take sealed bids for maintenance equipment. (See attachment)** Peterson, “We need to be able to take time for pictures and have somebody post them and I’m not sure that can get taken care of this week. Right?” Drake, “Right.” Peterson, “I mean that’s a lot.” Johnston, “We can put it on the next agenda and then that gives us a month to take care of it.” Drake, “Before you start selling stuff out here, I went out there, and they got a welder out there. And I’m going to look at that as soon as we get it to where I can. I’m going to look at that and see what it takes to get it running and I may be able to figure that out and get it running. So a lot of that stuff out there we may have a turn around on so take your time, get your pictures, whatever you think and let us get a little time. Me and Zach are what I’m talking about and the other boys. And let us look at it and see what we really want to do with it.” Peterson, “Maybe not this month. Let’s look towards next month.” Drake, “Yeah, we don’t want to sell out there because you’re taking sealed bids. “Sexton, “Yeah, and you are going to lose money on it.” Peterson, “Well you don’t have to accept the bid.” Drake, “That welder, I mean that’s a big welder. That other was that generator set out there?” Peterson, “Un-huh.” Drake, “I came up here that morning and they said we can’t get it to run. It won’t run. I said its brand new or looks it. They said it hadn’t been run but twice so I checked it out. I said well you got a dead battery here. So we put a new battery in there and it fires right up.” Peterson, “Ok, yes and can you please look at other things?’ Drake, “Yeah, that’s why I wouldn’t sell it.” Sexton, “Have you all seen it?” Peterson, “Ok, we are going to table this.” Drake, “I would table it for a month or so. Let me look at stuff and let Zach look at it. We got some ideas.” Tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Drake, “I’m going to talk to you all a little bit. I am supposed to go this week to that school in McAlester. It that still set up? Still going?” Peterson, “Yep.” Drake, “Is there any more paper work I need?” Peterson, “Nope.” Drake “Or just the address?” Sexton, “You just go up there and sign in.” Peterson, “They will have a name card for you and one of these beautiful binders and a book.” Sexton, “Did I get a certification from them when I went?” Hall, “I haven’t seen it but I just got mine two weeks ago.” Drake, “Is this a schooling you go through?” Johnston, “It’s just a class.” Peterson, “For new officials. If there are any questions you have. It’s just a class and they give you here’s my name and number if you need anything.” Peterson, “We need the name of a grant writer for OML. We had one whenever we went to a mayor’s meeting but I don’t know where it’s at but then I had Tracy call but I’m pretty sure that’s in all that transaction.” Drake, “Ok, that’s what I want to make sure of. I just go up there and be there at 8:00. Where is this?” Johnston, “It’s at Eastern. I’ve got a paper on my desk I’ll give you.” Drake, “Ok.” Peterson, “What did you do with the application?” Drake, “I got it down here.” Peterson, “Ok, don’t lose it.” Drake, “I been taking notes off it.” “Peterson, “That’s ok.” Sexton, “I seen a text too that says we have a licensed operator. That’s him?” Peterson, “That’s him ok.” Sexton, “Ok, and he was from somewhere else?” Peterson, “Yes, Durant. He’s from McAlester but he works in Durant.” Sexton, “He wants to move up here, is that what it is?” Johnston, “He wants to be closer to home.” Drake, “That would be awesome.” Peterson, “He said he had worked at the City of McAlester, City of Hartshorne, Town of Talihina, and now City of Durant since 2019.” Peterson, “And $23.46 is what he makes in Durant.” Sexton, “How much in Durant?” Peterson, $23.46. He made in Talihina as water plant operator, $14.50.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** None.

**ADJOURN:** Mayor Peterson made a motion to adjourn at 6:26 P.M. Seconded by Hall. Hall –yes, Peterson – yes, Sexton – yes, Drake – yes,

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