

October 28, 2024

The **SPECIAL** meeting of the **CHICKASHA CITY COUNCIL** was held in the council chambers in city hall on the 28th day of October 2024 as specified by advance public notice with a properly prepared agenda stating the subject matter or matters to be discussed at said meeting. Mayor Grayson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ITEM 1. **Call to Order / Roll Call**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

PRESENT: Zachary Grayson, Mayor
Georgianne Hebblethwaite, Vice-Mayor
Kelly Boyd
Oscar Nelson
Kea Ginn
John Smith
Charlie Burruss
Brian Gerdes

ABSENT: Erica Alexander

STAFF

PRESENT: Keith Johnson, City Manager
Rachel Berish, Asst. City Manager
Susan McDaniel, City Clerk
Tony Samaniego, Fire Chief
Elaine Jensen, Finance Director
Jim Crosby, Public Works Director
Tracey Austin, HR Director
Shae Mortimer, Marketing and Civic Engagement Manager

ITEM 1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Opening Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance:**

Roll call:

Boyd – Present
Nelson – Present
Ginn - Present
Hebblethwaite – Present
Smith - Present

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Burruss - Present

Gerdes – Present

Grayson - Present

ITEM 2. **Work Session:**

ITEM 2a. **Discussion on Airport projects and future plans.**

Work Session concluded at 7:22 p.m.

ITEM 3. **Discussion and Consideration Items:**

ITEM 3a. **Discussion, consideration, and possible action to waive the competitive bidding requirements and authorize Staff to solicit bids for CMA-2407 – Emergency Waterline Repair/Replacement – Stillwater Central Railroad at Chickasha Water Treatment Plant based on the City Council’s determination that an emergency exists which is critical to life, health, or destruction of property causing economic loss to the City or its inhabitants.**

*Motion by Council Member Hebblethwaite and second by Council Member Ginn to waive the competitive bidding requirements and authorize Staff to solicit bids for CMA-2407 – Emergency Waterline Repair/Replacement – Stillwater Central Railroad at Chickasha Water Treatment Plant based on the City Council’s determination that an emergency exists which is critical to life, health, or destruction or property causing economic loss to the City or its inhabitants.

Roll call vote:

“Ayes:” Ginn, Hebblethwaite, Smith, Burruss, Gerdes, Boyd, Nelson and Grayson.

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 8-0

ITEM 4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

ITEM 4a. **Discussion, consideration and possible action to enter into executive session pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1) to discuss the hiring of a City Manager (Interview of candidate Jim Crosby).**

*Motion by Council Member Boyd and second by Council Member Gerdes to enter into Executive Session.

Roll call vote:

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“Ayes:” Boyd, Nelson, Ginn, Hebblethwaite, Smith, Burruss, Gerdes, and Grayson.

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 8-0

Entered into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

Reconvened open session at 9:08 p.m.

Roll Call:

Boyd – Present

Nelson – Present

Ginn - Present

Hebblethwaite – Present

Smith – Present

Burruss – Present

Gerdes – Present

Grayson – Present

ITEM 4b. Consideration to reconvene open session and take potential action on any item discussed in the Execution Session.

*Motion by Council Member Hebblethwaite and second by Council Member Smith to authorize the Mayor to negotiate a contract with Jim Crosby for the position of City Manager and bring the contract back to Council.

Roll call vote:

“Ayes:” Nelson, Ginn, Hebblethwaite, Smith, Burruss, Gerdes, Boyd, and Grayson.

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 8-0

ITEM 5.

ITEM 5 Adjournment:

Motion by Council Member Hebblethwaite and second by Council Member Smith to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

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TIME: 9:10 p.m.

Zachary Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan M. McDaniel, City Clerk

Approved this 4th day of November 2024.