

City of Severy July 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

CITY OF SEVERY

SPECIAL MEETINGS

JULY 16, 2024

7:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL, SEVERY KS

Present: Mayor Wiss, Council Members Marc Warren, Lyle Riggs, Rodger Kraft, Ron Robert, Kevin Klepper, Clerk Tessa Riggs, Code Enforcement Officer John Plonka, Treasurer William McClendon and City Attorney Alleen VanBebber

A special meeting was scheduled and the public timely notified, in order to receive reports and recommendations from the City's retained public accounting firm, Jarred, Gilmore, and Phillips, P.A., in preparation for the annual budget hearing on the Council's proposed 2025 budget.

Robert moved to go into executive session for 25 minutes to consult with the City's attorney on privileged legal matters and include Clerk Riggs and Treasurer McClendon. Warren 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0. The executive session concluded at 7:35 p.m. No action was taken, and the Special Meeting was reconvened.

Kyle Spielbusch, C.P.A., came to the meeting to discuss both the accounting firm's regular annual audit and the worksheets prepared by the firm to assist the Council in preparing its proposed 2025 budget. The Council also reviewed the information prepared in June for the City of Severy by the Greenwood County Clerk. The County Clerk's report stated the final assessed valuation for real estate within the City limits, along with the County's estimation of ad valorem taxes and personal property taxes that the City should plan for in its 2025 budget.

The audit showed that the City's current financial statements were neutral, consistent, and clear, and no significant problems were noted to affect the 2025 budgeting process. There were no questions concerning the audit.

Spielbusch then went through the accounting worksheets prepared by the accountants for consideration of the 2025 budget. Council members explained that, after consideration of the assessed real estate numbers reported by the County, the revenue neutral rate would need to be increased to produce ad valorem taxes sufficient to help fund the City for 2025. Spielbusch answered questions from the Council and the City Attorney. Treasurer McClendon stated that the City does not want to default or go into an incorporated status because the City will lose its utilities and everything they worked for.

Councilman Robert moved to assess a mill levy of 245.519 mills for budget year 2025 and request the accountants to assist the Clerk with the paperwork. Riggs 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.

Warren moved to adjourn the special meeting at 8:36 pm. Riggs 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.

Immediately following that adjournment, a second special meeting was convened. It had been previously scheduled with public notice to begin following the first meeting. Robert moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes with City Attorney VanBebber and Code Enforcement Officer John Plonka on privileged legal matters. The executive session concluded at 9:00 p.m. No action was taken.

The special meeting was reconvened.

Kraft moved to have Clerk Riggs call to get a land survey done for a property address that will be given as 109 N. Severy Avenue. Warren 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.

Warren moved to notify the owner of the property at 500 N. Mill with an informal letter from Code Enforcement Officer Plonka concerning violations of Ordinance 438. Klepper 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.

Klepper moved to direct Code Enforcement Officer Plonka to investigate the ownership of debris and machinery left on 402 N. Mill. Kraft 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.

Kraft moved to proceed with an informal letter to the property owner at 310 N. Kansas Avenue concerning a violation of Ordinance 431. Klepper 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.

Robert moved to adjourn the special meeting at 9:05 p.m. Warren 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.

/s/ Donna Wiss, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Tessa C. Riggs, City Clerk