



## WATONGA PUBLIC WORKS MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2020

*In accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Law, this Agenda was posted November 13, 2020 Prior to 5:00 PM. at the Watonga City Hall, on the door of the City Clerk's office, located at 117 North Weigle, Watonga, Oklahoma.*

**The Watonga Public Works Authority of Watonga did meet immediately following Watonga City Council Meeting at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 in the Auditorium of Watonga City Hall, located at 117 North Weigle, Watonga, Oklahoma for a scheduled meeting.**

**Council Present:** Travis Bradt, Ryan Bruner, Allen Cowan, Lindsey Doyel, Mina Green and Bill Seitter. Also present, Mayor Gary Olsen, City Manger Larry Mitchell, City Attorney Jared Harrison and City Clerk Verlen Bills. Julie Almaguer and Kendra Baker were absent.

**Declaration of a Quorum:** At 6:39 PM

### CONSENT AGENDA

**A. Approve the minutes of the previous PWA Meeting held November 3, 2020.**

Motion to approve the minutes for the previous PWA Meeting held November 3, 2020 was made by Allen Cowan and seconded by Lindsey Doyel.

Mayor Olsen called for a vote;

T. Bradt aye	R. Bruner aye	A. Cowan aye
L. Doyel aye	M. Green aye	B. Seitter aye

Motion carried.

**B. Review and Accept the list of claims against PWA for the month of November 2020.**

Mr. Mitchell noted that this was attached with the regular List of Claims. The majority of this was for equipment for the Light and Water Department. They have been quite busy this last month.

Ryan Bruner made the motion to approve the list of Claims against PWA for the month of November 2020. Motion was seconded by Lindsey Doyel.

Mayor Olsen called for a vote;

T. Bradt aye	R. Bruner aye	A. Cowan aye
L. Doyel aye	M. Green aye	B. Seitter aye

Motion carried.

### ACTION AGENDA

None

1. **Comments:**

Mr. Mitchell; I should have mentioned earlier, the Casino Group is looking to hire approximately 50 to 60 people for the Casino. And you may know, operating a casino is a little more complicated than just shuffling cards, they have training that requires something like a four or five days. They have very specific procedures to follow for handling cards and chips.

Mr. Bruner asked, is the restaurant part of the Casino or part of the Hotel?

Mr. Mitchell; They may do both, I would guess that in the Casino, there will be something like sandwich Deli, they do not want people sitting around eating steak and cheeseburgers, they want people on the floor. It will probably be some sort of a snack shop operation in the Casino. The restaurant will be in the Hotel. Typically they will lease out the restaurant operations to third parties. But, we have not heard anything about what that might be.

Mayor Olsen and Mr, Bruner briefly discussed how this worked elsewhere.

Mr. Cowan asked about the Digester Project at the Treatment Plant.

Mr. Mitchell answered, we are almost finished with that project. It is amazing that we were working on this during the ice storm. But, this is another example of the cooperation we have between Departments. There were other Employees helping out and the Fire Department was helping with high pressure water to loosen the material so it could be removed. I think that project is about completed. And I think that was a very good thing to get done, given the fact that the Casino and Hotel will be coming online soon.

Mr. Cowan asked, will we be running at full capacity?

Mr. Mitchell; Once we go through all of the final cleanup we will be able to start back to full operation.

Mr. Cowan asked if there had been any contact with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation?

Mr. Mitchell replied, not a word.

2. **Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Allen Cowan and seconded by Lindsey Doyel.

Mayor Olsen called for a vote;

T. Bradt aye                      R. Bruner aye                      A. Cowan aye

L. Doyel aye                      M.. Green aye                      B. Seitter aye

Motion carried.

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Mayor Gary Olsen

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City Clerk, Verlen Bills