



## WATONGA PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY MINUTES FOR MARCH 16, 2021

*In accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Law, this Agenda was posted March 12, 2021 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, March 16, 2020 in the Auditorium of Watonga City Hall, located at 117 North Weigle, Watonga, Oklahoma for a scheduled meeting.**

**Council Present:** Julie Almaguer, Kendra Baker, 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.

**Declaration of a Quorum:** at 7:46 PM

### CONSENT AGENDA

**A. Approve the minutes** of the previous Special PWA Meeting held February 19, 2021.

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous Special PWA Meeting held February 19, 2021 was made by Travis Bradt and seconded by Ryan Bruner.

Mayor Olsen called for a vote;

J. Almaguer abstained	K. Baker abstained	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 February 2021.

Motion to accept the list of claims against the PWA for the month of February 2021 was made by Bill Seitter and seconded by Travis Bradt.

Mayor Olsen called for a vote;

J. Almaguer abstained	K. Baker nay	T. Bradt aye	R. Bruner aye
A. Cowan aye	L. Doyel aye	M. Green aye	B. Seitter aye

Motion carried.

### ACTION AGENDA

- Consideration, Discussion and Action:** To enter Executive Session to discuss the potential purchase of real property located at 400 West Main Street, legal description, BLK 44, LOTS 10-12 WATONGA CITY and BLK 44, LOT 9 WATONGA CITY, (Currently the DHS building) as authorized by Title 25 O.S. Section 307.B(3).

Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the potential purchase of real property located at 400 West Main Street, legal description, BLK 44, LOTS 10-12 WATONGA CITY and BLK 44, LOT 9 WATONGA CITY,(Currently the DHS building) as authorized by Title 25 O.S. Section 307.B(3) was made by Bill Seitter and seconded by Ryan Bruner.

Mayor Olsen called for a vote;

J. Almaguer aye	K. Baker aye	T. Bradt aye	R. Bruner aye
A. Cowan aye	L. Doyel aye	M. Green aye	B. Seitter aye

Motion carried at 7:49 PM.

2. **Consideration Discussion and Action:** To exit Executive Session and reconvene Open Session.

Motion to exit Executive Session and reconvene Open Session was made by Allen Cowan and seconded by Ryan Bruner.

Mayor Olsen called for a vote;

J. Almaguer aye	K. Baker aye	T. Bradt aye	R. Bruner aye
A. Cowan aye	L. Doyel aye	M. Green aye	B. Seitter aye

Motion carried at 8:17 PM.

3. **Consideration, Discussion and Action:** To authorize City Manager Larry Mitchell to negotiate a purchase contract for the property at 400 West Main Street, legal description, BLK 44, LOTS 10-12 WATONGA CITY and BLK 44, LOT 9 WATONGA CITY, (Currently the DHS building) subject to final approval of the City Council after negotiations are complete and a final contract is presented.

Motion was made by Bill Seitter To authorize City Manager Larry Mitchell to negotiate a purchase contract for the property at 400 West Main Street, legal description, BLK 44, LOTS 10-12 WATONGA CITY and BLK 44, LOT 9 WATONGA CITY, (Currently the DHS building) subject to final approval of the City Council after negotiations are complete and a final contract is presented. Motion was seconded by Lindsey Doyel.

Mayor Olsen called for a vote;

J. Almaguer aye	K. Baker abstained	T. Bradt aye	R. Bruner aye
A. Cowan aye	L. Doyel aye	M. Green aye	B. Seitter aye

Motion carried.

4. **Comments:**

Mr. Cowan asked if we had received the Ring-O-Matic hydro-vac that was approved at last month's Council Meeting?

Mr. Mitchell replied not yet. It has been ordered, but Mr, Rice has had to do some tough negotiating. They tried to change the price a little bit and add some surcharges, but Mr. Rice did not relinquish and we are buying it for the price that you authorized. We are not sure of the delivery date, but it has been ordered. It was discussed that the Light & Water Employees are anxious to get this and try it out. They have several projects planned.

Mr. Mitchell: We had a very good meeting with OMPA yesterday Two engineers and our field rep came to talk to us about how we are going to increase our capacity in our substation to provide power to the Grow House and to the Casino. And, OMPA has held several meetings with OG&E on the subject. I will follow up with you at next month's meeting about some of the recommendations. But it looks like we're going to have some some major changes to our substation. OMPA also talked to us about a program for line crews. The City would sign an agreement and put up a deposit of \$50,000 or maybe \$100,000 in earnest and when we need repairs, they will schedule that line crew to come in and actually do the work on our system. I think that's an excellent way to approach making improvements and major repairs versus trying to hire two or three more employees. It is very difficult to find good employees and get them trained to do this type of work. I think it's a great program.

Mr. Bruner: To all of you who are running and those of you who do not have to run Mr. Seitter, congratulations. It has been great to serve with all of you. And, good luck in the election. And he added, in jest, except to Mr. Cowan (his opponent). May the best man win.

Several other humorous remarks followed.

Several thanked the group for the opportunity to serve and to be a part of this process.

Mayor Olsen: Thank you to Rodney Jacks for all the years, and Kendra Baker I think you for the 10 years plus. We appreciate you.

## 5. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn was made by Travis Bradt and seconded by Bill Seitter.

Mayor Olsen called for a vote;

J. Almaguer aye	K. Baker nay	T. Bradt aye	R. Bruner aye
A. Cowan aye	L. Doyel aye	M. Green aye	B. Seitter aye

Motion carried at 8:23 PM.

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Mayor Gary Olsen

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City Clerk, Verlen Bills

### **NOTICE:**

The Governor signed HB 1031 on Wednesday February 10, 2021 amending the Open Meeting Act for the State of Oklahoma. It allows for Video Conferencing and Teleconference, but the City of Watonga will require a quorum to be present in person. And, remote locations must be listed on the Meeting Notice. As a Meeting Notice is posted 48 hours (2 working days) previous to a meeting, the City Clerk will need to be informed of any remote locations before this time. So, please allow the City Clerk's Office 48 hours or 2 working days notice at 580 623 4669.