

**April 7, 2020**

**Russell City Council Meeting – Minutes  
City Hall  
Russell, KS**

Mayor Mader called the City Council meeting to order at 4:30 PM with the following members in attendance: Councilmembers: Madden, Cross, Wagner, and Matt Driscoll. Councilmembers Mitch Driscoll and Morrill participated by virtual conference.

The following staff members participated by virtual conference: City Manager Jon Quinday, Electric Director Duane Banks, Public Works Director Rich Krause, Building Official Roger Sells, Fire Chief Dylan Riedel, Police Chief Dale Weimaster, and City Clerk Katrina Woelk.

**Approval of Agenda**

Councilmember Cross made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Wagner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments**

None

**Presentations and Public Hearings**

1. Water Conservation Status

City Manager Quinday updated the council on the status of the City's wells and Big Creek.

**Consent Agenda**

Councilmember Cross made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Wagner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Unfinished Business**

1. Water Treatment Plant "A" Update Project

No action taken

## **2. Continuity of Operations Update**

Councilmember Cross made a motion to approve a resolution Temporarily Expanding Authority of the City Manager. Councilmember Morrill seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

#### **1. Energy Rates**

Councilmember Madden made a motion to approve the ordinance lowering the energy rate of all customer classes by 1.25 cents per KWh. Councilmember Matt Driscoll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **2. Remote Participation Policy**

Councilmember Cross made a motion to suspend the Remote Participation in City Council Meetings policy dated March 17, 2015 effective immediately and until rescinded or until the statewide State of Disaster Emergency proclaimed March 12, 2020, relating to COVID-19 expires, whichever is earlier. Councilmember Wagner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **3. Community-Wide Cleanup Day**

Councilmember Cross made a motion to cancel the Community-Wide Cleanup Day scheduled for April 25, 2020. Councilmember Matt Driscoll seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **4. Municipal Electric Utility Maintenance Assistance Agreement**

Councilmember Cross made a motion to approve the Municipal Electric Utility Maintenance Assistance Agreement as presented. Councilmember Wagner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Department Reports**

#### **1. Kansas Municipal Insurance Trust Annual Audit**

Assistant City Manager Kayla Schnieder gave an update to the council on the annual audit for the City's workman's comp insurance.

### **Public Comments**

None

**Executive Session**

None

**Adjournment**

Councilmember Matt Driscoll made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Wagner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



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Katrina Woelk, City Clerk