

City Council Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting and Hearing
City of Larned
October 23, 2023
6:30 PM

Council President Kim Barnes called the Special Meeting and Hearing to order with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember Kim Barnes, Councilmember Terry Clark, Councilmember Sharon McGinness, Councilmember Carroll Bennett, Councilmember Jack Molleker, Councilmember Jason Murray, and Councilmember Josh Riedel.

Mayor William Nusser and Councilmember Gary Rainbolt were absent.

City Manager Bradley Eilts, City Attorney Ron Smith, and Building Inspector Will Tice were present.

Others present included Ritz Kurtz, Tina Keeler, and Morris Smith.

Hearing on the Alley Vacation

At 6:31 p.m., President Barnes initiated the Hearing on the vacation of the alley by Morris Smith, owner of Morris Smith Ford. He is requesting the closure or vacation of the alley between his properties at 820 Ft. Larned Ave. and the property just to the north to expand his dealership. He added that if he is unable to make the facility upgrades, he will lose the franchise, and Ford will close the dealership.

President Barnes asked Mr. Smith if he had any comments. He stated that the Ford Corporation asked Mr. Smith to make the dealership "image compliant." This would require a significant investment to expand his facilities and the closure of the alley between his properties. Councilmembers asked a few questions.

President Barnes asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak to the Council on this matter. No one responded. He repeated the request again, and again no one responded. Then President Barnes closed the Hearing at 6:41 p.m.

Councilmember Clark motioned to approve a Resolution confirming the Ordinance approved by the Council in September. Councilmember Bennett seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted aye, with the exception of President Barnes, who did not vote on the matter.

Approval of Notice of Application to Kansas Housing for MIH grant

The Notice of Application is a preliminary step to ensure applicants to the MIH Program will have access to the application submittal portal. The MIH application is being prepared by JR Robl in collaboration with Justin Joiner, Joiner Construction.


The Council asked a few questions and asked that it was specifically stated that the City would not have the responsibility of ownership of the housing.

Councilmember Reidel motioned to approve the Notice of Application. Councilmember McGinness seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President Barnes adjourned the Meeting.



City Clerk, Kara Rath



Council President, Kim Barnes