

CS Council names police chief

By Paul Rhodes
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CONWAY SPRINGS – The city of Conway Springs has a new police chief, as of last week's city council meeting.

The city's new police chief is Mitch Nedrow. He was named interim chief following the resignation in August of Chief Jesse Velazquez.

The resignation was effective immediately, and happened during a city council meeting that was recessed on Tuesday night and continued to the next night, Wednesday, Aug. 13.

No reason was presented for the resignation, and no information was available on whether Velazquez had taken another position elsewhere.

Velazquez had been with the Conway Springs Police Department for several years. He left the local force in March of 2023, but came back later. In September of 2024, he was named interim police chief, and later police chief.

The interim police chief position was filled by Sgt. Mitch Nedrow, and now Nedrow has been named as Chief of Police. Nedrow joined the Conway Springs Police Department in October of 2024, and moved to a full-time position in March of this year. In May, he was promoted to sergeant.

In other business at last week's meeting, the council:

- Approved adding new fines for zoning violations in the city's zoning handbook.
- Discussed storage boxes on residential properties and parking of semi trucks. Both issues are being looked

at by the city attorney.

- Heard a report from Cowley College, which wants to expand its campus in Wellington, through extension of a sales tax already in place.
- Approved the city's budget for next year, and a resolution on generally accepted accounting procedures.
- Conditionally accepted the donation of the Cranmer House to the city. The city will be working to have it designated as a historic landmark. More steps in the process will be looked at soon.
- Approved issuing bonds for nearly \$3 million in street work in the city, with the bonds being paid off with sales tax revenues that have been in place for more than a year now. The council chose an option that will pay the bonds off quicker, and also chose an additional option on one of the street bids.
- Approved having the mayor sign a housing grant application.
- Adopted a policy for on-call pay for the police department, at \$1 per hour for standby duty.
- Approved purchasing a new chlorine pump for the city pool at a cost of \$1,250.
- Approved agreements for use of city facilities by a 4-H club and the Rec Commission. The city also approved an agreement with the South Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging.
- Amended this year's floating holiday for staff to Friday, Dec. 26. Next year will remain as Thursday, Dec. 24.
- Approved a training seminar for City Hall staff.

Clearwater council meets

By Sam Jack
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CLEARWATER – The Clearwater City Council had a light agenda for its meeting Sept. 23.

- The council voted to sell temporary notes for Indian Ridge Phase 2 to Robert W. Baird & Co. at an average net interest of 3.6169 percent.
- The council voted unanimously to amend the city's zoning ordinance regarding fencing. Under the amended ordinance, the zoning administrator may require sketches or plans for

proposed fences. The revised ordinance includes additional details about fencing materials that are and are not permitted. Already-extant fences are grandfathered in.

- Council members engaged in a discussion with homeowner Hank Pate about options to address flooding in his backyard during heavy rains. The council voted to direct public works to install a flume. Pate agreed to the plan.
- The council approved a special event permit for an event that The River church held on Sept. 28.

City hires firm to explore new well site

By Nancy D. Borst
TSnews

GODDARD – The City of Goddard's growth is prompting the city to pursue long-term water solutions, including the development of possible future water sources.

The city council at its Sept. 23 meeting approved an agreement with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. to represent the city as it investigates, tests, analyzes and determines the feasibility of new wells at a tract within the Eberly Trails Addition (northeast corner near 135th Street West and 13th Street in west Wichita).

The city already has a land purchase option agreement for the site and has spent \$5,500 in option-related costs. The city has an exclusive purchase option for \$50,000, plus \$5,000 in legal reimbursement, through December 2027.

The agreement with Burns & McDonnell will not exceed \$25,000, pending final legal review. Burns & McDonnell has extensive experience in municipal water rights, hydrology and permitting with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Work now will move forward to see whether the proposed site is viable. Preliminary assessments indicate a potential for 137 million gallons of additional water supply from the location.

City administrator Craig Crossette told the council that there is the possibility that this new water source will provide softer water, which could help the current hardness of city water and possibly lessen the need for a water treatment plant in the future.

The council also got an update on the new North Park project. The design team now has achieved 100 percent design development and is ready to advance to construction documents for bidding and

construction. The estimated base cost of the project is \$4 million.

The initial design, known as Phase 1A/B, includes a playscape and family recreation area, a 7,200 square foot pavilion over the play zones for the youngest children and a 1,500 square foot conditioned space that will include rentable community space for gatherings.

A dog park and pickleball courts also are included in the master plan. The park will be located just southwest of the intersection of 183rd Street West and Maple.

Crossette asked the council to affirm the design work done to date, which they did. He said he still is working on a federal grant and would like additional time to finalize that before the project goes out for bids. The city will request an amendment to the grant that could take several months to be approved. That would push the bid schedule out to spring 2026.

In other business, the council:

- Approved an ordinance adding cost participation language for infrastructure to city code. This would allow the city to participate in oversizing and if the actual costs are less than anticipated, savings could be used to cover the city's obligation. The change could mean lower special assessments to new homeowners.
- Approved an ordinance adding new language to city code regarding developer letters of credit and their release. Letters of credit now will be released at 50 percent occupancy (down from 80 percent). Letters of credit will continue to be 35 percent of the total cost of infrastructure improvements.
- Approved an ordinance to annex portions of the Prairie Sunset Trail that are in the corporate city limits. The annexations will be for several rights-of-way from the AT&SF Railroad that are controlled by Prairie Sunset, Inc., which requested the annexation. This should allow for more effective manage-

ment of the part of the trail that comes through the city.

- Approved a pair of resolutions for temporary bond notes for city at large projects and infrastructure for several developments. The city was able to secure a 2.83 percent true interest cost on the approximately \$40 million in notes.

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At such time and place, all persons interested may appear and be heard as to this matter. After hearing the views and wishes of all persons interested in the case, the Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals will close the public hearing and consider a recommendation to the Governing Body. The public hearing may be recessed and continued from time to time without further notice.

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