

City Council Work Session Minutes  
City of Larned  
February 21, 2022  
6:30 PM

Mayor William Nusser called the work session to order with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember Kim Barnes, Councilmember Terry Clark, Councilmember Gary Rainbolt, Councilmember George Elmore, Councilmember Carroll Bennett, and Councilmember Josh Riedel.

Councilmember Jason Murray and Councilmember Sharon McGinness were absent.

City Manager Bradley Eilts, City Clerk Kara Rath, and Finance Director Monica Steiner were also present.

1. Midwest Energy Contract for Distribution Services  
Fred Taylor from Midwest Energy spoke regarding the contract that several members from Midwest and City of Larned have been working on. The group believes they will have a contract ready for the Council at the April regularly scheduled meeting.
2. Wholesale solar project update and electrical capacity  
Midwest Energy is evaluating wholesale power options and partnerships with an announcement in the near future. Greg Wright is still in the midst of a feasibility study with a multi-City contract.
3. Crypto mining  
If another opportunity for crypto mining is explored Council will entertain proposals within our current rate structure.
4. Net metering  
Greg Wright indicated that Evergy is currently working on making changes to their net metering policy. Once those changes are made Greg will present to Council possible options to adopt.
5. Rate comparisons  
Greg Wright compared our current rate schedule for residential, small commercial and large commercial against other Cities across Kansas and included Midwest Energy. The City of Larned is considered average compared to the other Cities that were polled. It was discussed that the City would possibly make our rate schedule to match Midwest Energy's.
6. Economic Development-was not discussed.
7. EV charging stations-was not discussed.

Meeting adjourned.

  
City Clerk, Kara Rath

  
Mayor, Willam Nusser