

Even though no action was taken, there was plenty of discussion about entering into an agreement with AirMedCare Network during the City of Wagoner's regular city council meeting on Monday, Nov. 5. An AirMedCare representative was trying to sell discounted subscriptions for Wagoner utility customers to provide air flights to out of town hospitals during an emergency. The regular cost for this service is \$85, but utility customers could obtain this for \$65. All AirMedCare was trying to do was put their sales flyer into customer's regular bill with a note that they were "partnering" with the City of Wagoner. Right off the bat, the city's legal department did not approve the "partnering" clause and said Wagoner cannot enter into such an agreement with any outside business. That wording was taken out of the contract, but it was not updated for the council to see. The AirMedCare representative had the new contract, but not in hand. Councilor Roger Schilling has dealt with air evacuation services in the past and added his comments about AirMedCare's plan. Schilling wasn't the only one with questions and many were discussed back and forth with AirMedCare's Jenn Green, who did her best to provide information. AirMedCare's home office is in West Plains, Mo. The business covers a lot of towns in western Oklahoma and even a few around Wagoner.

The council wants to compare services of other air ambulance services, coupled with having the word "partnering" removed. Green later said she would not return until the January council meeting. Green wanted to give the council time to weigh options and answer any questions about the service. In other business, council approved: to enter an agreement with Infrastructure Solutions Group for the City of Wagoner on projects to update water, sewer and street standards and a 2019 Street Rehabilitation Project. to advertise for bids to move the depot and rail cars from the Heller property. to enter into an agreement with Waters Edge Aquatic Design, Dave Schwartz, PE, for design work on pool improvements. The city's pool is 20 years old and the council was told that the bathhouse is in bad shape. There were four pages

of needed repairs or upgrades. • the Park department to end the probation period on employee Gary Rucker and raise his pay. • to hire hire Buddy Rose as a full-time police officer to replace Ryan Bridges. Rose will have a six-month probation period. WPD will also hire Corey Nevitt with a six-month probation period. • a pay raise for Amanda Mackley with Emergency Medical Services for obtaining paramedic certification. Property at 1100 N. Jefferson was given 60 days from the time the owner is cleared by a doctor to return to work and finish cleaning up the grounds. In Mayor Albert Jones's™ report, it was learned that the Highway 69 bypass meetings will continue with the mayors of Pryor and Muskogee. Dana Johnson with the Wagoner Agriculture Booster Association spoke about raising funds to •grow ag support in the area and support the local FFA. All money raised goes back to the kids. •

During the Public Works Authority meeting, the water-wastewater district was approved to end the probation period for Bryce Smith and grant him a boost in pay. The shop department also ended the probation period for Charlie Rainbolt, who also got a pay increase.