

City of Ozawie

November 4, 2019 7:00pm

Council in Attendance: Mayor Loren Lutes, Council President Mel Armstrong, Councilwoman Nancy Leek, Councilman Shawn Owen, Councilwoman Margie Payne and Councilman Kevin Klenklen.

Others in attendance: Sammy Mowder, Jamie Klenklen, Sandi Goetz, Gary Branson, Sharon Branson, Robert Holliday, Steve Tibbits, Clay Mayer, Lauren Kern, Jennifer Brunton, Jenny Lamb, Ken & Debi Harrop, Dave Jolly, Linda Chilcott, Dana Gettel, City Attorney Lee Hendricks and City Clerk Paula Smith taking minutes.

1) Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Loren Lutes. All stood to recite the Pledge of allegiance.

2) Approval of Council Meeting Agenda

Shawn Owen made a motion to approve the Agenda with change. Mel Armstrong seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3) Citizens comments, questions, concerns

Ericson Willett asked if any action had been taken on his property. The Mayor explained the property has been looked at and is a large job which can hopefully be coordinated for next year.

Gary Branson advised he is a candidate for City Council and that due to his health he will be stepping down. He also explained the Ozawie Pride asked him to ask the City Council about the Cities donation of 1,500.00 and if they would like them to give it back or keep it in the fund for next year. The Council advised the donation was from the Ozawie Police and Chief Tim Bacon advised the money could be kept by the Ozawie Pride for next year's Heritage Fall Festival.

David Jolly, Ericson Willett, and Lauren Kern made comments on the water system, drinking water, and length of time the Boil Water has continued. Mayor Lutes advised tonight we have called the special Meeting to protect the Tanker from freezing. He also advised the Wells are still under water and cannot be worked on but we have been working on an agreement for an Emergency Temporary Water Connection with RWD #3 and FEMA which is getting closer every day.

City Attorney Lee Hendricks advised the Emergency Temporary Water Connection with RWD #3 has been worked on by the Clerk for months and will be a great thing for the City with FEMA's financial help.

4) Council comments, questions, concerns

Mel Armstrong advised we all live here too and the wheel of government turns slow, it is frustration for all of us and we need to work together as a community.

5) Minutes from previous meeting – Oct 14, 2019

Mel Armstrong made motion to approve the Oct 14, 2019 minutes. Nancy Leek seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6) Old Business

Water Mitigation

Mayor Lutes explained the process of the Emergency Temporary Water Connection with RWD #3 which is being submitted this week to FEMA by Kansas Department of Emergency Management at a cost of 500,000 of which we would be responsible for 15% which we have budgeted for. We are also working with FEMA on reimbursement on the cost of the Emergency Releases of the lagoons, debris clean up and other storm related items.

7) New Business

Building to Cover Tanker

Mayor Lutes explained the items we have looked at to protect the Tanker from freezing through the winter as not to have it returned. The best option we have come up with is a building to keep the tanker and bottled water in for an approximate cost of 30,000 plus looking into the cost of insulation. This is why we moved up the meeting up to expedite this due to the weather. We are hoping this will be install in two weeks. Planning and Zoning voted unanimously to recommend the Council approve. Margie Payne made a motion to approve the Emergency Tanker Cover. Nancy Leek seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8) Consent

a) Treasurer's Report

Jamie Klenklen advised October is all in balance.

b) Financial Reports including cash receipts report, cash disbursements report, monthly financial statement, summary of budgetary status and expenditure approval

Mayor Lutes explained we are at 29% used of our budget funds for 2019 from January until in November. Mel Armstrong made a motion to approve the Financial Reports. Kevin Klenklen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

9) Reports

a) Mayor's Report

Nothing additional

b) Building and Zoning, Sandi Goetz

Sandi Goetz advised the committee they would recommend we hold off on the platting of Main St for more discussion and possible replotting.

c) Governmental Affairs-Nancy Leek

d) Law Enforcement-Shawn Owen

Chief Bacon explained his monthly report on traffic stops, arrest, animal issues, civil issues, building checks (including John Dewey), an issue at the Post Office and code enforcement. He also explained he has received a grant to replace the vehicle recorder of 5,400 as the existing one is no longer being supported.

e) Parks-Margie Payne

f) Streets-Kevin Klenklen

Kevin Klenklen advised both Hamm's and Vance Brothers will be back in the spring to complete the Street Project. Vance Brothers has been back to fix a mail box and culverts. The asphalt chucks have not yet been picked up and Kevin will look into that.

g) Utilities-Mel Armstrong

Mel Armstrong advised Well #3 is above water now so hopefully the water will be looking better since that is the one that has been causing the problem. Mayor Lutes advised the City has contracted with a Lab in Ottawa to sample the wells to help us predict what we might have to do to fix them. He explained we hope all we have to do to Wells #1 & #2 is brush and sanitize then we can shut down #3 and complete work on it. Mel Armstrong advised we hope to be able to isolate each well as we do this work.

Sammy Mowder advised there were problem with the sand and salter so with this last ice storm he threw salt and sand by shovel. The machine is fixed now and ready for the next storm.

Mel Armstrong made a motion to adjourn. Shawn Owen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.