

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

August 10, 2020

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on August 10, 2020 at the City Hall of Ozawkie, Kansas. The following Council members were present:

Chris Feuerborn
Nancy Leek
Gary Branson
Margie Payne
Kevin Klenklen
Loren Lutes, Mayor

Also present were the following persons:

Mazi Barnes, City Clerk
Barb Thomas, Deputy City Clerk
Jamie Klenklen, Treasurer
Frank Courter, Public Works Operator
Sammy Mowder, City Superintendent
Sandy Goetz, Chair Planning and Zoning
Residents: Sharon Branson, Derrick Arnold, Malcolm and Gail Griffin

Budget Hearing: The 2021 Budget Hearing was called to order at 6:54PM. The Mayor explained once more that The City kept the Budget under the Budget Lid even while working with FEMA and briefly re explained it. There were no additional comments from the residents or council.

Budget Hearing Closed at 7:01 P.M.

The Council Meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M.

Consent Agenda: Mayor Lutes put forth parts (a)-(d) of the Consent Agenda. Mayor informed there were 2 items to add to the agenda. One under Old Business item (e) Sealed Bids for Old Equipment and one under New Business item (b) 400 Sioux Water Pit.

Motion was made by Kevin Klenklen to approve Consent Agenda with the additional items on the agenda. Seconded by Margie Payne. The motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda: Resident Sharon Branson had several questions and concerns. The first concern raised was the upkeep of the park grass, she commented that it is often cut too short allowing weeds to

overtake and she has now taken it upon herself to help keep the weeds under control. The second concern was the removal of some dead and falling trees along the hiking trail they are presenting a danger to anyone using the trail and she would like to know if we can remove them with or without the Corp of Engineers permission. Sharon had one final question she explained she had about 20 people on the list for PRIDE to welcome and she wanted to know if she could use the city's printer to make copies of the handouts that go in the new resident bags. The mayor asked that she leave a copy of everything so that he could review it and ok the use of the printer. Council Member Margie Payne suggested that the New Resident bags be handed out at the City Office to help relieve Sharon and PRIDE of being overwhelmed with too many New residents.

Resident Derek Arnold informed the council he had a small pressure washing business and was asking permission to leave a single sheet business flyer on residents' door without disrupting them or trying to sell anything. The mayor will look into it to see if it goes against any city ordinances.

Council Member Margie Payne mentioned she had a nice conversation with a gentleman passing through Ozawkie who thought the lawns in Ozawkie were wonderfully well kept.

Council Member Gary Branson mentioned the most recent carryover from flooding was an unpleasant odor in the town from the mud and algae.

Council Member Chris Feuerborn wanted to thank Gary for taking care of the chemicals during the city-wide cleanup.

Council member Nancy Leek suggested doing the city-wide cleanup twice a year.

Council Member Kevin Klenklen commented that he has seen a bunch of steel in the brush pile and suggested placing a roll off dumpster. Nancy noted it is likely there are many out of town people dumping items. Kevin mentioned Caseys has also had furniture dumped in their dumpsters. The mayor decided we would call Ball Waste for price and time estimates.

Council Member Chris Feuerborn asked if City Clerk Mazi Barnes could make a Facebook page for the city and Mazi said she would get started on it as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Adopt 2021 Budget

Since the budget had already been discussed the Mayor asked for a motion to approve.

A motion was made by Kevin Klenklen to adopt the 2021 Budget. Seconded by Nancy Leek . the motion passed unanimously.

b) Update on FEMA Projects

Tanker Building-We have received as much money as we can from FEMA on this project.

Lagoon- Currently around \$488,000 has been approved and we are currently waiting on more funding.

Water System-After cleaning the water tower we are one step closer to reimbursement. The electrical lines to the wells are locating and we are closer to moving them.

RWD#3- Contracts are locked in and a Pre-construction meeting is set for August 31st with construction set to happen September 1st.

Debris Project-The only step to take on this project is to finish burning the debris.

Drainage Project- We have 7 sites to be looked at by the engineer.

Note-FEMA will not spend money on any private land.

c) SPARK Grant

The total on the Reimbursement project is around \$20,658 and the Direct Aid project is around \$68,548. Deputy City Clerk Barb Thomas had to make minor changes before turning in the project to the county. Council Member Kevin Klenklen extended his thanks to Barb for her help on the townships project.

d) Sealed Bids

The city received one sealed bid for the Non-Working Air Compressor and non-working welder for \$10 each.

A motion was made by Gary Branson to accept these bids. Seconded by Margie Payne the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

a) C.D. Deposit

The mayor would like to deposit the 250,000 C.D. into our Money Market account.

A motion was made by Margie Payne to approve this deposit. Seconded by Chris Feuerborn.

The motion passed unanimously.

b) 400 Sioux Water Pit

Resident Clayton Seals at 400 Sioux reported a leak at his residence and asks the council if the meter pit can be moved to the front of the property rather than its current spot which lies at the top of a hill in the back of the property. He also asks if the city can split the cost of the move with him. Mayor Lutes proposes drilling under the street to move the pit. Frank Courter suggests shooting a mole under the road. Attorney Lee Hendricks would like to know why the city believes they should split the cost and believes they will set a bad precedent if they choose to take on the cost. Council Member Gary Branson recommends tabling the topic until the city receives cost figures on the different options.

REPORTS

a) Mayors Report

Mayor Lutes yields his time to Attorney Lee Hendricks who has nothing new to report. SPARK and FEMA reports have already been given.

b) Planning & Zoning

Sandy Goetz explained 4 building permits.

Malcom and Gail Griffin at 130 Goldenrod would like to build a detached Morton building complete with water and sewer. The plan meets all requirements and Sandy recommends approval. Motion was made by Margie Payne to approve, seconded by Gary Branson the motion passed unanimously.

Ed Benton would like to build a slab home at 102 Cottonwood. The plan meets all requirements, but Sandy did present one concern regarding water runoff. Attorney Lee Hendricks recommends deferring approval until a solution is provided. Motion was made by Gary Branson to defer approval until a professional solution was provided, seconded by Nancy Leek the motion passed unanimously.

Bryan Best would like to put in a fence at 440 Kiowa, partial Privacy, and partial chain link. The plan meets all requirements and Sandy suggests approval. Motion was made by Margie Payne to approve, seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passes unanimously.

Billy Copp at 309 Kansa would like to build a wooden Deck. The plan meets all requirements and Sandy suggests approval. Motion was made by Margie Payne to approve. Seconded by Nancy Leek the motion passes unanimously.

c) Governmental Affairs

Nothing to report.

d) Law Enforcement

Police chief Tim Bacon is away. The Police Report was ready by Nancy Leek that included: 2 Suspicious person reports, 1 door to door sales person, a juvenile walking late at night (no issues found), 2 parking issues, 1 theft report (Casey's Gas drive off) and 3 Code enforcements. Council reported Ericson Willet having a car parked too close to the corner. Attorney Lee Hendricks will follow up as it is against standard traffic ordinances. Council member Chris Feuerborn commented that 8 stop signs were taken down and one was stolen. The door to door salesperson is breaking ordinance and the city clerk will inform him.

e) Parks

Gary Branson went over the Parks Report. The Disc Golf Course is complete with exception of grass seeding. The City Park Sign has been repainted and will be put on new posts soon. The new picnic table was moved to a concrete pad in a shadier area. Work will begin on a sidewalk soon to connect the parking lot to the flagpole. Gary Branson would like to purchase trees to shade the level area south of the shelter house parking lot that was formerly prepared for sand volleyball. Gary Branson proposed establishing a standing

committee to maintain and develop the City Park and would like to know if this can be added to next month's agenda.

f) Streets

The new parking ordinances have gone into effect and have been published in the Valley Falls vindicator as well as on the water bills. If the ordinances are broken Tim will hand out notices to the violators.

g) Utilities

Nothing to report.

Frank Courter reports that he has sprayed the Johnson grass on the Corp Land. He also reports that he spent all week weed eating the lagoon and noticed it needs some repairs. He recommends riprap, dirt and 1 load of gravel. Motion was made by Kevin Klenklen for \$400 to be used for repairs. Seconded by Margie Payne. The motion carried unanimously.

Sammy Mowder commented that the mounting bracket needed to connect the snowplow to the dump truck no longer exists, he is looking for a similar product from Tarwaters. If he cannot find one, he will have to look for a new company or a new snow blade.

Margie Payne made a motion to adjourn. Nancy Leek seconded

Meeting adjourned at 8:34p.m.