

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

September 14, 2020

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on September 14, 2020 at the City Hall of Ozawkie, Kansas. The following Council members were present:

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

Also present were the following persons:

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney
Barb Thomas, Deputy City Clerk
Jamie Klenklen, Treasurer
Frank Courter, Public Works Operator
Sammy Mowder, Public Works Operator
Sandy Goetz, Chair Planning and Zoning
Residents: Sharon Branson, Ellis Moses, Sandra Mumaw, Hilary Mumaw, Steve Tibbits

The Council Meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M.

Consent Agenda: Mayor Lutes put forth the Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Chris Feuerborn to approve Consent Agenda. Seconded by Nancy Leek. The motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

Citizen Comments: Resident Sharon Branson stated that the corps land looked good. Ellis Moses announced the establishment of a Charter of the United States Submarine Veterans, USSV1-Topeka Jefferson County Base, "SCUPLIN", headquartered in Ozawkie.

Council Comments: Gary Branson requested additional distancing measures be put into place for the City Council at meetings, creating spaces for only 2 people per table. Margie Payne asked why Pride had placed the Boil Water Order Lifted on the Pride sign at the entrance to the city and if the city had paid to rent the sign. Sharon Branson answered that it was just done as a community service.

Margie once again suggested that the New Resident bags be handed out at the City Office by the City Clerk, citing the discrepancy of actions, stepping over the line, taken by Pride in not keeping separate Pride from City. Nancy Leek agreed and voiced concern with these actions.

KORA-KOMA Update: Attorney, Lee Hendricks presented a very informative power point educating the

Council and staff about the Kansas Open Records Act and the Kansas Open Meeting Act. This was a valuable presentation and created some interesting discussion. Handouts were given to all Council members, the Mayor and City Clerk for future reference.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Update Water Line Project

Mayor Lutes reported that there was a pre-construction meeting on August 31. They are working on Westlake Road at this time. Two bores will be made under Westlake and HWY 92. The project is slated for completion no later than March. Funds have already been encumbered and will be reimbursed in increments for all but 10 to 20%. The final payment may take up to 2 years for reimbursements, so the final request will be for no more than 20% of the project. We will be able to ask for reimbursements of chunks of money at a time.

b) Update on FEMA Projects

Water System- Pieces of this project are: meter replacements, a redesign of the water lines from wells to chlorine building, new pump house and valve replacement.

Lagoons- The money has been reimbursed for this project.

Tanker Cover- We have considerable worth in this building. Decision is pending to qualify for an additional \$17,621 in funding, as we are using the building for more than emergency use.

RWD#3- Discussed above. Project going well.

Debris Project- We are waiting on good days for burning the debris. This project is no expense to the city because of the volunteer hours.

Drainage Project- We are just getting started on this project.

c) SPARK Grant

The total on the Cares Reimbursement for the city was \$18183.43 and we will receive that total amount. In Cares Direct Aid funding the city will receive \$31577.53. Lee pointed out that it is possible that we may receive more later. Mayor Lutes signed the acceptance approval letter and sent it to the county coordinators. Mayor asked for a motion to accept the reimbursement. Margie Payne made a motion to accept the reimbursement. Nancy Leek seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor explained that we only have till October 15 to commit the Direct Aid Funds and asked for permission to go ahead. He explained that the Utility Relief Plan was ear marked for up to 50 people. Gary Branson made a motion that once the money is in hand, council authorize city and mayor to make the purchases as outlined in the approved project. Margie Payne seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Purchase Injection Pumps

The mayor would like to purchase 2 new injections pumps so if one goes down, all is covered. The cost would be \$900 each. A motion was made by Gary Branson to purchase 2 injection pumps. Margie Payne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Committee Structure

The Mayor mentioned he had researched and that there was a 1991 tree board ordinance. Gary Branson is seeking advice on what improvements are made in the park. Discussion ensued concerning what the park will be used for and what kind of additions should be made.

Gary request that a standing park committee be formed. It was discussed to do a survey and how many people to place on the committee. Mayor suggested for each council member to appoint someone. After much discussion, a motion was made by Chris Feuerborn for Gary to move ahead with getting a pool of people interested in this and report back to council. The motion was seconded by Nancy Leek. The motion carried with Margie Payne abstaining from the vote.

c) Land Development Information: Realtor, Sandra Mumaw introduced herself and Hilary Mumaw. She explained that there was some interest in the development of the 20 acres west of the Methodist Church. She asked what kind of interest the city would have there and what they would like to see happen there. Sandra explained that she would like to create positive development around the county. Mayor Lutes asked how extensive were the plans, what annexations would need to be made and what kind of help with utilities would be requested. Sandra said one of the possibilities is to sell in 2 acre plots and build 8 houses. The Mayor informed that whereas our present water capacity may be adequate, our present sewer capacity would not. Both Nancy Leek and Gary Branson voiced concern about sewers. Gary said it would most likely entail another lift station. The Mayor informed her of the rock and clay land in this area, which would affect the Perk test. Sandra pointed to the positive, such as the additional tax base and said she would do some research, get some answers and get on next month's agenda.

REPORTS

a) Mayors Report

Proclamation: Mayor Lutes signed a proclamation declaring the week of September 17 as Constitution Week. September 17, 2020 marks the 233-year anniversary of the framing of the constitution.

b) Planning & Zoning

Sandy Goetz explained that there was no new business, therefore no meeting this month. She did request that the city contact a surveyor to survey the property on Goldenrod.

c) Governmental Affairs

Nothing to report.

d) Law Enforcement

Police chief Tim Bacon is away. The Police Report was shared by Nancy Leek. The RV is still parked too close to the corner. There was 1 grass violation, 1 nuisance, 2 traffic stops, 2 burglaries, 1 shots heard and 6 building checks.

e) Parks

Gary Branson asked the council for funds to help finish the sidewalk from the shelter to the parking lot. The Mayor suggested \$800.00 from council for supplies to complete this project. Margie Payne made a motion to allow \$800.00 for completion of the sidewalk. Nancy Leek seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Frank Courter offered screw, nails and lumber. Gary recognized the volunteers who have been helping with the park improvements. Those people are, Ellis Moses, Dana Gettel, Joe Kochanski, Kevin Klenklen, Ken Miller, Mark Roberts, John Allen, Loren Lutes, Cole Branson, Sharon Branson and Gary Branson. He also thanked Mazi, Christy and Barb for work in the office. He informed the council that the newly planted trees totaled a cost of \$333.00. This was heavily discounted due to the fact his grandson is an employee of Skinners Nursery. He thanked Frank and Sammy for their assistance with the water reel and everything they have been doing to help. Gary Branson made a motion that the Park Commissioner reserve the shelter house, by setting up reservations through the city office, and that signage be placed indicating such at the shelter. Chris Feuerborn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

f) Streets

Mayor Loren Lutes announced the streets on Sioux were now looking good. Sharon Branson requested that the shelter be sprayed once a month for spiders. Mayor Lutes said he would check with the Fire Department concerning this.

g) Utilities

Nothing additional to report.

Mayor Lutes requested an executive session for 15 minutes till 9:00. Gary Branson made a motion to go to executive session. Chris Feuerborn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor left executive session at 8:56. At 9:00 p.m. a motion was made by Gary Branson to extend the executive session for additional 10 min. Motion seconded by Chris Feuerborn. At 9:10 Mayor Lutes re-entered executive session. At 9:13 executive session ended. No action taken.

Nancy Leek made a motion to adjourn. Margie Payne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

