

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

May 10, 2021

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on May 10, 2021 at the City Hall of Ozawkie, Kansas. The following Council members were present:

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

Also present were the following persons:

Mazi Barnes, City Clerk
Ryan Mansfield, Deputy City Clerk
Christy Crews, Consultant
Jamie Klenklen, Treasurer
Sandi Goetz, Planning and Zoning Chair
Residents: Sharon Branson, Dana Gettel, Ellis Moses, Ed Benton

The Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Lutes led those present in the flag salute.

Consent Agenda: Mayor Lutes put forth the Consent Agenda with one four items added under New Business, Item E – Purchase of Millings, Item F Replace Comm-Tronix System, item G Replace Loader Cutting Edge, Item H Park Restroom. Motion was made by Gary Branson to approve Consent Agenda with the added items. Seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Comment: Treasurer Jamie Klenklen had no additional comments. Mayor Lutes added that the Auditor had been in today and the Audit looked great and the clerks did a great job. Mayor Lutes also added that we are 25% through the spending year and are at or below 25% in the funds, the budget is looking good.

Regular Agenda:

Citizen Comments: Sharon Branson presented a report on the 36th annual City Wide Garage Sale recently held in the city reporting on the history of the event as well as the new things they included this year

and the revenue generated. Councilmember Kevin Klenklen suggested that the maps be updated for the new businesses in town for the next year. Sharon also mentioned that she was thankful for the dumpster being delivered for garage sale debris however noticed it was still problematic with debris being littered around the dumpster and would like extra precautions taken next year.

Ed Benton came to discuss an issue with an untagged car full of trash being left in the street on Sioux. This issue has been addressed by Chief Tim Bacon and is being taken care of.

Council Comments: Council Member Chris Feuerborn thanked Sharon Branson for the History Lesson on the city wide garage sales as it was very interesting to learn about how it started.

OLD BUSINESS

a) PRIDE Activities

PRIDE President Dana Gettel reviewed her proposal for PRIDE getting a liquor license in order to sell alcohol at the groups Bands in in the Park events. This fundraiser will help the group bring in extra revenue for future PRIDE events. The Mayor presented resolution 21-1 that would allow PRIDE to sell alcohol at these events under another vendor with an existing Liquor License. A motion to approve resolution 21-1 was made by Councilmember Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Councilmember Chris Feuerborn the motion passed unanimously.

Dana then presented her idea to add horseshoe pits to the park. This would provide another opportunity for the residents to enjoy the park. The pits would also have removable backs to better assist with mowing and weed eating around them for the maintenance workers.

b) City Wide Clean-Up

The city wide clean-up was very successful with no large mess left as it was the previous year. Councilmember Gary Branson did a wonderful job with the Toxic chemical clean up as well.

c) Update on FEMA projects

Waterline- This project has been completed and we are just waiting on the final invoice to send in the remaining paperwork to the state. Ehrharts did seed the grass in Kilgore's field but if it does not come up in fall the city will assist Ehrhart in redoing it at a cost of \$4-500.

Drainage- Construction has been pushed back.

Debris- Final information needs to be sent to the state and this project will be finished this week.

Water system- Christy is able to add the cost of the valves meters and installation to this project for reimbursement. The paperwork will be finished up and sent to the state by the first of June.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Update on Water Control Building

Work has officially begun on the new building; construction can start as early as this week. Per the Mayor's request the engineer needs to recheck the drainage on this building to make sure it is adequate.

b) Update on CES Projects

Drainage- Field work is completed; design work on the storm drainage will begin in June.
Sewer System Study- This study will begin late May early June. CES will need to get some sewer video to review.

c) Annual Appointments

Mayor Lutes read his recommendation of appointments as follows. Public Works operator Sammy Mowder, Public Works operator Frank Courter, City Clerk Mazi Barnes, Deputy City Clerk Ryan Mansfield, Treasurer Jamie Klenklen, Police Chief Timothy Bacon, City attorney Lee Hendricks, Judge Dennis Reiling. A motion to approve these appointments was made by councilmember Gary Branson and was seconded by councilmember Nancy Leek. The motion passed unanimously.

d) Consider replacement of Valves at Wells & Water Control Building

The Valves would cost \$481 each with the total cost being \$1443 and can be covered by FEMA. We are still waiting on the bids from two companies for the installation. A motion was made by councilmember Kevin Klenklen to approve the purchase of the valves and allow the mayor to award installation to the appropriate contractor once the bids are received. The motion was seconded by councilmember Margie Payne. The motion passed unanimously.

e) Purchase of Millings

Councilmember Kevin recommended purchasing some millings from Hamm's K4 project for use by the city. An agreement was made for 10 loads at \$300 a load. A motion to approve \$3000 for the purchase of millings was made by councilmember Gary Branson and was seconded by councilmember Margie Payne. The motion passed unanimously.

f) Replace Comm-Tronix System

This new sentinel system adds an app and a website that will alert our maintenance workers when a problem arises with the water tower. The upfront price of \$8750 includes the first year's subscription the application and website installation. The yearly subscription afterwards is only \$71.40. This price was not included in the water building bid and will likely not be covered by FEMA. A motion to approve the purchase of the new system was made by councilmember Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by councilmember Margie Payne. The motion passed unanimously.

g) Replace Loader Cutting Edge The loader is in need of a replacement cutting edge. The price of a new cutting edge is \$720 from Berry Tractor. A motion to

replace the cutting edge was made by councilmember Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by councilmember Gary Branson. The motion passed unanimously.

h) Park Restroom

An anonymous donor approached parks commissioner Gary Branson wishing to pay all the fees from start to finish to build a public restroom for the Park. This project could exceed \$50,00 and if the council chooses to accept the gift the donor will deliver a check for 2500 to begin work with the city attorney to negotiate the construction of the restroom. Councilmember Nancy Leek commented that this is a very generous proposal but is concerned about the upkeep of the bathroom. A motion to accept the donation and begin work with the attorney was made by councilmember Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by councilmember Margie Payne. The motion passed unanimously. After the acceptance Gary revealed the anonymous donor to be Gary and Sharon Branson and the Gary and Sharon Branson Trust.

REPORTS

a) Mayors Report

Mayor Lutes stated that the June meeting would include discussion of the Budget and Budget goals for 2022. He also discussed his research into finding healthcare insurance for the cities full time employees and will be continuing his research with this. Attorney Lee Hendricks also provided the mayor with some new information regarding the Budget Lid but requires more research at this point to see what specific changes have been made. The mayor also included that the city will be receiving \$86795.07 through the state of Kansas in accordance with The American Rescue Plan. Councilmember Gary Branson supports the Mayors research into health insurance for the city employees and would be in favor of a 10 mill tax increase to pay for this.

b) Planning & Zoning

Sandi Goetz presented a building application for a privacy fence at 424 Kansa. A portable utility shed is currently on the easement of the property and will need to be moved before the fence can be installed. Sandi Goetz abstained from the voting and was not able to make a recommendation from Planning and Zoning at this time. A motion to approve the building permit contingent on the movement of the utility shed was made by councilmember Gary Branson and was seconded by councilmember Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Governmental Affairs

Nothing to report.

d) Law Enforcement

Chief Timothy Bacon was absent. Councilmember Nancy Leek mentioned that the police report included the mention of the abandoned vehicle on Sioux that Ed Benton was concerned about.

e) Parks

City Clerk Mazi Barnes updated the council on the progress of the replacement slide. At this time, we have sent the incorrect hardware back to the company and are waiting on the replacement hardware to be delivered in order to make the incorrect slide that we were sent work with our existing playground. The company (Play Power Inc) is wanting to charge an additional \$1013.80 for this hardware but we will also receive a credit for the hardware we sent back. The city clerk is working with the Play Power representative to have this credit equal the \$1013.80 so that no additional monies will be due by the city.

f) Streets

Nothing to report.

g) Utilities

Nothing to report.

A Motion for a 15-minute Executive session was made by councilmember Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by councilmember Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session went into order at 8:30pm

The meeting was called back to order at 8:45pm

A motion to approve a .50 pay increase for City Clerk Mazi Barnes and Public works operator Frank Courter was made by councilmember Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by councilmember Margie Payne. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by councilmember Nancy Leek and was seconded by councilmember Margie Payne. The motion passed unanimously.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.