

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

July 12, 2021

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on July 12, 2021 at the City Hall of Ozawkie, Kansas. The following Council members were present:

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

Also present were the following persons:

Mazi Barnes, City Clerk
Jamie Klenklen, Treasurer
Sandi Goetz, Planning and Zoning Chair
Lee Hendricks, City Attorney
Residents: Sharon Branson, Dana Gettel, Hannah Seals, Miguel Cadena, Ronald Brown

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

Mayor Lutes led those present in the flag salute.

Consent Agenda: Mayor Lutes put forth the Consent Agenda with one item added under New Business, Item D – Employee a Maintenance Worker. A motion to approve the consent agenda with the change was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Margie Payne, the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Comment: Treasurer Jamie Klenklen reported that everything is in order. Mayor Lutes added that we are 50% through the budget year and have only spent 30% of the General, Water and Sewer funds.

Regular Agenda:

Citizen Comments: Both Hannah Seals and Miguel Cadena introduced themselves and their intentions to run for city council in the upcoming election in November.

Council Comments: Gary Branson noted that in his rides around town he has observed several problems with the trash truck leaking liquids at every stop as well as coming into town later than previously

approved. Attorney Lee Hendricks offers to reach out to Kevin Gardener with Orion Waste to address these problems.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Water Building

The roof has been put on and internal wiring will be finishing up within the next couple of days. The water meter is installed and looks good. Every is not yet connected and may require a follow up from the City as well as Senne as there only appears to be 2 transformers and we have to have 3.

b) Update on CES Project

Drainage- Construction will not be able to start until the following year with a bid opening before December 2021.

Sewer system Study- Engineer Rob Peschel will be meeting with the city in the following week for an informational update

c) Update on FEMA projects

There was a minor mistake made on the federal side of reviewing our FEMA projects which resulted in us not receiving a part of a reimbursement. Christy Crews and our FEMA Contact Bob Resnik have corrected this error.

d) Restroom Project

The donors have moved the funds into a 501C3 which requires the City to qualify for grants and donations. Gary Branson moves to change the point of contact for the city from City Clerk Mazi Barnes to the City Attorney Lee Hendricks. Gary Branson presented his current 3 options in choosing a design route.

Option 1 is a Restroom kit with a single costing around \$35K and a double costing around \$50K, these kits do not include the cost of concrete or contact labor to put them together.

Option 2 is Falk Architects Inc who offers a cost of \$5500 for a design and offers an additional cost of \$3500 to extend his work in reviewing pay applications, attending meetings to provide updates on the project etc.

Option 3 is to contact the engineer out of Manhattan that Meriden used to design a bathroom for their ball field as this design was quite nice and could also be a good option.

e) 2022 Budget

After reviewing the budget and making the required changes to cover additional cost to provide employee benefits the city's Mill levy was increased from 19.997 to 25.550 bringing us up from the lowest mill levy in the county. At the August meeting the city will Approve the publication page required to publicize our hearing dates for the Revenue Neutral Rate hearing as well as the budget hearing that are set to be at the September council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Notice to exceed RNR

A motion to approve the Notice to the County of the Cities intent to exceed the RNR was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Nancy Leek, the motion passed unanimously

b) Purchase of Gravel

A forgotten playground toy was found in the City Maintenance Garage. Gary Branson requests \$900 be used from the Parks budget to purchase gravel and weed barrier to provide a place for this toy to be set up. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Margie Payne, the motion passed unanimously.

c) Purchase of Lagoon Pump

The 4" trailer mounted diesel pump is only \$7913.75 not the initial quote of \$13,000. A motion to approve the purchase of the new pump was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Nancy Leek. The motion passed unanimously.

d) Employee Health Insurance

The City Clerk has requested quotes from several insurance providers with only Blue Cross and Blue Shield offering a quote as well as looking into the state plan they offer. Additional information will be discussed in the Executive Session

e) Consider Purchase of Chemical for Lift Station #1

Lift station #1 has a buildup of grease; the mayor would like to purchase 15 gallons of an enzyme used by surrounding cities at \$480 to use on a trial basis to combat this issue. Public Works Operator Frank Courter agrees this will help. A motion to approve the purchase of the enzyme was made by Nancy Leek and seconded by Margie Payne. The motion passed unanimously.

f) Employee a Maintenance Worker

The mayor met with two applicants both of whom were good candidates and would do a good job. Hunter Courter was selected and would be working full time until such time as college starts where he will drop down to part time. A motion to approve the hiring of Hunter Courter was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Gary Branson, the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

a) Mayors Report

Tree trimming is needed as some streets have trees encroaching on the streets themselves. A motion to receive a quote from resident Mitch Frye who provided this service previously was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn, the motion passed unanimously.

b) Planning & Zoning

There was no Planning and Zoning meeting this month due to a lack of members available however a special meeting was held to approve an amendment to the fencing permit for 424 Kansa, the residents purchased the lot next to them to increase the size of the fence

and add additional gates requested by the planning & Zoning committee. A motion to approve this amendment was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn, the motion passed unanimously.

c) Governmental Affairs

Nothing to report.

d) Law Enforcement

Police Chief Tim Bacon was absent due to family matters but sent a report to Attorney Lee Hendricks. The two noteworthy issues Tim provided were an investigation and arrest due to aggravated indecent liberties and criminal sodomy this case has been sent to the county Attorney's office. And Today a report of a water meter being turned back on by residents after being turned off by the city on Friday as well as the same residents having a dog at large issue.

e) Parks

Danna Gettel presented her plan for horseshoe pits to the council, she currently has intentions to place it in the old volleyball area and will have low barricades to provide the easiest grounds care for the city workers. Nancy Leek voiced concern about the safety of the stakes being up at all times and both Chris Feuerborn and Dana Gettel provided solutions to increase the safety of these. A motion to move this issue to the Parks Commissioner was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Nancy Leek, the motion passed unanimously.

f) Streets

Kevin Klenklen is still searching for a company to fix the hole on Sioux. Kevin also mentioned the need to get old equipment sold. Public Works operator Frank Courter voiced concerns over maintenance issues with both the tractor and F150 as they both need work or replaced.

g) Utilities

Nothing to report.

A Motion for a 15-minute Executive session to include council members and the city attorney to discuss non-elected personnel was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by council member Margie Payne. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session went into order at 8:00pm

The meeting was called back to order at 8:15pm

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

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

