

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

August 9, 2021

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on August 9, 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
Lee Hendricks, City Attorney
Frank Courter, Public Works Operator
Hunter Courter, Public Works Operator
Residents: Sharon Branson, Hannah Seals, Ellis Dale Moses,

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 no additional changes. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Margie Payne and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Comment: Treasurer Jamie Klenklen reported that everything is in order and looks good.

Regular Agenda:

Citizen Comments: Sharon Branson brought forth an idea to look into a senior citizen discount that Orion waste services offers so that the senior citizens of the town may receive a reduced rate. The mayor and city clerk will look into this matter before the renewal of our trash services contract expiration in December.

Council Comments: Gary Branson mentioned that he received a complaint regarding parking in front of the Post Office where not permitted, the mayor informed him that we have already worked with the post office as well as the police to get the proper signage up so that we may enforce any future offences. Kevin Klenklen also added he has received complaints about several stopping and speed violations. He also wanted to point out that the Johnson grass on the Corp land is worse than last year. Frank Courter reminded the council that the tractor was broken but that they have been spraying to try to help maintain the grass until the tractor can be fixed. Finally, he informed the council about an RV being parked on Corp land behind 600 Delaware, the owner received previous permission for it to be there a few days but it has been there a week now. The city will look into this issue.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Water Building

The switch over from the old building to the new building should happen this week and we will be running off of RWD3 line for about a week until the switch is fully completed.

b) Update on CES Project

Drainage- A survey crew will be out next week.

Sewer system Study- Engineer Rob Peschel has talked with his team as well as the Mayor and Frank Courter regarding the scope of the project. We are making progress with this project.

c) Update on FEMA projects

The debris project has been signed off and sent to FEMA for review, \$7500 is expected in reimbursements. The pipeline project has received partial payment of \$98000.00. Christy Crews also asked that City clerk Mazi Barnes share a small update regarding the software project. Mazi Barnes informed the council that they have set up weekly meetings with the AccuFund team and have begun reviewing reports.

d) Restroom Project

Gary Branson stated that they are ready to contract with Brian Faulk an architect out of Topeka. The money is in place and they are ready to move into the design phase. A motion to contract with Architect Brian Faulk to design the restroom for the park was made by Kevin Klenklen and seconded by Nancy Leek. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Budget & RNR Hearing

A motion to approve the publication of the hearing notice for the revenue neutral rate and the 2022 budget was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Margie Payne. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Building & Zoning

We have received a resignation along with the passing of a member. Resident Robert Fisher has expressed interest in volunteering for the committee. A motion to accept the

resignation of Mark Hothan was made by Margie Payne and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

a) Mayors Report

Frank Courter reports that he has ordered the chemicals to take care of the duckweed problem in the lagoons. The Mayor added that with the election coming up in November he would like to hold an open discussion time where any residents could come in and talk to the potential candidates.

b) Planning & Zoning

NA

c) Governmental Affairs

Nothing to report.

d) Law Enforcement

Nothing to report.

e) Parks

Gary Branson shared that the clownfish is up and is ready for the weed barrier and gravel to be added. He extended his thanks to volunteers that helped and to Sharon Branson for sending an article to the paper regarding the new installment. Additionally, Gary Branson shared that he has received plans from the PRIDE committee regarding the new horse shoe pits to be put on the old volleyball court. The pits will be built to the specifications of the National Horseshoe Pitching association. There will be enough room left on one side for an additional pit or benches to be put in if needed.

f) Streets

Kevin Klenklen has talked to two companies, Sunflower Paving and Maryco Asphalt about fixing the problem areas on Sioux. The companies will be out sometime soon to inspect the areas and provide a quote to fix them.

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 second by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session went into order at 7: 40pm

The meeting was called back to order at 7:55pm

A motion to provide health Insurance from Blue Cross and Blue Shield for the full time employees of the city with the city paying 80% of the cost and 20% being paid by each employee starting January 1, 2022 was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Nancy Leek. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Margie Payne and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.