

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

September 13, 2021

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on September 13, 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
Christy Crews, City Consultant
Residents: Sharon Branson, Dana Gettel, Kim Holland, Ken Miller, Mary Lou Smith,
Ericson Willett, Lindsay Dobbs, Linda Chilcott, Rob Fisher

The Public Hearing to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Lutes informed those present of the cities intention to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate set forth by the county. We have an existing mill levy of 19.046 and have the intention of exceeding that.

With no additional comments from the public or council the hearing to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate closed at 7:02 P.M.

The 2022 Budget Hearing opened at 7:02 P.M.

Resident Linda Chilcott asked how much we raised the mill levy, the mayor informed her it was raised by about 5 mills. Resident Mary Lou Smith asked where the value came from and the mayor informed her that all the assessments come from the county appraiser. Attorney Lee Hendricks reminds the council and public that if Senate Bill 13 continues next year by exceeding our RNR we have prevented ourselves from being stuck at a low mill levy which helps the city retain necessary funds needed to provide residents with the necessary utilities and services the city provides.

With no additional comments from the public or council the 2022 Budget Hearing closed at 7:07 P.M.

The Council Meeting was called to order at 7:07 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 Nancy Leek. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Comment: Treasurer Jamie Klenklen reported that everything is in order and looks good. The mayor added that we have only used 40% of our General fund and are 62% through the budget year.

Regular Agenda:

Citizen Comments: Jamie Klenklen spoke on behalf of Pleasant View Grange #1459 to announce that they will be hosting an open candidate forum on Oct 16th from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. to allow the city council candidates to answer any questions and allow the public a chance to meet them before the election in November. Sharon Branson noted that the Corp land that has been sprayed and mowed by Frank Courter looked great and asked that the council consider burning again this fall to clear up some remaining debris. Linda Chilcott asked about the message on the back of the water bills regarding no burning in city limits, the mayor informed her this was in regards to open fires and that fires contained within fire pits were still acceptable. Kimberly Holland presented a letter to the council regarding her intent to volunteer for the Building and Zoning committee. Linda Chilcott also asked about Ozawkie's current police force. The mayor explained that we do have our police Chief Tim Bacon but that he has had some troubles retaining additional help however Tim has been working hard to keep up with code enforcements.

Council Comments: Margie Payne commends Frank Courter on all his hard work.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Water Building

The new water building is up and running with only minor details left to be worked on. The mayor explained that the most important aspect of the new pump house is that we can now monitor the well and tower water levels from the office computer or from Franks phone.

b) Update on CES Project

Drainage- All 7 drain sites are in the planning phase but are not yet ready for bids.

Sewer system Study- This project is partially done but the engineers are wanting some additional information regarding how long each lift station pump runs.

c) Update on FEMA projects

Emergency Pipeline- We received the final reimbursement payment of \$11,988.32 in August and with this payment this project is now completed.

Debris- With a final payment of \$8424.97 received in August this project is completed as well.

Drainage- We have received preliminary numbers but this project is not yet ready to submit.

Water Systems- This project is still open and is working its way through FEMA.

Management- We are not able to submit this project until all other projects have been submitted.

d) AccuFund Update

We will be installing the software tomorrow morning and should be able to test by October.

We are continuing with weekly meetings to keep the project running in a timely manner.

e) Restroom Project

Drawings have been received. Gary Branson hopes to have the completed drawings and bids by the next meeting.

f) B&Z appointments

The Mayor recommends the appointment of Rob Fisher and Kim Holland to the Building & Zoning committee. A motion to approve the appointments of Rob Fisher and Kim Holland to the Building & Zoning committee was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Margie Payne. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Approve Resolution 21-2

A motion to approve Resolution 21-2 to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Nancy Leek. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Approve 2022 Budget

A motion to approve the 2022 Budget was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Margie Payne. The motion passed unanimously.

c) 2021 Audit Contract

A motion to contract with Shipley CPA LLC for the 2021 Audit was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Nancy Leek. The motion passed unanimously.

d) Approve Water Building Change Order

Extra concrete was needed to correct a drainage issue as well as some leveling issues. Total additional cost was \$5580. A motion to approve the change orders for \$5580 was made by Margie Payne and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

e) Consider Requests from PRIDE

Dana Gettel had two requests of the council on behalf of PRIDE.

Request one was to use the park, the walking trail, and additional parking space at the maintenance building for the Fall festival on October 16th with a rain date of October 23rd.

Dana advised there will be activities through the day and night and that they will also have no parking sign along Kiowa in case of emergency. Councilmember Nancy Leek was concerned that some PRIDE members were not Ozawkie city residents but Dana informed her that the bylaws for PRIDE state they can be of the surrounding area. The Mayor asked Dana who the planning committee was for the Fall Festival. Dana stated that she had many

volunteers helping to make this event a success including Brenda Warden, Olivia Mayer, Barb Thomas and Vincent Brauer Etc. A motion to approve the use of the park, trail and parking was made by Margie Payne and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The City Clerk had to do a roll call with a vote of 4 yes and 1 abstained. The motion passed.

The second request was to use the park for the Heritage Festival with a date of June 11th 2022 as there is much work to put into the event planning. Kevin Klenklen voiced his concern that there will be two new councilmembers next year that will not have made a vote. A motion was made by Margie Payne to approve the use of the park for June 11th 2022 for the Heritage Festival. Gary Branson made a motion to object the current motion on the table, this motion was seconded by Nancy Leek and passed unanimously. A motion was then made by Gary Branson to approve the date of June 11th 2022 for the Heritage Festival but not with city sponsorship. The motion was seconded by Margie Payne and passed unanimously.

f) Consider FEMA BRIC Projects

FEMA has a new program with additional money available to cities and their projects with a focus on climate change adaptation at a cost split of FEMA covering 75% and the city responsible for the remaining 25%. A letter of intent for these projects was due September 10th. FEMA will either approve or reject the proposals by October 1st with a full proposal due December 31st if they are approved. The letters of intent were sent for the following 3 projects.

Powered Up Project- This project will provide the city with 3 covered generators located at the pump house, lift station 3 and the city maintenance shop with power running to the city office. This will allow the city to retain power during a power outage to continue serving the residents other necessary services. The price for this project is \$160,000 with a cost of \$40,000 to the city.

Sensible Sewer Project- This project would be to add a 3rd pond to alleviate the need for constant pumping and aeration from our public works operators. This project would be a cost of \$500,000 with a cost to the city of \$125,000.

Vista View Drainage- This project is to provide additional culverts and drainage to Vista view and allow them to tie into the drainage on Delaware to prevent flooding. This project has a cost of \$194,000 with a cost to the city of \$48,500.

Christy advised the council that these numbers are estimated higher to prevent the city from having to possibly pay any overages that could be incurred during the projects. A motion to approve the preliminary work as well as the continued work on these projects was made by Margie Payne and was seconded by Nancy Leek. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

a) Mayors Report

Nothing additional to report.

b) Planning & Zoning

Nothing to report.

c) Governmental Affairs

Nothing to report.

d) Law Enforcement

Chief Tim Bacon was absent due to surgery. Nancy Leek voiced concerns about golf carts without any headlights. The city will follow up with Chief Tim Bacon. Information regarding the garbage truck being fixed was also shared so that there is no longer loose debris causing concerns.

e) Parks

Dana Gettel shared that the horseshoe pit has been completed and a box was placed next to it to hold the horseshoe and disc golf equipment. Gary Branson shared that the clownfish structure has been completed and came in close to budget with one additional roll of weed barrier having been needed. He also shared that the Meriden/Ozawkie Library applied for a grant to place a physical hotspot in the park for electronic device use. Gary Branson also found that for \$200 he can have a metal pipe gate constructed to close off the existing opening from the previously damaged slide, other ideas are to instead place a fireman's pole, rope or cargo net in its place to allow for additional play use.

f) Streets

Kevin Klenklen has received 2 bid proposals for repairs needed on Sioux and Delaware. Approved Paving will do the work for a cost of \$6,250 and Sunflower Paving would do the same work for \$17,235. A motion to approve the low bid from Approved Paving of \$6250 was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Margie Payne. The motion passed unanimously.

g) Utilities

Nothing to report.

A Motion for a 10-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 Gary Branson. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session went into order at 8:25 P.M.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:35 P.M.

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 October 1st, 2021 was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Nancy Leek. The motion passed unanimously.

Gary Branson also recommended additional training for the Building and Zoning committee while they are in the rebuilding phase. The city will look into this.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8: 37 P.M.