

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

January 10, 2022

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on January 10, 2022 at the City Hall of Ozawkie, Kansas. The following Council members were present:

Gary Branson
Kevin Klenklen
Chris Feuerborn
Loren Lutes, Mayor

Also present were the following persons:

Mazi Barnes, City Clerk
Lee Hendricks, City Attorney
Jamie Klenklen, Treasurer
Tim Bacon, Police Chief
Residents: Sharon Branson, Hannah Seals, Clayton Seals, Kyra Bennett, Meranda Bennett, James Shaw, Wayne McNary, Laci Heller, Dana Gettel, Margie Payne, Frank Piecukonis, Pete Ritchey, Bob Ehrhart, Nick Ehrhart

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 added item, Item E) Consider Ehrhart Contract. A motion to approve the consent agenda with the added item was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Gary Branson. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

Citizen Comments: N/A

Council Comments: N/A

Attorney Lee Hendricks swore in new Council members Laci Heller and Hannah Seals. Attorney Lee Hendricks swore in reelected Mayor Loren Lutes.

OLD BUSINESS

a) FEMA/ FEMA BRIC Update

Christy Crews gave an overview of the FEMA and FEMA Bric projects still open in order to update the new council members. We are currently waiting on FEMA to finish out the water systems project before we are able to submit the management project to cover costs of project management. Christy has submitted the FEMA BRIC projects to the state who will then send it to the Federal level at the end of January.

b) Water Rate Study

The city conducted a water rate study of the surrounding cities of Jefferson county and devised 4 possible options regarding the water rates of Ozawkie. A motion to postpone any decisions until the next meeting after the council has had time to review the information was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Resignation

The mayor read Frank courters resignation to the council. A motion to approve the resignation letter was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Approve Contract with Gary Taylor for Water and Wastewater

The mayor presented a contract with Gary Taylor from Kansas Municipal Utilities to oversee the city's Water and Wastewater operations while the city works to fill the position of the public works operator. A motion to approve a month to month contract with Gary Taylor was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Approve City Aid LLC Contract

The Mayor presented a contract for budget services to be provided by City Aid LLC. A motion to approve the contract was made by Hannah Seals and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously

d) Orion Price Increase

Hamm Inc has increased their prices with Orion Waste Solutions. In turn Orin Waste Solutions has requested a price increase from the City of Ozawkie to continue servicing the city. Orion suggested a price increase of \$1.01 taking the cost from \$15.55 to \$16.56. The mayor recommended adopting an ordinance to raise the trash prices for residents from 16.65 to 17.65 to help with the increase request from Orion Waste Solutions. A motion to approve the Mayor signing an ordinance to approve the trash price increase was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Gary Branson. The motion passed unanimously.

e) Consider Ehrhart Contract

Ehrhart Excavating proposed a contract to the city to help with water and wastewater issues including line breaks and hookups that may occur during the year. Bob Ehrhart reviewed the contract terms and his history with the company. A motion to approve a one-year contract

with Ehrhart Excavating was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Hannah Seals. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

a) **Mayors Report**

The Mayor made the annual appointments as follows. Chris Feuerborn-Government, Gary Branson- Parks, Kevin Klenklen-Utilities, Laci Heller-Streets, Hannah Seals- Law Enforcement.

b) **Planning & Zoning**

The Mayor recommended approving the shed permit for 808 Kansa from the previous meeting as the easement it sits on has no utilities. A motion to approve the approval of this permit was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously. 102 Sunflower submitted a permit to place solar panels on their roof. The planning and zoning committee saw no issues and recommended approval. A motion to approve the permit was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

c) **Governmental Affairs**

The Mayor will be attending the Mayors forum in Topeka on January 26th.

d) **Law Enforcement**

Chief Bacon reviewed the police report that included one traffic stop, one code enforcement, 1 welfare check, 2 animals at large and 3 building checks.

e) **Parks**

A bid meeting will be held Thursday the 13th to open bids for the restroom project. The tractor has been looked at by Coleman's technician and he does not see any problems aside from the possibility of a safety switch issue. Gary Branson will be attending the next 2 council meetings via Zoom.

f) **Streets**

N/A

g) **Utilities**

N/A

A Motion for a 10-minute Executive session to include council members, the chief of police and the city attorney to discuss security matters was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session went into order at 8:30 P.M.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:40 P.M.

A motion for a 10-minute Executive session to include the council and the city attorney to discuss nonelected personnel was made by Kevin Klenklen and was second by Hannah Seals. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session went into order at 8:40 P.M.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:50 P.M.

The mayor announced that no business took place.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 P.M.