

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

February 14, 2022

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on February 14, 2022 at the City Hall of Ozawkie, Kansas. The following Council members were present:

Gary Branson (Via Zoom)

Kevin Klenklen

Chris Feuerborn

Hannah Seals

Laci Heller

Loren Lutes, Mayor

Also present were the following persons:

Mazi Barnes, City Clerk

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney

Jamie Klenklen, Treasurer

Residents: Sharon Branson (via zoom), Wayne McNary, Lindsay Dobbs, Dana Gettel, Hollie Davis, Chad Meyers, Ericson Willett

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 two added items, Item A) Consider Employment of Public Works Operator Item F) Park Equipment Donation. A motion to approve the consent agenda with the added items was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

Citizen Comments: N/A

Council Comments: Laci Heller mentioned that the board closing off the missing slide on the playground had fallen down again. The mayor informed her that the city will fix it.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Water Rate Changes

The council has reviewed the Water Rate change report and have decided to move forward with option 5 that will increase the base water rate to \$18 which includes the water surcharge of \$6.43. The rate from 1000 Gal to 10000 Gal increases to \$4.50/thousand and 10000 Gals and above will remain at \$7/thousand. A motion to approve these changes and authorize the mayor to sign an ordinance stating the changes was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Consider Employment of Public Works Operator

The mayor asked for a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. A motion for a 10-minute executive session was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Hannah Seals. The motion passed unanimously. The Executive session went into session at 7:12 P.M. A motion for an additional 5 minutes was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Hannah Seals. The motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting returned to session at 7:27. A motion to approve the mayor to negotiate and hire Michael Jay Knight for the Public Works position was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Hannah Seals. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Request for KLM Meeting

The League of Kansas Municipalities will be holding a meeting in Manhattan April 29th and 30th. A motion to approve the mayor and one council member to attend was made by Hannah Seals and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Request for PRIDE use of Park

PRIDE is requesting use of the city park on the following dates. April 16th with a backup date of April 23rd for an Easter Egg Hunt. A motion to approve PRIDES use of the park for these dates was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously. PRIDE is requesting to use May7th for the City Wide Garage Sales. A motion to approve city wide garage sales on May 7th was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Hannah Seals. The motion passed unanimously. Lastly PRIDE is requesting use of the park for the Heritage Festival with the previously approved date of June 11th. A motion to approve PRIDES use of the park for this date was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

d) Consider Liquor License for PRIDE

The council will consider this matter for a later date and made no motion.

e) Sewer Pump Repair

Cost of repairs are currently sitting at \$5100 and we are still waiting on parts to fully complete repairs.

f) Park Equipment Donation

Meriden Grade School has offered to donate their old playground equipment to Ozawkie as they have received a new set. A motion to approve the acceptance of this gift was made by Hannah Seals and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

a) **Mayors Report**

KanEquip will pick up the tractor for servicing February 15th. AccuFund is operational however we are still working on perfecting reports and additional items. FEMA and FEMA BRIC projects are currently on hold with the state.

b) **Planning & Zoning**

A permit for an enclosed porch was submitted to Planning and Zoning but they have requested additional information before making a recommendation.

c) **Governmental Affairs**

Nothing to report

d) **Law Enforcement**

Hannah Seals reported on behalf of Chief Tim Bacon that Ozawkie PD has been selected to host Street Cops training- Rookie to Retirement on June 6th. The substance abuse council has agreed to buy 2 new bullet resistant vests for the PD and they are on order. The sheriff's office worked an attempted burglary of Casey's. The suspect is in the Jefferson County jail and was a local. In addition, there are 5 ongoing code enforcement cases and we had 2 safety enforcement warnings and 5 building checks.

e) **Parks**

A contract for building the restroom has been approved and the contractor Shirley Construction is busy ordering the components needed. Construction will begin in the near future.

f) **Streets**

Laci Heller reported that some residents complained of the snow removal efforts of the city. Kevin Klenklen explained what was done and suggests ordering a different mixture of salt to aid in future treatment.

g) **Utilities**

We have had one more water leak since the last meeting and it was controlled. Kevin Klenklen recommends taking Ehrharts advice in exercising the valves as soon as possible. Kevin also reports that fire hydrant testing needs to be performed. The hydrant located at Kansa and central needs a 2ft riser added and the hydrant located at Coyote and Sioux is in need of repairs. ARPA funds may be used to make these repairs.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.