

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

April 11, 2022

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on April 11, 2022 at the City Hall of Ozawkie, Kansas. The following Council members were present:

Gary Branson
Hannah Seals
Laci Heller
Loren Lutes, Mayor
Kevin Klenklen-Absent
Chris Feuerborn-Absent

Also present were the following persons:

Mazi Barnes, City Clerk
Lee Hendricks, City Attorney
Jamie Klenklen, Treasurer
Rob Fisher, Planning and Zoning
Michael Knight, Public Works
Residents: Sharon Branson, Dana Gettel, Wayne McNary

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 item added under New Business, Item E) Driveway Repair. Laci Heller asked who was responsible for trip with hazardous materials in regards to last month's minutes, Mayor clarified the city would make the trip. A motion to approve the consent agenda with the added item was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

Citizen Comments: Sharon Branson informed the council that Keith Middlemass who created the stone sign for Ozawkie asked if we would like it cleaned for a fee to be determined at a later date, possibly \$80-\$100. Council will address this later in the meeting. Dana Gettel received a concern from a resident while out tidying flower beds on sunflower regarding baseball attendants parking on both sides of the street and in the grass. These concerns will be addressed by the mayor as he has worked with the school on this issue in the past.

Council Comments: Mayor Lutes addressed that both Kevin Klenklen and Chris Feuerborn were absent for prior engagements and work.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Ehrhart Contract for Water and Wastewater

The Mayor reviewed Ehrharts contract terms for providing us with Water and Wastewater license coverage and it comes in around 2/3rds of what we were previously being charged. The Mayor has given notice to Gary Taylor and a motion to approve contracting with Ehrhart Excavating for Water and Wastewater License services was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Hannah Seals. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Fuel Supply Tank

The city public works operators would like to purchase a 100-gallon diesel fuel supply tank to be mounted on the back of the flatbed to better tend to the diesel supplied equipment. Tractor supply would provide the tank and fuel pump for \$950, Northern Tool would provide the same items for \$1099 and Dales Superstore for \$1893. A motion to approve the purchase of the fuel tank and pump from Tractor Supply was made by Hannah Seals and was seconded by Gary Branson. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Update Building Permit Ordinance

Attorney Lee Hendricks reviewed the previous wording of ordinance 4-210 but did not have record of when it had ever been approved. The ordinance wording was amended to include that all additions including driveways, sidewalks, sheds etc. must go through the Planning and Zoning committee and the City Council for approval. The inspection fees were also updated per inspector Paul Crawford's recommendation. Hannah Seals asks if all the fees would apply to all items including such as a small 5X5 shed, no this would only require an application fee. Gary Branson asks if replacement projects would also be subject to the fees, no replacements would not and Lee Hendricks recommends having that language added to the ordinance. A motion to table this matter until next month's meeting so as to provide council with time to review changes was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously

d) Resignation

The Mayor read Hunter Courters resignation letter. A motion to accept Hunters resignation was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

e) Driveway Repair

The city needs to repair two small patches of driveways where we previously had to fix water leaks. We currently have a bid of \$2000-\$2500 from the concrete worker working on the restroom and a bid of \$2100 from Concrete by Burdick. The mayor recommended that no action be taken to approve either bid and we will continue to look for additional bids.

f) Stone Cleaning

The Oddfellows were the original stone sign but this group no longer exists, Jamie Klenklen states that the Rebeccas could potentially pay for it if needed. A motion to add Stone Cleaning to agenda and allocate \$100 for cleaning was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Hannah Seals. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

a) Mayors Report

Three FEMA grants have not received funding, both the Water system project and Drainage project are currently due to receive funding within this fiscal year. BRIC grants will not be addressed for 6months – year.

The mayor addressed current Jefferson County taxes and Ozawkie is still the 2nd lowest Mill level.

The Corp of Engineers inspected today and we have no faults. The mayor asked about adding the land across from City Hall to our lease as well as possible drilling sites for our BRIC lagoon project. The Corp asked that both requests be submitted in writing and the mayor will comply with this request.

Public Works Operators are having some issues reading certain meters in the city. DC&B will provide assistance with this matter. Gary Branson also asked about the old pump house, the Mayor has given Public Works the go ahead to start clearing out the inside but we may need to contract out for deconstruction of the building.

b) Planning & Zoning

Alisha Kelly of 127 Timberlane Dr submitted application for anew driveway and new shed. A revision was made to make the new additions more parallel with current house structure and avoid easements. A motion to approve this application was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

Brad Jones of 118 Sunrise submitted application for an above ground pool. Planning and Zoning requested a more descriptive site plan and approved upon receiving it. A motion to approve this application was made by Hannah Seals and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

Marc Woods submitted an application for a new housing structure at 608 Kansa. Rob Fisher of Planning and Zoning met with him to address possible runoff issues and concluded they would be properly addressed. Marc has asked for a small variance in roof pitch size of 5/12 instead of the minimum of 6/12. A motion to approve this application was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Hannah Seals. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Governmental Affairs

Nothing to report.

d) Law Enforcement

Hannah Seals reported on behalf of Chief Tim Bacon that Ozawkie PD had 5 code Enforcements that included 3 stop sign violations and 2 vehicle registration violations. Two arrest were made. The mayor reported that a couple previous officers are back helping the city.

e) Parks

The restroom is coming along well the roof is the next step and Gary has not had any complaints.

Last year the city approved a WIFI station to be put in the park the city just needs to provide a concrete pad for it Gary suggests putting it close to the shelter house and connecting it to the sidewalk. Gary Branson and the Mayor will combine this concrete project with the other two.

The new donated playground equipment needs a location, Gary suggested attaching it to the existing set with a bridge. A volunteer group will be put together to start assembling the new equipment.

f) Streets

The mayor reported that the coating on Sioux is not holding up as well he would like and it will be addressed in the future. Laci Heller reported that there are a couple trees at the intersection of buffalo and Sioux that need to be addressed. The mayor will contact Mitch Frye about this.

g) Utilities

Nothing to report.

A motion for a 10-minute Executive Session to include the Attorney to discuss non-elected personnel was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Hannah Seals. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session started at 7:57

Executive Session ended at 8:07

No action was taken

A motion to adjourn was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Hannah Seals. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:08

