

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

### CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

May 9th, 2022

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on May 9th, 2022 at the City Hall of Ozawkie, Kansas. The following Council members were present:

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

Also present were the following persons:

Mazi Barnes, City Clerk  
Lee Hendricks, City Attorney  
Jamie Klenklen, Treasurer  
Steve Curran, Planning and Zoning  
Residents: Sharon Branson, Dana Gettel, Phil and Mary Gosser, Bob Holliday, David Abramovitz, Liz Lanphear, Jim Abram

**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 correction under New Business, Item C) Pickup repair/replace. Kevin Klenklen asked that one item be added under New Business, item G) Trees on Main. Kevin Klenklen asked a question regarding the check register and a check written to tractor supply in the amount of \$2421.17, the mayor informed him that this check included the purchase of a tool box and the fuel tank previously approved by the council. 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:* Mary Gosser at 102 sunrise presented her concern regarding parking along both sides of sunflower during baseball games as this was creating dangerously narrow roads causing fights and was becoming dangerous for pedestrians as well as causing problems with some cars parking in residents grass or driveways. She asked if No Parking signs could be placed. Garry Branson commented

that he would agree that No Parking signs should be added. A possible No Parking Ordinance will be discussed later in the meeting. Dana Gettel commented that the Garage Sales were a huge hit even with unpleasant weather.

*Council Comments:* Kevin Klenklen has received questions from citizens asking that a roll off dumpster be provided a few days every month for cleanup purposes. The mayor stated that if this next weekend with the cleanup went well this was a possibility that could be discussed.

## **Old Business**

### **a) 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. Lee Hendricks also added Gary Branson's recommendation that wording be added that replacements of fences driveway etc., if remaining the same size and in the same spot must fill out a building permit application but no fees shall be charged. A motion to approve new Ordinance 2022-05 was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Hannah Seals. The motion passed unanimously.

## **New Business**

### **a) Annual Appointments**

The Mayor read off his list of recommended appointments as follows. Public Works operator: Michael Knight, City clerk: Mazi Barnes, Treasurer: Jamie Klenklen, Police Chief: Tim Bacon, City attorney Lee Hendricks, and Judge: Dennis Reiling. A motion to approve the appointments as listed was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Hannah Seals. The motion passed unanimously.

### **b) Elect Council Chair**

Gary Branson nominates Kevin Klenklen as Council chair, Hannah Seals seconds nomination. The nomination passed unanimously.

### **c) Pickup Repair/Replace**

The current 2007 Ford pickup used by the city is in need of multiple repairs in the cost of over \$2200 in order to fix the AC. The mayor has found a 2015 Chevrolet Colorado for sale in the amount of \$15,300. This truck has 95,000 miles and is in good working condition. If the council chooses to purchase the new vehicle the current truck will be sold at around half the price of the new truck. Both Kevin Klenklen and Gary Branson state they believe the current pickup will have more repair needs arise and that the new truck would be more economical. A motion to approve the purchase of the newer truck and sell the old truck subject to

inspection of new truck was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

**d) Shut off Valve plan**

Ehrhart is not ready to present their plan just yet but are working hard to get it ready, Kevin Klenklen would like the hydrants to be added to the plan as well.

**e) Concrete Projects**

The Mayor has 2 more companies preparing bids. Gary Branson recommends that if a bid is received prior to the next meeting that movement be made to get the projects completed. A motion to empower the mayor to move forward with a reasonably priced bid from a reputable company was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

**f) Firework Stand**

A-Z Fireworks would like to place a stand by Casey's as they have in the past for the dates of June 27<sup>th</sup>-July 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am-10pm. Bob Holliday asks if the fire department inspects the stand. Kevin Klenklen states that he does not believe they have in the past but can if needed, Rob Abramovitz with A-Z also recommends their inspection and states that the Fire Marshall does inspect stands periodically. A motion to approve the A-Z Firework Stand with a fee of \$450 to be paid to the city was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

**g) Trees on Main**

Kevin has received complaints regarding two clumps of trees along Main/Goldenrod and asks if they can be removed and the area cleaned up. Hannah Seals adds that Laci Heller had mentioned some trees along Sioux needing to be removed in a previous meeting and asks that those trees be included in the bids. A motion to ask for bids on tree removal was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Hannah Seals. The motion passed unanimously.

**h) Parking Ordinance**

Gary Branson points out that part of the parking problem needs to be addressed and corrected by the school as the city limits do not extend the entire length of the road. The Mayor will talk with the school. A motion to approve Ordinance 2022-06 for No Parking signs to be added along both sides of the street on the City owned portion of sunflower was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Hannah Seals. The Motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS**

**a) Mayors Report**

The Mayor and Hannah Seals attended the Kansas Mayors Association the previous weekend bringing back new information. The main takeaway of the conference was how to deal with conflict residents within cities as well as new information regarding the Revenue

Neutral Rate. The Mayor states that it is still in the Cities best interest to exceed the Revenue Neutral rate as we did in the past. He will also be reviewing personnel policies and updating them as needed.

Grants- The drainage project has picked up additional drainage spots along Main and Kansa and this project is making headway.

The Mayor would like to start demolition of the old water building starting by the safe cleanup of the chemicals still present inside.

## **b) Planning & Zoning**

Eric and Tatum Eck submitted application to build a new house at the corner lot of central/kansa. Planning and Zoning saw no issues and recommend approval. A motion to approve this permit 22-10 was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

Rob Fisher of 613 Kansa submitted application for a 12X8 shed. Planning and zoning saw no issues and recommended approval. A motion to approve this permit 22-8 was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Curran of 104 Sunrise Ct submitted application for a 30X40 garage building to be placed on his corner lot. Planning and Zoning saw no issues and recommended approval. A motion to approve this permit 22-9 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 4 code Enforcements, 2 stop sign violations 1 accident and 1 arrest. Tim also reported there were no issues at the Garage Sales.

## **e) Parks**

The restroom is nearing completion. The concrete pad for the hot spot is ready to be poured. Gary Branson asks that anyone interested in helping put up the new playground equipment please meet with him or Sharon. The Mayor adds that City Inspector Paul Crawford has a lot of experience and would be helpful with the playground.

## **f) Streets**

Nothing to report.

## **g) Utilities**

There was a water Leak Friday night in the water pit that has been fixed. Public Works operator Michael Knight is currently at training for his certifications.

A motion for a 15-minute Executive Session to include the Attorney to discuss appointments was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session started at 8:08

Executive Session ended at 8:23

No action was taken

A motion to adjourn was made by Hannah Seals and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:24