

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

June 13th, 2022

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on June 13th, 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
Residents: Sharon Branson, Dana Gettel, James and Nancy Shaw

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 no changes. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Hannah Seals. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

Citizen Comments: Dana Gettel reports that the Heritage Festival held over 35 vendors and had 37 entries in the car show, kids really enjoyed the bounce houses and kid's activities. Although she had hoped for a better turnout it is still reported to be a great success with the new date.

Dana Gettel on behalf of PRIDE asked the council for permission to use the Park on July 16th from 7pm-9pm to hold a community Picnic and activities. This will be added as an item under new business.

Dana Gettel on behalf of PRIDE asks to hold the previously approved Glow Run on the new date of August 27th. This will be added as an item under new business.

Kevin Klenklen asks Dana to produce a financial report for the Heritage Festival.

Sharon Branson asks permission to do some landscaping around the new restroom for beautification and to ease the need for mowing around it. This will be added as an item under new business.

Council Comments: Gary Branson asks to add Tractor Repair to the agenda, this will be added as an item under new business.

Old Business

a) Tree Removal Bids

The city has received two bids at this time for the removal of several trees around town. The first bid is from GL Landscape in the amount of \$4950 and the second bid was from Daniel Carter in the amount of \$4150. At this time the Mayor does not recommend moving forward. A motion to table the matter until a later date was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Shut off Valve plan

Ehrhart excavating is still working on this plan and there is currently no movement.

New Business

a) Budget Planning

If the RNR is not exceeded, the mill levy will go down and the budget will lose approximately \$20,000. If the RNR is exceeded the Mill levy will remain the same. As numbers are entered into the budget, there are significant holes in both the Water and Sewer funds due to repairs. We are currently looking at ways to supplement these funds through money from other funds. It is possible to use either the Trash Fund or City Sales Tax Fund to supplement these funds. One more change that will be made is the transfer to the Police Equipment Reserve will be cut off at \$35,000.

c) Lift Station #4

The Lift station on sunrise services a single house and has gone down due to a motor issue. A loaned pump is being used currently while the city finds out the price to fix or replace the motor.

d) Tractor Repair

Gary Branson has had the opportunity to operate the tractor and has discovered two problems. The Tractor does not have working AC in the cab making it difficult to operate for long due to heat. Secondly the tractor is burning oil quit quickly. KanEquip has warned that a major failure is likely to happen in the future without some type of fix. KanEquip will send a mechanic out for \$150/hour plus parts/supplies. A new Engine would cost approximately \$10,000. Alternatively, a new 60HP tractor without a cab would cost \$32,500 and with a cab \$45,000 it would also require a new loader priced at \$6,500. The city will build a tractor replacement purchase into the 2023 budget.

e) Glow Run

A motion to approve the new date of August 27th was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Hannah Seals, the motion passed unanimously.

f) Picnic in the Park

A motion for PRIDE to use the Park on July 16th from 7pm-9pm was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Laci Heller, the motion passed unanimously.

g) Landscaping

A motion to approve landscaping around the restroom was made by Hannah Seals and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen, the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

a) Mayors Report

The Mayor and Attorney are working on correcting one city code regarding political signs.

b) Planning & Zoning

Nothing to report.

c) Governmental Affairs

Nothing to report.

d) Law Enforcement

Hannah Seals reported on behalf of Chief Tim Bacon that Ozawkie PD had 1 code Enforcements, 2 stop sign violations 1 seat belt violation. Tim also reported there were no issues at the Heritage Festival.

e) Parks

The restroom needs a final list of checks and final bills turned in to finish the restroom project. The city is on the schedule for the Library Hotspot to be installed.

f) Streets

Laci Heller asks who is responsible for driveway culverts. The mayor informs her it is usually the city and he will have public works operator Michael Knight look into fixing the ones in need.

g) Utilities

Michael Knight has been irrigating from the lagoons to keep them from overflowing.

A motion for a 15-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 7:50

Executive Session ended at 8:05

A motion to hire Gary Branson for contract labor was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Hannah Seals. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:08