

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

July 11th, 2022

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on July 13th, 2022 at the City Hall of Ozawkie, Kansas. The following Council members were present:

Gary Branson
Kevin Klenklen
Loren Lutes, Mayor
Chris Feuerborn

Also present were the following persons:

Mazi Barnes, City Clerk
Lee Hendricks, City Attorney
Jamie Klenklen, Treasurer
Residents: Sharon Branson, Dana Gettel, Lindsay Dobbs, Pat Happer

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 addition of Item C) Sewer Rates under new business. A motion to approve consent agenda items A-C was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously. Item D will be discussed in executive session.

Regular Agenda:

Citizen Comments: Dana Gettel reviews The Heritage Festival financial report and asks if the city wants to Sponsor the event for 2023 with \$2000.

Pat Happer raised his concerns regarding the notification process done by the Chief of Police in regards to the removal of his vehicle that was parked on the street in front of his house. He did not feel he was properly notified of the issue and encourages the city to look at their process and make necessary changes to better notify citizens. Attorney Lee Hendricks responded confirming that Chief Bacon followed all procedures correctly and even allowed extra time for the issue to be fixed. He also stated that Chief Bacon was unclear who the vehicle belonged to as there was no VIN or Plate accessible and could not simply start knocking on doors as this would open a precedent to future issues if he did not give others the same notice. Councilmember Klenklen also stated that he believes the current process

does leave room for change. The mayor stated that the city would look into the current process and decide if changes needed to be made.

Council Comments: N/A

Old Business

a) Shut Off Valve Plan

Nick Ehrhart presented a shut off valve plan for one portion of the city. Nick reviewed the reason behind the need for this as several valves are not currently working in the city and are in need of replacement to better serve the residents when handling water leaks. This current plan includes (4) 6" valves and (3) 4" valves as well as the repair couplings, valve risers and lids, and all labor and machine time for a cost of \$23,500. Nick also suggested prior to this that Ehrharts work with the city maintenance operator to test all the existing valves and label the working and non-working ones for better service in the future. The council will review this plan over the next month before making any decisions.

b) Budget Update

The budget is ready to go to the city's budget preparer for final revisions. We were able to increase both the water and sewer budgets by a few thousand dollars each. In order to achieve these increases, we will need to keep the Mill levy where it is and ask for a small increase in sewer rates.

New Business

a) Notification to Exceed RNR

The mayor read the notification to exceed the RNR along with the proposed mill levy of 25.550. A motion to approve the notification to exceed the RNR was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Tractor Sale

The city plans to sell the 2007 Komatsu Tractor on purple wave along with the 2007 Ford Pickup and purchase a new tractor for the city. A motion to approve the sale of these two items was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Sewer Rate Increase

Currently the revenue from Sewer rates is falling short of \$25000 on the city's bond payment in order to cover half of this cost as well as maintain a sewer budget for next year the city is asking for a sewer rate increase of \$4.00 this would bring the sewer rate cost to 32.50 which is still below the county average of \$33.50. A motion to empower the mayor to approve an ordinance raising sewer rates by \$4.00 was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Gary Branson. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

a) Mayors Report

The annual League of Kansas Municipalities conference will be in October in Kansas City the mayor will be asking for approval for he and one other council member to attend at a later date.

b) Planning & Zoning

City Clerk Mazi Barnes shared the one application approved by the planning and zoning committee. Michael Guodace of 118 Lakeview ct. submitted application for a concrete pad and metal shed. The planning and zoning committee found no problems with the application and submitted it to council for approval. A motion to accept the application was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Governmental Affairs

Nothing to report.

d) Law Enforcement

Nothing to report.

e) Parks

Gary has reviewed playground parts and has determined we have everything we need and once the weather cools and he has help the playground will go up.

f) Streets

Nothing to report

g) Utilities

Nothing to report.

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 Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session started at 8:05

Executive Session ended at 8:20

A motion to approve item D from the Consent Agenda was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Gary Branson. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:22

