

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

August 8th, 2022

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on August 8th, 2022 at the City Hall of Ozawkie, Kansas. The following Council members were present:

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

Also present were the following persons:

Mazi Barnes, City Clerk
Lee Hendricks, City Attorney
Jamie Klenklen, Treasurer
Christy Crews, City Consultant
Bob Ehrhart, Ehrhart Excavating
Residents: Jim Shaw, Dana Gettel, Lindsay Dobbs, Kim Holland

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 consent agenda was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

Citizen Comments: Dana Gettel requested council approval for use of the trail on October 14th and 15th for the Ozawkie PRIDE Haunted Trail Ride. This request will be discussed at the end of New Business. The Mayor asks Dana for a more detailed expense report on the Heritage Festival.

Jim Shaw asks that a plaque be placed on the new restroom building to recognize the Branson's for all that they put into it. The Mayor agrees but states that at the Branson's request they have not moved forward on it at this time.

Council Comments: N/A

Old Business

a) Shut Off Valve Plan

The Mayor states that he would like to move forward with repairs to the existing valves but refrain from installing new ones at this time due to limited funds being available. Bob Ehrhart states that fixing and exercising the current valves would keep the city from having to go into a total shut down and subsequently a boil order. He also stated that Ehrhart Excavating was more than willing to work with the city within their current budget. A motion to proceed with valve repair not to exceed \$10,000 was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

a) Approve Budget Publication

The mayor reviewed the publication page that included the Mill levy of 25.5, the ad valorem taxes of \$135,000 as well as a summary of the past 2 years. A motion to approve the publication page was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously

b) Set Hearings for RNR and Budget

The September 12th, 2022 meeting will hold both the Hearing to exceed the RNR at 6:50pm immediately followed by the Budget Hearing. A motion to approve both hearings was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously

c) Grant Project Update

Christy Crews reviews the status of the 7 projects the city had, 5 of these projects are now complete. The Water Systems project just received \$160,587.57 in payment this is 85% of the cost. The Mayor adds that \$28,338.87 is the city's cost for the Water Systems project. The 2 projects left are the Drainage project and the Management project. The Drainage project has been resubmitted as additional drainage ditches have been located and added. The hope is to have new drain pipe placed in all the drainage ditches. The Management project will be 5% of the cost of the projects. This pays for the time spent working on all the project but this cannot be submitted until the Drainage project is obligated.

BRIC- These projects are still in review with FEMA.

The city has also qualified for a Waste Water loan from KDHE for \$512,000 at a 1.96% interest rate, it has not been decided yet whether we will take this loan or not.

AARPA- The final payment of \$47,308.84 was received June 13th, we have until the end of 2024 to spend this money however most of it has been spent on current projects to upkeep our sewer system as well as some final projects for the new water building.

d) Appointment to Planning and zoning

The mayor reviews the letter received from Phil Gosser requesting to be appointed to Planning and Zoning. Members of Planning and Zoning have already recommended his approval. This appointment would fill the final spot available. A motion to approve Phil Gosser's appointment too Planning and Zoning was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

e) KLM Conference

The KLM conference will be held in Overland Park October 8th-10th the Mayor is seeking approval for he and one other council member to attend. A motion to approve the attendance of the mayor and one other council member was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

f) Haunted Trail

A motion to approve PRIDES use of the trail on October 14th and 15th was made by Hannah Seals and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

a) Mayors Report

Nothing to add.

b) Planning & Zoning

City Clerk Mazi Barnes shared an amended application previously approved for Marc Woods at 608 Kansa the home needed to be moved 12ft to allow for a straight driveway. Planning and Zoning has approved this amendment. A motion to approve the amended application was made by Hannah Seals and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously. The City Clerk also shared the 2 reports up for approval. A new Inspection report was submitted by Paul Crawford he uses it in other cities and would like to use it in Ozawkie as well and an updated Inspectors checklist provided by the city were both approved by Planning and Zoning. A motion to approve the use of the reports was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Hannah Seals. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Governmental Affairs

Nothing to report.

d) Law Enforcement

Hannah Seals read the police report provided by Chief Tim Bacon. The report included 4 code enforcements, 6 safety enforcements, 5 building checks and a special report that the Ozawkie Police Department completed 2 of the 3 phases in an active shooter response program, Phase 3 will be in the fall.

e) Parks

The Mayor reads the Parks Commissions report that Gary Branson provided in his absence. The restrooms have been kept clean and used respectfully. The 10 new trees donated 2 years ago have been pruned and are doing well. The new Wi-Fi station is expected to be installed soon but has been delayed due to supply shortages. The walking trail on the Corps ground has been mowed and maintained. Finally, Gary Branson has requested the rental of a verti slicer/seeder and 50 lbs. of K-31 grass seed to seed around the restroom and shelter house this fall for a cost of \$300-\$350. A motion to approve this purchase was made by Hannah Seals and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

f) Streets

Nothing to report

g) Utilities

Kevin Klenklen adds to streets that there may be a few spots in need of sealing in the fall, this will be revisited at a later meeting.

A motion for a 15-minute Executive Session to include the Attorney to discuss non-elected personnel was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session started at 7:50pm

Executive Session ended at 8:05pm

The Mayor reported no action was taken.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Hannah Seals. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:05pm