

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

November 14th, 2022

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on November 14th, 2022 at the City Hall of Ozawkie, Kansas. The following Council members were present:

Loren Lutes, Mayor
Gary Branson
Laci Heller
Chris Feuerborn
Rob Fisher
Kevin Klenklen-Absent

Also present were the following persons:

Mazi Barnes, City Clerk
Lee Hendricks, City Attorney
Residents: Sharon Branson, Dana Gettel, Lindsay Dobbs, Kim Holland, Ellis Moses, Hollie Davis, Amanda Ceja, Mary Lou Smith, Cory and Alisha Kelly

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 Gary Branson and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

Citizen Comments: Corey Kelly of 127 Timberlane Dr presented a letter stating his own concerns regarding the allegations and negative accusations made against his property and his family. He has been receiving negative and hateful comments from neighbors and in letters in regards to his recycling services. He has also had threats made against him and has had his privacy violated multiple times by people coming onto his property and taking pictures without his permission. He does not feel proper action was taken in regards to the ordinance accusations as he never met with an officer until after receiving a letter from the cities attorney. After receiving this however, he was able to meet with Chief Tim Bacon and allowed him full access to his property and shop.

Sharon Branson of 726 Delaware Dr shared her thoughts regarding the PRIDE organization as it is now vs when it started in 2017. She feels that PRIDE is attempting to expand too much and believes it is becoming too expensive to keep up as it once was a self-supporting organization.

Hollie Davis of 504 Sioux Dr also shared her thoughts on PRIDE as she believes it has provided many great activities since it started to expand and grow larger. She has enjoyed the chance to take her family out and meet her neighbors she hopes to see PRIDE continue to expand their organization and activities.

Council Comments: N/A

Old Business

a) Water Park Update

Mayetta's park provided through Rain Deck came in close to a cost of \$200K. Athco quoted their parks range from 150-175K. More information will continue to be gathered as we continue working through options available.

b) PRIDE Request

PRIDE has requested \$2000 in funds for the Heritage Festival. The mayor informed the council that the city has not previously ever donated to a civic organization and he does not recommend starting now. Previous funds were received from the sheriff's office from fines and forfeitures funds but at this time those funds have all been allocated. No action taken.

New Business

a) KDHE Lead & copper Rule

KDHE has presented the new requirements for lead and copper inventory. A 22-point spreadsheet is required to be filled out to inventory every water pipe in the city. Surveys will be sent out to every citizen in the near future. Attorney Lee Hendricks has the initial letter drafted and is recommending a discount on resident's water bill be offered to those who complete the survey in full. More information will be available at a later date.

b) Tractor Purchase

The current bid on our high loader tractor is up to \$28,000 and the current bid on the Ford truck is up to \$1800. Heritage Tractor has provided us with a quote of \$54087.45 for a John Deere 4052 tractor with loader. The bid is good until the end of November. Gary Branson comments that the tractor should fit the needs of the city. Rob Fisher comments that the price will not likely to be going down in the future. The mayor recommends moving forward with the purchase of the new tractor. A motion to purchase the tractor was made by Rob Fisher and was seconded by Laci Heller. the motion passed unanimously.

c) P&Z Chair

Kim Holland has been recommended as the chairperson for Planning and Zoning by the planning and zoning board members. The mayor appoints Kim Holland as chair person for

Planning and Zoning. A motion to approve this appointment was made by Rob Fisher and was seconded by Gary Branson. The motion passed unanimously.

d) P&Z Member

The Mayor has received a letter of intent from Alec Davis to volunteer for the planning and zoning committee. The mayor appoints Alec Davis pending council approval. A motion to approve this appointment was made by Rob Fisher and was seconded by Gary Branson. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion for a 5-minute executive session was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Gary Branson. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session started at 7:44

Executive Session ended at 7:49

e) Deputy Clerk Appointment

The Mayor recommends the hiring of Jamie Durand as the Part Time Deputy Clerk he will also learn maintenance. A motion to empower the mayor to negotiate the hiring of Jamie Durand was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Rob Fisher. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

a) Mayors Report

FEMA- Two projects are still out. The drainage project that is currently held up waiting on a site inspector and the management project that cannot be submitted until the drainage project is completed. The drainage project has been extended until May.

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b) Planning & Zoning

Kim Holland reviews some changes being made. Planning and Zoning will now meet a second time every month as a work group to work on updating and putting together more comprehensive plans. An application for solar panel installation has been presented by Sean Christie of 101 Cottonwood but action on the application was postponed until the next meeting as some additional information and an additional permit were required.

c) Governmental Affairs

Nothing to report.

d) Law Enforcement

Rob Fisher reads over Chief Tim Bacons report that included 2 code enforcements 1 ongoing investigation regarding multiple code enforcement issues and 1 animal violation. The report

also included 2 equipment violations 1 domestic disturbance and 3 suspicious person reports.

e) Parks

Gary Branson shares that the new grass is germinating and the restrooms have been winterized. A new teeter totter has been secured by Gary Branson and will be installed next summer. The cost of the equipment was free so the cost to the city will only be for the space and concrete needed to secure it. Gary, Sharon and Moe will be spreading weed barrier on Saturday and would welcome additional volunteers. Gary Branson thanks volunteers Sharon Branson, Moe, Laci Heller, Amanda and Chris Feuerborn, Steve Curran and Pat Happer for their help.

f) Streets

Laci Heller will contact Approved Paving to see if a date for work has been decided.

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 8:05pm

A motion to add an additional 10 minutes was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn, the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session ended at 8:37pm

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

Adjourned at 8:37pm