

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

May 8th, 2023

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

Loren Lutes, Mayor

Gary Branson

Laci Heller

Rob Fisher-Absent

Kevin Klenklen

Chris Feuerborn

Also present were the following persons:

Mazi Barnes, City Clerk

Michael Knight, Public Works Operator

Mark Tenpenny, Public Works Operator

Jamie Klenklen, Treasurer

Kim Holland, Planning and Zoning Chair

Residents: Dana Gettel, Ellis Moses, Ken Miller, Sharon Branson

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 Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Lacy Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

Citizen Comments: Dana Gettel asked for any follow up on the complaints received about the solicitation and trespassing complaints regarding a local resident. The Mayor and Chief of Police have been in discussion about it. Attorney Lee Hendricks recommends making sure residents call the police when it happens not after and file an official complaint with the city.

Council Comments: N/A

Old Business

a) FEMA Drainage

The Drainage project has been approved but is currently underfunded as the rates received were not signed off on by everyone at the state level. The State is also asking for a completion date which we do not yet have. The project will continue with discussion with the engineer. A project extension letter is being ficed.

b) Planning and Zoning Procedures

Lee Hendricks, Kim Holland and the Mayor are still in discussion and hope to have plans presented at the next meeting.

New Business

a) Annual Appointments

The Mayor read the list of Annual Appointments as follows. Michael Knight, Maintenance, Mark Tenpenny Maintenance, Mazi Barnes City Clerk and Court Clerk, James Durand Deputy Clerk, Jamie Klenklen Treasurer, Timothy Bacon Police Chief, Lee Hendricks City Attorney and Dennis Reiling City Judge. The Mayor recommends approval of the appointments as read. A motion to approve the appointments was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen, the motion passes unanimously.

b) Council Chair

Chris Feuerborn nominates Kevin Klenklen for Council Chair, Garry Branson seconds the nomination. The motion passes unanimously.

c) Water Program Update

The water meters have had multiple problems the past two months due to outdated equipment. The new equipment will cost \$1045.00; a tablet was also recommended for \$129.96. A motion to approve the purchase of new equipment for a total of \$1174.96 by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Laci Heller, the motion passed unanimously.

d) Water Tower Clean Out

The last water tower clean out was done August 2020 for \$2950 by Inland Potable Services. The same company has offered the same price to clean again. A motion to approve this service was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn, the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

a) Mayors Report

The Mayor shared the Jefferson County tax rates. Ozawkie is still the second lowest at 25.552. The KLM conference was helpful as always with Jackie Styles being the lead speaker speaking on leadership and how to manage conflicts.

b) Planning & Zoning

Kim Holland reviewed the procedures needing changes made that were discussed at the meeting. A plan to move forward with these changes will be presented at the next meeting.

c) Governmental Affairs

Nothing to report.

d) Law Enforcement

The mayor read the police report that included 5 open cases, 3 grass violations, 4 safety enforcements, 1 domestic disturbance, 1 suspicious person, 4 alarm calls and 2 civil standbys.

e) Parks

Gary Branson reported that the restrooms are open.

f) Streets

Approved Paving came out and did crack sealing.

g) Utilities

Nothing to report.

A motion for a 10-minute executive session to include the council, mayor and attorney to discuss contracts was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Gary Branson. The motion passed unanimously.

Session started at 7:54

Session ended at 8:04

No action was taken.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Gary Branson. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:05pm