

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

### CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

June 12th, 2023

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on June 12th, 2022 at the City Hall of Ozawkie, Kansas. The following Council members were present:

**Loren Lutes, Mayor**

**Gary Branson**

**Laci Heller**

**Rob Fisher**

**Kevin Klenklen**

**Chris Feuerborn**

Also present were the following persons:

Mazi Barnes, City Clerk

Lee Hendricks, Attorney

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, James Shaw, Malcom

Griffin, Alec Davis, Dave Ayres, Kathy Ayres, Niki Osburn, William Osburn

**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 change, adding Item F under New Business- Police Radio Purchase. A motion to approve the consent agenda with this change was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Rob Fisher. The motion passed unanimously.

**Regular Agenda:**

*Citizen Comments:* Dana Gettel shared that the Heritage Festival held a good turnout. PRIDE would like to propose an event for August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, a street dance and band event Kickin It On Kansa. The Mayor added the approval of this event under New Business.

*Council Comments:* Gary Branson has received some complaints of speeding on Kansa and Delaware and the resident suggested considering speed bumps being installed, the city clerk added that she also received a complaint of speeding on Sioux.

## **Old Business**

### **a) Planning and Zoning Procedures**

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

## **New Business**

### **a) Legal Rate**

Stumbo Hanson is requesting a rate increase of \$25/hr from all the city's they work with this will raise the hourly rate from \$175 to \$200. It has been 4 years since a rate increase was made. A motion to approve this rate increase was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously

### **b) Building Inspector Rate Increase**

Building Inspector Paul Crawford asked for a rate increase from \$40/hr to \$45/hr for inspections and a rate increase from \$20/hr to \$22.50/hr for travel time. A motion to approve this rate change was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Rob Fisher. The motion passed unanimously

### **c) Concrete Bids**

The city has received 3 bids for the driveway patch needed at 211 Meadowlark. The city has received 2 bids and are waiting on a 3<sup>rd</sup> bid for work needed at 413 Kansa. A motion to wait until the next meeting when all bids have been received was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Rob Fisher. The motion passed unanimously.

### **d) Ehrhart Contract**

The City's contract with Ehrhart Excavating ends June 30<sup>th</sup>. A contract for an additional 6 months was presented with no changes in price. A motion to approve the new contract was made by Rob Fisher and was seconded by Gary Branson. The motion passed unanimously.

### **e) Water Park Update**

In traveling Kevin Klenklen came across a town that was installing a splash pad and was able to receive some information from the contractors Playscape Recreation They provided a rough estimate of \$100,000 for a 1000 square foot splash park with 3 water fixtures. They also discussed a fresh water system vs recycled water and concluded that fresh water would present less problems overall. On average the park would use 40-45gallons of water a minute but could be placed on a timer so it was not constantly running. Kevin Klenklen recommended that the Mayor put together a small committee to look for fundraising opportunities to help support the build of this splash park.

**f) Police Radios**

New Federal Requirements have been implemented that require the purchase of new radios for the Police Chief at a price of \$5587.57. Tim Bacon is hoping to receive funding through the county to help pay for it. A motion to approve the purchase of the radios was made by Rob Fisher and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

**g) PRIDE Request**

PRIDE would like to host Kickin it on Kansa on August 5<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-10pm and it shall include food trucks, kids game a beer garden sponsored by Country Home Café and a street dance and band that will require a portion of Kansa between central and buffalo to be closed for 2 hours. A motion to approve this event was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Rob Fisher. The motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS**

**a) Mayors Report**

Funding has been received for the drainage project. The Engineering company has been behind on the additional drain plans and we may have to look for additional help. The Mayor congratulated Gary and Sharon Branson on their DRA Award received for all their hard work over the years. Next month we will start the budget process for 2024.

**b) Planning & Zoning**

Kim Holland informed that they were still searching for a new member. Eric and Tatum Eck requested a building permit for a shop on their lot at 321 Sioux. A motion to approve this request was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Rob Fisher. The motion passed unanimously. Kim Holland has also started a Facebook page to involve community feedback. Kim Holland presented some new forms for the council to review.

**c) Governmental Affairs**

Nothing to report.

**d) Law Enforcement**

Rob Fisher read the police report that included 2 open cases, 1 grass violation, 4 safety enforcements, 2 domestic disturbances, 3 suspicious person reports (case pending with city court) 1 unattended death, 1 criminal damage to property (damage to restrooms) and 1 warrant for arrest.

**e) Parks**

Gary Branson reported that the restrooms had their first vandalism as someone had ripped the baby changing station from the wall and scattered debris across the restroom. He recommended looking into surveillance cameras for the park and this is already being looked into by the mayor.

**f) Streets**

Nothing to report.

**g) Utilities**

Nothing to report.

A motion for a 20-minute executive session to include the council, mayor and attorney to discuss non-elected personnel was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Gary Branson. The motion passed unanimously.

Session started at 8:13

Session ended at 8:33

No action was taken.

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

Adjourned at 8:35pm