

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

September 11, 2023

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on September 11, 2023 at the City Hall of Ozawkie, Kansas. The following Council members were present:

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

Also present were the following persons:

Mazi Barnes, City Clerk
Jamie Klenklen, Treasurer
Mark Tenpenny, Public Works
Residents: Sharon Branson, Susan Kramer, Donna Stockton, Jim Shaw, Ellis Moses, Phil Gosser, Dana Gettel, Lindsay Dobbs, Judy Bailey, Michael Robb, Malcolm Griffin.

The Public Hearing to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate was called to order at 6:50 P.M.

Mayor Lutes informed those present of the cities intention to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate set forth by the county. The RNR is 22.872 and we have the intention of exceeding that to 25.552. A motion to adopt Resolution 2023-4 to exceed the RNR was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously. Roll call vote was recorded with all present council members voting yes.

With no additional comments from the public or council the hearing to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate closed at 6:53 P.M.

The 2024 Budget Hearing opened at 6:53 P.M.

A motion to adopt the 2024 budget as it was published was made by Rob Fisher and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

With no additional comments from the public or council the 2024 Budget Hearing closed at 6:55 P.M.

The Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Lutes led those present in the flag salute. A moment of silence was announced in remembrance of the 9/11 tragedy.

Consent Agenda: Mayor Lutes put forth the Consent Agenda with no additional changes. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Comment: No additional comments.

Regular Agenda:

Citizen Comments: At Susan Kramer's request the Mayor sign in a document proclaiming the week of September 17th-23rd as Constitution week and asks that the citizens reaffirm the ideals and freedoms guaranteed through the original document

Donna Stockton presents her petition to reduce the speed limit along K92 Hwy with 525 signatures so far.

Dana Gettel asks that the city allow PRIDE the use of the park and main street for Christmas activities and tree lighting ceremony on December 9th. This request will be added to the agenda.

Judy Bailey with Pawsitively Jefferson County shared news that the program received a grant from Freestate Energy and the money will be divided amongst the cities to help treat more cats.

Council Comments: Gary Branson asked Dana Gettel how the previous PRIDE event went with the Beer Garden. Dana stated that they only sold around 60 cans which was not as much as she hoped.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Personnel Policy

A motion to table the approval of changes until the next meeting was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSSINESS

a) Consider Concrete Bids

The Mayor recommended bid from Concepts Construction in the amount of \$3330 be accepted. The \$3330 will cover the repair of 211 Meadowlark for \$2430 and a repair needed at the corner of Sioux to fix a drainage problem for \$900. A motion to accept this bid was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Rob fisher. The motion passed 4-1

b) Water Ordinance Changes

Ordinance 23-03 has a typo under OOT, school and Business stating that the cost for gallon usage between 1000-2000 was \$30.50 rather than \$5.50/1000 gallons. The Mayor also proposed a small increase of .50 for the second line of gallon usage. No motion made.

c) Christmas Event

A motion to approve the use of the park and main street for Christmas activities on December 9th was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Rob fisher. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

a) Mayors Report

The Drainage project is being presented to contractors for bids. DG Market has sent over plans. The Mayor and Rob will be attended the KLM conference October 7th-9th.

b) Planning & Zoning

Phil Gosser informed the council of plans turned in by Jeff Raburn. The plans were turned in after the due date and there are questions regarding the design this will be discussed at the next planning and zoning meeting.

c) Governmental Affairs

Nothing to report.

d) Law Enforcement

Rob Fisher reads the police report that includes 1 code enforcement 3 safety enforcements 2 accidents, 1 domestic disturbance, 1 disturbance between neighbors 1 damage to property, 9 building checks and 2 juvenile issues. There is an investigation for vehicle theft/criminal damage to property, evidence is pending with KBI.

e) Parks

The airplane seesaw is installed and is a big hit. The bathroom locks are fixed and have new schedules available.

f) Streets

Nothing to report.

g) Utilities

Nothing to report.

A Motion for a 15-minute Executive session to include council members to discuss non-elected personnel was made by Rob Fisher and was second by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session went into order at 7:50 P.M.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:05 P.M.

A motion to contract Christy Crews to manage the 2 outstanding grants at \$50/hr was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Rob Fisher. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Rob Fisher. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.