

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

November 13, 2023

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on November 13th, 2023 at the City Hall of Ozawkie, Kansas. The following Council members were present:

Loren Lutes, Mayor

Gary Branson

Rob Fisher

Kevin Klenklen

Laci Heller

Chris Feuerborn

Also present were the following persons:

Mazi Barnes, City Clerk

Public Works-Mark Tenpenny

Lee Hendricks, Attorney

Jamie Klenklen, Treasurer

Residents: Sharon Branson, Ellis Moses, Christopher Windler, Dana Gettel, Lindsay

Dobbs, Niki Osburn, Amanda Ceja, Jon Pfau, Ken Miller

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 three changes. Under New Business Items B) Consider Purchase of New Police Car, item C) Consider Valve Replacement Bid and item D) FEMA BRIC Grants. A motion to approve the consent agenda with these changes was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

Citizen Comments: Dana Gettel shared that PRIDE had a wonderful turnout to the Whispering Woods event despite weather shutting them down the first day they were able to reopen the following weekend.

Council Comments: Mayor Lutes presented Gary Branson with a certificate of appreciation for his hard work and dedication to the city council and city parks during his tenure as councilman.

New Business

a) Storm Drain Project

Farmer Excavating has put in a bid to correct all 10 of the city's storm drains that are in need of repair as well as the additional services of tree removal and a new drain being put in on Main street near Casey's where we have a reoccurring run off problem. The bid for the 8 grant projects was \$42,750. The 2 additional city projects were bid at \$17,200 for a total of \$59,950. A motion to accept both bids was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Consider Purchase of New Police Car

The current 2012 Dodge Charger used for city police business is facing some electronic issues that are affecting the camera system and requires a dead man's switch be put in place after every use. For this reason, police chief Tim Bacon would like to purchase a used 2020 Dodge Durango at a price of \$29,600. The Durango has a current mileage of 49,500 and is already set up as a police vehicle. A motion to purchase the new vehicle was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Rob Fisher. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Consider Valve Replacement Bid

Ehrhart Excavating has put forth a bid of 9960 to replace 4 more valves throughout the city. The main goal is to isolate main street and the school to lower the amount of boil orders they are affected by. These valves will be replaced in spring/summer 2024. A motion to approve this bid was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

d) FEMA BRIC Grants

Both projects have been approved. Project 1 was approved for an amount of \$ 160,000 for the purchase and installation of 3 generators to be placed at the township hall the water control building and the 3rd lift station. Project 2 was approved for \$550,000 for phase 1 which is to purchase a plot of land for the new lagoon pond and the engineering work up.

REPORTS

a) Mayors Report

Nothing to report.

b) Planning & Zoning

John Pfau at 304 Kiowa is requesting a privacy fence, planning and zoning approved the application. A motion to approve the application after notarization was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded Rob Fisher. The motion passed unanimously.

Cass Meiers at 320 Kansa is requesting a privacy fence, planning and zoning approved the application. A motion to approve the application after notarization was made by Gary Branson and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Governmental Affairs

Nothing to report.

d) Law Enforcement

Rob Fisher reads the police report that included 1 code enforcement, 3 safety enforcements, 1 domestic disturbance, 8 building checks, 1 juvenile issue, 1 suspicious person and 1 explosion/gun shot. The police chief also reported there were no issues with the Whispering Woods event.

e) Parks

Gary Branson shared his park report. The restrooms have been closed for the winter. The flag pole in the park has been restored with a fresh coat of paint thanks to Mitch Frye and Moe Ellis, Gary Branson would like a letter of thanks sent to Mitch. The City of Meriden donated 75' of unused playground border that will be installed in the spring, Gary would also like a letter of thanks sent to them. Gary has suggested the council take a look at the new benches that have been put in at the county courthouse he believes these would make good replacements for the ones in the park. Finally, Gary Branson stated that it has been a pleasure and honor serving on the city council with all present and past members and hopes to continue to be involved in the development and improvement of Ozawkie and the city park.

f) Streets

Nothing to report.

g) Utilities

Mark Tenpenny has requested that extra weight be added to the back of the tractor preferably in beet juice as it will not affect the tractor if leaked.

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

Session starts at 7:38pm

Session ended at 7:58pm

No business took place.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm

