

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on February 18, 2020, in the meeting room at the Oakley Fire Station, 215 Hudson Avenue, at 7:00 PM. Mayor Whyte presided.

Council members present. Jordan Burris, Chris Dorman, Leasa Huddle, Ilene Nickel, and Shane Stephenson were present.

City staff present. City Administrator Bradley Pendergast, City Clerk Leann Hughes, Street Director Edwin Burris and Police Chief Daniel Cooper.

Others present. DeAnn Dreitz, Travis Ladenberger, Scott Eberle, Mark Hubert, Talia Mayhugh, Paula Burris, Sonya Cooksey and Kezia Uhrich.

Call to order. Mayor Whyte called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes. Nickel moved to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2020, as presented. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11240).

AP Payment Registers. Burris moved to approve the February 14, 2020, AP Payment Register for 2019 expenses, in the amount of \$5,071.34 (Check Nos. 46293-46294). Dorman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11241).

Stephenson moved to approve the February 14, 2020, AP Payment Register for 2020 expenses, in the amount of \$74,734.83 (Check Nos. 285; 46242-46245; and 46251-46292). Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11242).

Time Entry Report. Stephenson moved to approve the Time Entry Report for January 26, 2020 to February 8, 2020, dated February 12, 2020, for the February 14, 2020, payroll, in the amount of \$43,514.51 for 2,322.07 hours (ACH Nos. 94696-94722; Check Nos. 17238-17240; AP Check Nos. 46247-46250; Wire Nos. 533-536). Dorman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11243).

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. Covered in Administrative Reports later in the meeting.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

DeAnn Dreitz – Semi Truck Parking. Administrator Pendergast reported that Ms. Dreitz requested to be on the agenda in regard to semi-truck parking in the City. Pendergast noted that almost one-half of the permits issued to date are in the area where she resides. Ms. Dreitz addressed the Council with her concerns, including noise while trying to sleep, costs to repair streets that arise from heavy trucks parked in residential areas and safety for children, such as her grandchildren, walking in the neighborhood. Discussion followed. Council Member Burris brought up concerns with potential damage to streets and stated he did not feel semi-truck parking should be allowed in residential areas. Council Member Stephenson suggested Burris draft an Ordinance which addresses his concerns, to be considered and discussed by all of the Council. The matter was tabled for further discussion at future meetings.

Community Recreation Committee. Sonya Cooksey provided an update on the progress of the committee's plan and noted other committee members, Kezia Uhrich, Mark Hubert and Jason

Schmidt. Cooksey noted they wrote a grant and will hold a fund raiser to help cover costs for an Engineer in the amount of \$18,500.00. She requested the City contribute \$10,000.00 towards the engineering costs. Discussion followed, including concerns of ongoing maintenance and liability. Council Member Stephenson reminded the committee the City needs to plan for capital expenditures and that requests need to be submitted in May for the 2021 budget so the City can plan ahead. Burris moved to approve a donation of \$10,000 to the Community Recreation Committee to assist with Engineering costs, pending the accessibility of funds, which is to be determined by City Administrator Brad Pendergast. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11244). Cooksey stated she would contact Pendergast when they need the funds.

Curb, Gutter and Valley Gutter Bids. Administrator Pendergast reviewed bids received for Curb and Gutter replacement, as follows:

Eberle Construction - \$50.00 per linear foot - \$27,250.00
Sporer Land Development - \$95.00 per linear foot - \$51,775.00.

He also reviewed bids for Valley Gutter replacement, as follows:

Eberle Construction - \$61,972.00
Sporer Land Development - \$54,155.00.

Discussion followed concerning whether the City should award both bids to the same contractor as was done last year or if it should be split up. The projects were bid separately. Both contractors who bid agreed it would be easier in the future if the projects were bid together. Stephenson moved to approve the bid from Eberle Construction, in the amount of \$27,250.00 for curb replacement. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11245). Burris moved to approve the bid from Sporer Land Development, in the amount of \$54,155.00 for Valley Gutter replacement. Stephenson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11246).

Street Surface Sealing Bids. Administrator Pendergast reviewed three bids for Surface Sealing, as follows:

Hall Brothers of Marysville, KS (1 bid)
MC-3000 (Non-emulsion) with 1/2" or 3/8" rock – 87,000 sq yds @ \$3.10/sy - \$269,700.00

Circle C Paving of Goddard, KS (1 bid)
Emulsion with 1/2" rock – 86,942 sq yds (incorrect on bid) @ \$2.05/sy - \$178,231.10

B&H Paving of Scott City, KS (4 bids)
CRS-1HM (Emulsion) with 3/8" rock – 86,942 sq yds @ \$1.51/sy - \$131,282.42
CRS-1HM (Emulsion) with 1/2" rock – 86,942 sq yds @ \$1.76/sy - \$153,017.92
MC-3000 (Non-emulsion) with 3/8" rock – 86,942 sq yds @ \$1.38/sy - \$119,979.96
MC-3000 (Non-emulsion) with 1/2" rock – 86,942 sq yds @ \$1.49/sy - \$129,543.58

Discussion followed. Burris moved to approve the bid from B & H Paving, Inc., for CRS-1HM (Emulsion) with 3/8" rock at a cost of \$131,282.42. Stephenson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11247).

Street Crack Sealing Bids. Administrator Pendergast reviewed two bids for mastic crack seal, as follows:

Circle C Paving of Goddard, KS – Mastic Crack Seal – 47,619 lbs - \$59,999.94
Sweeney's Pavement Maintenance of Hays, KS – 47,102 lbs - \$60,000.00

Dorman moved to approve the bid from Circle C Paving in the amount of \$59,999.94 for mastic street crack seal. Stephenson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (11248).

Landfill Cell Bids: Administrator Pendergast reviewed two bids for a new Landfill Cell, as follows:

Sporer Land Development - \$1.49 per CY - \$31,848.75
Eberle Construction - \$1.35 per CY - \$28,856.25

Burris moved to approve the bid from Eberle Construction in the amount of \$28,856.25, for the construction of a new Landfill Cell. Dorman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11249).

Oakley Housing Authority – Payment in Lieu of Taxes. Stephenson moved to approve a waiver of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes for the Oakley Housing Authority for 2020. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11250).

Donation-Westview Rec Center. Stephenson moved to approve a donation of \$4,000.00 to the Oakley Housing Authority to be used for the Westview Rec Center. Huddle seconded. Motion carried. Dorman, Huddle, Nickel and Stephenson voting yes; Burris voting no. Action (#11251).

UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

City Investment Rates. Administrator Pendergast reported the City recently purchased two Certificates of Deposit from People State Bank in Oakley totaling \$1.4 million. When Clerk Hughes contacted them last week to purchase additional CDs, they would not accept any additional funds from the City at this time. Pendergast reviewed a proposed Resolution to allow the City to invest funds in the State Investment Pool when local banks do not accept City money or when local banks will not pay the minimum investment rate as defined by K.S.A 12-1675a. Burris moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-01, authorizing the establishment of an account with the Municipal Investment Pool. Stephenson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11252).

Policy for Removal of Refuse and Sewer Utilities Charges on Utility Bills. Clerk Hughes noted a copy of email responses from other Cities concerning their policies on removing refuse and/or sewer charges on utility bills when residents leave town for a period of time or when rentals are vacant, were provided in Council packets along with staff recommendations. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have Hughes draft a form for requests for either situation for Council review and that a request to have these services waived have a minimum time frame of 60 days.

Water Treatment – Pilot Study Update. Administrator Pendergast reviewed a Performance Summary Report from WesTech on the Pilot Study with the Council.

Appointment of Boards and Committees. Mayor Whyte appointed Robert Fossum to the Library Board to fill an unexpired term through May, 2021. Stephenson moved to approve the appointment of Robert Fossum to the Library Board to fill an unexpired term through May, 2021. Dorman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11253).

200 Center Avenue – Building Condition. Administrator Pendergast updated the Council on the situation with the building at 200 Center Avenue, noting that a contractor from Fort Scott, Kansas, inspected the building. Building owner Tim Whyte stated that this firm is working on a quote for repairs and a firm from Hays, Kansas, responded after the last meeting, and they will be looking at the building and providing a quote as well.

Paperless Council Packets. Administrator Pendergast is still waiting on information from G&H Computers before pursuing this further.

RF Water Meters. Administrator Pendergast reported Water Director Rodney Huffman is requesting an updated quote from Salina Supply on RF Water Meters.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Bradley Pendergast, City Administrator. Administrator Pendergast reported on several activities of the various departments of the City. Council Member Stephenson inquired if Parks Director Russell Moellering has received a quote on replacing the lights at Bertrand Park. Pendergast stated they have not received a response from Oakley Farm and Home so Moellering is checking with other vendors. Pendergast also noted that Museum Director Jodee Reed has had a change in plans and will not be leaving Oakley so that position will not be open.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. No report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Council Member Nickel inquired if employees are completing requests for the use of City equipment. Administrator Pendergast confirmed they are but stated if there are any concerns to contact him. Nickel also inquired about a refuse hopper that was moved in the alley of the 400 Block between Smokyhill Avenue and Longview Avenue. Pendergast will check with Refuse Director Marc Burris. Nickel inquired about the progress of the situation on the bend on Eighth Street. Pendergast stated he is waiting on a response from Thomas County District Court as far as setting a court date.

Adjourn. Huddle moved to adjourn the meeting. Stephenson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11254). Mayor Whyte adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:50 PM.

Leann M. Hughes, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The members of the Council acknowledged receipt of a copy of the minutes; said minutes were approved as presented at the March 2, 2020, meeting.

