

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on August 17, 2020, in the meeting room at the Oakley Fire Station, 215 Hudson Avenue, and streamed live at <https://www.facebook.com/discoveroakley/live> at 7:00 PM. Mayor Stephenson presided.

Council members present. Jordan Burris, Chris Dorman, Leasa Huddle, Russ Kahle and Ilene Nickel were present.

City staff present. City Administrator Bradley Pendergast, City Clerk Leann Hughes, Deputy City Clerk Barbara Kelly, Parks & Cemetery Director Russell Moellering, Water/Wastewater Director Rodney Huffman and Police Chief Daniel Cooper.

Others present. None.

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

Minutes. Dorman moved to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2020, regular meeting, as presented. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11376).

AP Payment Register. Nickel moved to approve the August 14, 2020, AP Payment Register, for checks dated August 14, 2020, in the amount of \$21,677.63 (Check Nos. 311-312; 46817-46820; and 46825-46854). Burris seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11377).

Time Entry Report. Huddle moved to approve the Time Entry Report for July 26, 2020, to August 8, 2020, dated August 11, 2020, for the August 14, 2020, payroll, in the amount of \$52,001.47 for 3,141.27 hours (Check No. 17278-17279; ACH Nos. 95229-95280; AP Check Nos. 46821-46824; Wire Nos. 585-588). Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11378).

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2021 Budget Hearing. The Hearing was scheduled for 7:05 PM, so this item was postponed until that time.

Well #9 Repair Discussion. Moved up on the Agenda. Administrator Pendergast reminded the Council that repairs to Well #9 were approved at a cost not to exceed \$7,702.00, at the May 5, 2020, Council Meeting. Pendergast noted the pump was pulled and tested and the testing indicated it was fine, so it was put back in. A few days later, the same issues surfaced. The Variable Flow Drive was then replaced, but, after a few days, the same issues surfaced again. The pump was pulled a second time and testing showed the pump had failed, so it was replaced. Pendergast submitted a claim to EMC insurance to cover repairs. The invoice from Woofter Pump and Well, Inc., is for a total of \$14,557.85, which exceeds the original approved amount, but the City's actual cost will only be \$5,000.00 for the deductible and the remaining amount will be reimbursed by EMC Insurance. Dorman moved to approve payment of \$14,557.85 to Woofter Pump and Well, Inc., for repairs to Well #9. Kahle seconded. Motion carried. Dorman, Huddle, Kahle and Nickel voting yes; Burris voting no. Action (#11379).

2021 Budget Hearing. Mayor Stephenson recessed the regular session and opened the Public Hearing for the 2021 Budget at approximately 7:05 P.M. Mayor Stephenson asked for any comments or concerns with the proposed 2021 Budget. There being none, Mayor Stephenson closed the hearing at approximately 7:06 P.M. Dorman moved to approve the 2021 Budget as presented. Huddle seconded. Motion carried. Dorman, Huddle, Kahle and Nickel voting yes; Burris voting no. Action (#11380).

Resolution – Order to Abate – 201 W. 3rd. Administrator Pendergast reported that Council Member Burris requested this item be on the agenda for consideration. Pendergast stated he met with the property owner to discuss the situation on more than one occasion and that a little bit of progress has

been made, but he had expressed to the property owner that more progress needs to be shown. Discussion followed. Burris moved to approve Resolution 2020-06, finding that the property located on Oakley Original Town, Block 22, Lots 1 and 2, in the City of Oakley, Logan County, Kansas, commonly known as 201 W. 3rd Street, Oakley, Kansas, contains health nuisances in which the property owners have failed to comply with an order to abate these conditions. Motion died for lack of a second. More discussion followed and it was the consensus of the Council to re-visit this topic at the next meeting.

Water/Wastewater/Floater Position Discussion. Administrator Pendergast noted there was discussion of not hiring for the open Water/Wastewater/Floater position for the remainder of 2020 and all of 2021 at the last meeting. Pendergast discussed the cost of the position and noted that Water/Wastewater Director, Rodney Huffman, prepared some reasons for keeping a third person on the Water/Wastewater Department, and this document was included in the Council Packets. Marc Burris, Landfill Director, also prepared some comments on the floater position, which were presented at the meeting. Water/Wastewater Director Huffman was present to answer questions. Following discussion, Council Member Burris expressed his objection to hiring for the position and the remainder of the Council Members expressed support for the position. Pendergast and Huffman will proceed with accepting applications and filling the position; and this position will report to Director Huffman.

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UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Minimum Housing Standards. Administrator Pendergast reported that he and City Attorney Steven Hirsch worked together to simplify the code, which was provided in the Council packets. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to have Pendergast contact City Attorney Hirsh to prepare an ordinance for Council approval.

RF Water Meters. Nothing at this time.

Water Treatment. Pendergast stated he will be meeting with Brian Spano on this project.

Paperless Council Packets. Pendergast stated he has information on this topic in his Administrative Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Bradley Pendergast, City Administrator. Administrator Pendergast reported on activities of the various City Departments, SPARK Funding, the Second Phase of the Pilot Study for Water Treatment and info concerning paperless Council Packets.

Pendergast also reported that Art Martin contacted him about the old church building located at 227 Edgerton, which was condemned, but the Council approved an extension for it to be torn down/removed this Fall. Martin is asking for another extension. Pendergast will check on the exact deadline of the first extension and will see where the project is at that time; the Council can then discuss the possibility of an extension, if needed.

Pendergast reported that the City needs to open a non-interest bearing bank account for the SPARK and CDBG-CV Funds that will be received and the Council needs to designate signers. Burris moved to approve opening a non-interest bearing project fund bank account at Farmers State Bank of Oakley, for the purpose of projects such as the SPARK and CDGB-CV Funds. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11381). Burris moved to approve the same signers for the non-interest bearing project fund bank account that are on the main checking account at Farmers State Bank, those being Mayor Shane Stephenson, Council Member Leasa Huddle, Council Member Chris Dorman, City Clerk Leann Hughes and Deputy City Clerk Barbara Kelly. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11382).

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. None.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Dorman reported he had talked to another City about auto-read meters and inquired if this might be in interim step prior to RF meters. Water/Wastewater Director Huffman stated these require different meters and he has heard they don't always read when there's ice.

Adjourn. Dorman moved to adjourn the meeting. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11383). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:42 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 September 8, 2020, regular meeting.