

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on January 4, 2021, 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. Leasa Huddle, Russ Kahle, and Kile Zerr; Ilene Nickel was absent.

City staff present. City Clerk Leann Hughes, Police Chief Daniel Cooper, Street Director Edwin Burris and Parks/Cemetery Director Russell Moellering; City Administrator Bradley Pendergast was present via Zoom.

Others present. Mark Hubert, Misty Walls, Kevin Brown, Jalyn Moore, Tara Temaat, Anthony Repshire, Jodee Reed, Ryley Sharpe, Rod Huffman, Marc Burris, William Cunningham, and Linda Engel. Corina Cox was present via Zoom.

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s). Huddle moved to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2020, regular meeting, as presented. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11483).

Approval of AP Payment Register. Huddle moved to approve the December 31, 2020, AP Payment Register, for checks dated December 31, 2020, in the amount of \$50,356.88 (Check Nos. 330-334; 47219-47220; 47222-47251; Wire No. 625). Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11484).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Kahle moved to approve the Time Entry Report for December 13, 2020, to December 26, 2020, dated December 13, 2020, for the January 1, 2021, payroll, in the amount of \$44,678.02, for 2,037.26 hours (Check Nos. 17302-17309; ACH Nos. 95581-9566; AP Check Nos. 47252-47256; Wire Nos. 626-629). Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11485).

Citizen Request to Speak. Misty Walls addressed the Council concerning the City's Ordinance naming Pit Bulls as a vicious breed. She explained that she currently has a service dog that is a mixed breed and a neighbor believes the dog is part pit bull, but she does not know and she does not have the funds to have testing done. She asked the Council to consider revising the Ordinance to allow exceptions such as service dogs. Administrator Pendergast stated that many cities have gone to vicious animal Ordinances that are not breed specific. It was the consensus of the Council to have Pendergast look into this and bring something back for discussion/consideration.

Department Head Reports. Included in Administrator's Report.

#### NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

CDBG-CV Discussion – Corina Cox, NWKPDC. Corina Cox, Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission, was present via Zoom, to discuss the CDBG-CV Grant. Cox discussed the three applications received and gave some options to the Council on how the funds could be dispersed, since the applications exceeded the grant amount. She noted the final decision is entirely up to the City. Council Member Zerr noted that one of the three businesses has sold since the initial application. Cox was not sure if they would still be eligible. Administrator Pendergast will get specifics on the change of ownership to send to Corina to see if they are still eligible. The Council will conduct a hearing on January 18, 2021, to request a waiver for a conflict of interest for one of the applicants and the City will then decide how to divide up the grant funds.

Future Philanthropist – Tara Temaat. Tara Temaat introduced two students, Ryley Sharpe and Jalyn Moore, who are part of a Future Philanthropist group that would like to beautify Center Street. Moore and Sharpe presented their plan to add cement pots with plants on street corners and decorate them

with solar lights and other seasonal decorations. They stated they would water the plants and take care of them. They also stated they are not asking for financial assistance, just for Council approval. Discussion of setback requirements followed. The Council expressed support of the project with City staff working with the group on the placement of the pots to conform to City Ordinances.

Street Lights on S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Administrator Pendergast and Street Director, Edwin Burris, met with the Council to discuss a plan for having Midwest Energy install street lights along S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. One citizen who lives along that street is opposed to having lighting in that section, so the project will not include any lights in that area. Burris noted the only cost will be an additional monthly fee to the City. The Council was in favor of proceeding.

Employee Pay Discussion. Russell Moellering addressed the Council on behalf of other employees of the City, concerning pay adjustments. He emphasized that none of the other employees have expressed any issue with the Police Department over their increases, but they all felt that the pay schedule for all City Departments deserve to be reviewed. Discussion followed. Administrator Pendergast and the Council expressed an intention to review the pay schedule for all departments, noting that any changes will likely need to be included in next year's budget.

Payment in Lieu of Tax – Oakley Housing Authority. Kahle moved to approve a waiver of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes for the Oakley Housing Authority for 2021. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11486).

Donation-Westview Rec Center. Huddle moved to approve a donation of \$4,000.00 to the Oakley Housing Authority to be used for the Westview Rec Center. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11487).

ACH Signer Authorization. Pendergast explained the Council reviews and authorizes signers for ACH transactions for utility billing and payroll at Farmers State Bank annually. Huddle moved to approve Leann Hughes, Barbara Kelly and Linda Engel as authorized signers for ACH transactions at Farmers State Bank. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11488).

#### UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

RF Water Meters. Nothing at this time.

Water Treatment. Nothing at this time.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Bradley Pendergast, City Administrator. Administrator Pendergast reported on several activities of the various departments of the City. He noted the quote and approval for the 100LL dispenser at the airport that was approved at the December 7, 2020, Council meeting, from Westhusing's, did not include freight. He asked the Council for approval of an additional \$861.44. Kahle moved to amend the motion made at the December 7, 2020, Council Meeting, Action (#11465), to add \$861.44 to the approved amount of \$10,885.40, for a total of \$11,746.84. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11489).

Administrator Pendergast also reported there were issues with the furnace at City Hall this morning. It is back up and running but he asked if the Council was in favor of soliciting quotes for a replacement of four units; they were in favor.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. No report.

#### MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Council Member Kahle encouraged employees to speak with Council Members if they have any concerns or issues they would like to discuss.

Mayor Stephenson again encouraged the public to be aware, safe, wear masks and social distance when possible.

Kahle moved to recess to Executive Session for personnel matters of nonelected personnel for five (5) minutes with the Mayor, Council, City Administrator Pendergast and Russell Moellering present, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exemption under K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1). The meeting will resume in the meeting room at the Oakley Fire Station at 215 Hudson Avenue at 7:56 PM. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11490).

Mayor Stephenson re-convened the meeting and no action was taken following the executive session.

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Adjourn. Zerr moved to adjourn the meeting. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11492). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:07 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 January 18, 2021, regular meeting.