

The Oakley City Council met in regular session in the meeting room at the Oakley Fire Station at 215 Hudson Avenue at 7:00 PM. May or Timothy Whyte presided.

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

Council member absent. Shane Stephenson.

City staff present. City Clerk Rose Wessel, City Administrator Bradley Pendergast, Police Chief Danny Shanks and Public Works Director Edwin Burris.

Others present. Willie Zerr, Julie Yarmer-Freedom Claims Management, Jason Moses, Dave Wieland and John Holzmeister.

Call to order. Mayor Whyte called the meeting to order.

Minutes. Dorman moved to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2018 regular Council meeting as presented. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 10678)

Burris moved to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 special meeting as presented. Dorman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 10679)

AP Payment Register. Following questions, Huddle moved to approve the January 10, 2018 (2017 expenses) in the amount of \$8,731.35 (Check Nos. 43489-43490, 43500, 43502, 43504-43521, 1032018). Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 10680)

Dorman moved to approve the January 12, 2018 (2018 expenses) in the amount of \$71,900.40 (Check Nos. 43491-43492, 43501, 43522-43559, 1082018, 1102018, 1112018, 1122018, Void Check No. 43529 for \$487.26). Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 10681)

Time Entry Report. Burris moved to approve the Time Entry Report for December 17, 2017 to December 30, 2017 for 2,110.93 (ACH Nos. 92695-92724, Check Nos. 16972-16986, Check Nos. 43493-43499, Wire Nos. 307-310). Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 10682)

Citizen Request to Speak. Willie Zerr discussed the water pressure in the NW part of Oakley and stated he has water rights he is willing to sell to the City of Oakley. Following discussion, Council member Dorman stated the City will not be doing anything at this time in regards to water rights. It was the discussion of the Council to place this item on the agenda for the February 5 Council meeting and to have Utilities Director Huffman present at that meeting.

City Health Insurance Proposal. Julie Yarmer of Freedom Claims Management presented handouts to the Council members and discussed the health insurance proposals for United Health Care and Blue Cross/Blue Shield in comparison with the State Health Plan the City is currently on. Discussion followed on the penalty the City would pay to get out of the current contract with the State Health Plan, a high deductible plan and Freedom Claims being a 3rd Party Administrator for a partially self-funded plan. It was the consensus of the Council to place this item on the agenda for the February 5, 2018 meeting to further discuss this.

City Airport-John Holzmeister. John Holzmeister-Airport Board Member discussed the need for the Airport Board and how they are not being utilized. Discussion followed on the search for an Airport Manager and the Airport Board being involved in that process.

Police Chief Search. City Administrator Pendergast distributed an updated job description and advertisement for the Police Chief. The Council reviewed the job description and made minor changes and discussed having a 5 or 6 person committee, which would include at least one Oakley citizen, to perform the interviews for this position. Discussion followed on where on social media to advertise for this Oakley citizen to sit on this committee.

Payment in Lieu of Taxes. City Clerk Wessel stated the City receives this request every year from the Oakley Housing Authority, for the Council to waive the payment in Lieu of Taxes. These funds will assist them in upkeep of the apartments. Dorman moved to waive the payment in Lieu of Taxes for the Oakley Housing Authority for their Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2018. Burris seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 10683)

Donation-Westview Rec Center. City Clerk Wessel stated the City receives this request every year, with these funds being used for the upkeep and to purchase any supplies or equipment for the Westview Rec Center. Dorman moved to approve the allocation of \$4,000 to the Westview Rec Center for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2018. Huddle seconded. Dorman, Nickel and Huddle voting yes. Burris voting no. Motion carried. Action (# 10684)

City Holiday Schedule. Following discussion on the City Holiday Schedule, Burris moved to add Martin Luther King Day, the Friday after Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve Day to the list of Holiday's for the City of Oakley. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 10685)

Employee's Appreciation Dinner. Following discussion on the Employee Appreciation Dinner, it was the consensus of the Council that Council members Leasa Huddle, Ilene Nickel and Shane Stephenson would plan it.

Opening Prayer at Council Meetings. City Administrator Pendergast discussed this and stated he had visited with the City Attorney and researched this request. Pendergast stated it is allowed, and there are certain issues to follow. Discussion followed by the Council and Mayor Whyte stated he would say the prayer before the meeting was called to order.

Executive session for non-elected personnel. Huddle moved to recess to executive session for non-elected personnel for ten (10) minutes with the Mayor, Council and City Administrator Pendergast present, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exemption 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 9:18 PM. Dorman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 10686)

Mayor White re-convened the meeting and stated no action taken following executive session.

Administrative Reports. City Administrator Pendergast stated he plans to spend an entire day with each department, by the end of next month.

Administrator Pendergast discussed Prospect Avenue and the lack of signage to protect the City from liability issues, with a "No-Outlet" sign by the sub-station, a "Prospect Ends Ahead" and a "Prospect Ends in 100 Feet" signs to be put up.

Pendergast reported he had visited with Landfill Director Burris about the Oakley Landfill Yearly Report and the possibility of establishing a compost pile at the Landfill.

Pendergast reported the Water & Sanitation will be soliciting bids for a Vac Trailer.

Pendergast stated the Police Department will be sending out bids for a Police Cruise and discussion followed on the criteria for this cruiser by Council member Burris.

Pendergast stated he will schedule a brief meeting with each Council member.

Clerk Wessel informed the Mayor and Council concerning the invitation to the Logan County Conservation Banquet.

Mayor and Council Reports. Council member Nickel reminded everyone about the Strategic Planning Meeting on Wednesday evening.

Council member Burris stated he had been contacted by the Oakley Country Club in reference to an application to the Dane Hansen Foundation. Following discussion, Burris stated he would bring more information in regards to this.

Adjourn. Huddle moved to adjourn the meeting. Burris seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 10687) Mayor Whyte adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:35 PM.

Rose Wessel
City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ATTEST: _____ MAYOR: _____