

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on February 3, 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, Edwin Burris and Police Chief Daniel Cooper.

Others present. Jayme Pfeifer and Shane Buzzell.

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

Mayor Whyte moved the Logan County Community Foundation item up on the agenda.

Logan County Community Foundation – Jayme Pfeifer. Jayme Pfeifer introduced herself to the Mayor and Council as the new Director of the Logan County Community Foundation. She discussed past and present projects and welcomed any questions.

Minutes. Dorman moved to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020, meeting, with a correction to Action (#11227), concerning the Water Utility Hardship Rate, to add that this will be reviewed in one year. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11231).

AP Payment Registers. Burris moved to approve the January 31, 2020, AP Payment Register for 2019 expenses, in the amount of \$19,013.57 (Check Nos. 283-284; and 46202-46205). Stephenson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11232).

Stephenson moved to approve the January 31, 2020, AP Payment Register for 2020 expenses, in the amount of \$179,480.23 (Check Nos. 46197-46198; and 46206-46241). Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11233).

Dorman moved to approve the January 31, 2020, AP Payment Register for 2019 expenses, out of the Drug Forfeiture Fund, in the amount of \$7,320.00 (Check No. 133). Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11234).

Time Entry Report. Huddle moved to approve the Time Entry Report for January 12, 2020 to January 25, 2020, dated January 30, 2020, for the January 31, 2020, payroll, in the amount of \$44,649.46 for 2,228.26 hours (ACH Nos. 94669-94695; Check Nos. 17235-17237; AP Check Nos. 46199-46201; Wire Nos. 529-532). Stephenson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11235).

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

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

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Logan County Community Foundation – Jayme Pfeifer. Moved to earlier time on the Agenda.

Street Sealing Discussion. Administrator Pendergast presented slides of different streets within the city and he and Street Director Edwin Burris explained they feel the onyx sealing has not provided the same quality that chip sealing provides when applied over a previously chip sealed street. Discussion followed. Council Member Dorman briefly discussed the topic of rebuilding some streets. Pendergast noted that rebuilding would be expensive but there may be some KDOT grants available. It was the consensus of

the Council to have Director Burris obtain quotes for street sealing materials on all four options presented at the meeting.

City Investment Rates. Administrator Pendergast reported that currently, all of the City's Certificate of Deposits (CDs) are with Farmers State Bank. Up until recently, Farmers State Bank has met the rate set by the Municipal Investment Pool, which was 1.56% for 6 month CDs last week. Farmers State Bank offered 1.24%, which is the rate offered for the checking account. Pendergast had Clerk Hughes check with other local banks, and The Bank quoted 1.27% for 6 months, Peoples State Bank quoted 1.53% for 6 months and Farmers State Bank quoted 1.24% for 6 months. Pendergast reminded the Council that the City could invest money in the Municipal Investment Pool if local banks do not meet or exceed the minimum investing rates set by the Pool. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to invest locally if the rates are within reason compared to the Municipal Investment Pool rates.

Refuse Hopper Bid. Administrator Pendergast reported that Refuse Director Burris received a quote from Snyder Industries for 30 new plastic hoppers at a cost of \$22,196.30. The City currently has no plastic hoppers in stock and \$30,000.00 was budgeted for this expense. Stephenson moved to approve the purchase of 30 new plastic hoppers from Snyder Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$22,196.30. Nickel seconded. Motion carried. Action (#11236). Dorman, Huddle, Nickel and Stephenson voting yes; Burris voting no.

Prosecutor's Charitable Trust Committee Selection. Administrator Pendergast reported that every year at the beginning of February, the council must appoint members to the Prosecutor's Charitable Trust Committee to review and award scholarships. Stephenson moved to appoint Council Member Chris Dorman, City Clerk Leann Hughes and City Administrator Brad Pendergast to the Prosecutor's Charitable Trust Committee for 2020. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11237).

UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

200 Center Avenue – Building Condition. Administrator Pendergast updated the Council on the situation with the building at 200 Center Avenue, noting that fencing has been put up and the street will remain closed until the building is either repaired or torn down. Building owner Tim Whyte reported he contacted additional contractors in Hays, Kansas, but at this point in time he cannot find a company who is willing to repair or demolish the building, with the exception of a firm out of Fort Scott, Kansas, who is still planning to come onsite for an inspection and recommendations.

Museum Director. Administrator Pendergast reported he met with Museum Director Jodee Reed today and she is not sure whether she will be leaving or not. He recommended the Council review the job description for changes but hold off on advertising until Director Reed can give a firm answer on her plans. The Council was fine with the draft job description.

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

Water Treatment. Administrator Pendergast reported the pilot study is still going, but he believes it will be ending soon; he will check on the anticipated end date.

Policy for Removal of Refuse and Sewer Utilities Charges on Utility Bills. No discussion or action at this time.

RF Water Meters. No discussion or action at this time.

Appointment of Boards and Committees. Mayor Whyte appointed Don Stephenson to fill an unexpired term on the Airport Authority Board through May, 2021. Dorman moved to approve the Mayor's

appointment of Don Stephenson to fill an unexpired term on the Airport Authority Board through May, 2021. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11238).

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Bradley Pendergast, City Administrator. Administrator Pendergast reported on several activities of the various departments of the City. Pendergast and Police Chief Daniel Cooper updated the Council on the status of Officer Eskew with regard to the KLETC training. Cooper stated that KLETC has made a ruling not to allow Officer Eskew to complete training because of hand/wrist surgery in December, 2019. Cooper is checking into this further. Council Members Burris and Nickel expressed that Eskew not be out in the field until a Doctor's Release is obtained.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. Clerk Hughes distributed an Employee's Compensation and Benefit Statement to each Council Member, noting this is what was provided to City Employees with the value of Health Insurance was added.

Clerk Hughes reported that Deputy City Clerk Barbara Kelly is planning to have knee replacement surgery this Spring and Hughes requested approval to hire someone temporarily to assist in the office in her absence. Discussion followed.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Dorman stated he would like to see a plan developed for replacement of streets.

Burris reported he does not feel the City is utilizing Code Enforcement Officer Jan Ackerman the way intended, noting there are several properties that still need to be cleaned up. Pendergast stated she contacted him today for guidance on some properties.

Nickel suggested something be included in the newsletter about cleaning up properties, removing vehicles in yards, etc.

Stephenson reported his son has requested the Police Department place Unit Numbers on the front of their vehicles.

Mayor Whyte reported he had been contacted by Marshall Rhea of the local VFW, asking him to write a letter of support for the acquisition of a piece of equipment to be placed in Bertrand Park. The Council had no problem with this.

Mayor Whyte also reported he had been contacted by John Holzmeister, Airport Manager, requesting a letter of recommendation with regard to another airport. The Council was fine with this.

Adjourn. Stephenson moved to adjourn the meeting. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11239). Mayor Whyte adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:21 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 February 18, 2020, regular meeting.