

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. Mayor Timothy Whyte presided.

Council Members Present. Chris Dorman, Ilene Nickel, Jordan Burris. Leasa Huddle arrived at 8:42 PM. Shane Stephenson was absent.

City Staff Present. City Administrator Bradley Pendergast, Chief of Police Daniel Cooper, Chief Communications Officer Sara McDonald, Streets Director Edwin Burris, and Deputy City Clerk Barbara Kelly.

Others Present. Darin Honeyman, Stacy Honeyman, Marvin Honeyman, Gary Repshire, Verlyn Richardson, and Paula Burris.

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

Minutes. Dorman moved to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Burris seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11255).

A/P Payment Register. Burris made a motion to approve the February 28, 2020 AP Payment Register for 2020 expenses in the amount of \$86,930.84. (Check Nos. 46295-46298, 46303, 46305-46334; and 2252020) Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11256).

Dorman made a motion to approve the February 27, 2020 AP Payment Register for 2019 expenses in the amount of \$180.00. (Check#46304). Burris seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11257).

Dorman made a motion to approve the February 27, 2020 AP Payment Register for 2019 Drug Forfeiture in the amount of \$1,245.00 (Check#134). Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11258).

Time Entry/AP Payment Register. Burris made a motion to approve the Time Entry/AP Payment Register for February 9, 2020 to February 22, 2020 for 2,234.69 hours (ACH Nos. 94723-94755, Check Nos 17241-17243, AP Check Nos. 46299-46302, Wire Nos 537-540). Dorman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11259).

Citizen Requesting to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. These will be covered during the Administrator's report.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Community Sponsorship-State & National Cornhusking. Administrator Pendergast presented a request by Craig Uhrich, president of the Kansas State Cornhusking Association, for community sponsorship in the amount of \$5,000.00. After discussion Dorman made a motion to approve the community sponsorship application for the Kansas State Cornhusking Association in the amount of \$5,000.00, to be taken out of TGT funds. Burris seconded. Dorman and Burris voting yes. Nickel voting no. Motion carried. Action (#11260).

Community Sponsorship-Tri County Cruisers. Administrator Pendergast presented a request from the Tri-County Cruisers for \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 of tourism funds for their 15th annual car show which will be held on June 12th and 13th. Burris made a motion to approve funding for the

Tri-County Cruisers in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be paid out of TGT funds. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11261).

Community Sponsorship-Girl's Day Out. Administrator Pendergarst presented a request from Jodie Wright for Girl's Day Out for \$1,000.00 of tourism funds for their spring show to use for radio ads to reach a wider audience and increase attendance. After discussion, Mayor Whyte asked Pendergast to contact Jodie for more clarification and for her to come to the next council meeting to discuss her request.

Street Department Mower Bids. Administrator Pendergast reviewed bids for the replacement of the 2016 John Deere Z970R 72" mower as follows:

American Implement

John Deere Z970R ZTrak-\$12,491.69

Trade-in-\$8,300.69

Cost-\$4,191.00

Oakley Ag Center

Cub-Cadet Pro Z972L-\$13,629.00

Trade-in-\$6,779.00

Government Discount-\$2,726.00

Cost-\$4,124.00

Logan County Implement

Tor Z Master 6000-\$16,779.00

Trade-in-\$5,000.00

Cost-\$7,250.00

Streets Director Burris recommended the council approve the John Deere Z970R ZTrak as the controls for the mower deck and mower are in close proximity which he feels will benefit summer help when they use this mower. Burris made a motion to accept the bid from American Implement for the John Deere Z970R in the amount of \$4,191.00 pending a 36 month warranty. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11262).

Speed Mover Bids. Administrator Pendergast reviewed the bids for a Speed Mover as follows:

American Implement

10ft. Scraper-\$6,200.00

4 John Deere weights (optional)-\$1,800.00

Logan County Implement

8ft. Bush Hog DSP8 Scraper-\$4,600.00

Streets Director Burris recommended the council approve the bid from American Implement as it provides significantly more preferred features such as a weight box to add weight to help the scraper dig in more and larger hydraulics for tilting and lifting. Nickel made a motion to accept the bid from American Implement for the 10 ft. Scraper and added weights for a total of \$8,000.00. Dorman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11263).

Wash Bay Pressure Washer Bids. Administrator Pendergast reviewed the bids as follows:

Alkota of Kansas

Alkota 4201AE/UL-NG with natural Gas flex hose

Standard with trade-in-\$6,241.58

Stainless Steel Unit with trade in-\$6,731.58

Standard with water conditioner and trade-in-\$6,833.84

Stainless Steel Unit with water conditioner and trade-in-\$7,323.84

Professional Cleaning Systems

Landa ENG4-20024A with Natural Gas flex hose with trade-in-\$6,178.00

Hotsy 943N with natural Gas flex hose with trade-in-\$6,210.00

Streets Director Burriss recommended the stainless steel unit from Alkota since the City has used them in the past and has been satisfied with them. Dorman made a motion to accept the bid from Alkota for the Stainless Steel Unit with water conditioner and trade-in for \$7,232.84. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11264).

TimeClock Plus-Time Clock Software. Administrator Pendergast informed the council that he, City Clerk Hughes, and Communications Director McDonald were presented information regarding TimeClock Plus Software which is an employee time clocking software that seamlessly integrates into the City's CIC software. Pendergast presented the system and the cost breakdown. After discussion Nickel requested more information regarding the amount of time it takes to process time cards manually and whether the investment is worth it. Pendergast said he would bring that information to the next meeting.

Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel was postponed until later in the meeting.

UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Semi-Truck Parking. At the previous council meeting, the Council had requested Councilman Burriss to provide a draft for a new ordinance in regards to the semi-truck parking and traffic. Burriss provided his proposed changes to Administrator Pendergast to compile a document of the proposal and proposed truck route map. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed ordinance and the rights of truck drivers and taxes that they pay. Mayor Whyte suggested that the matter be discussed at the April 6, 2020 council meeting when more council members would be able to attend and there is more time to look into the matter.

200 Center Avenue-Building Condition. Administrator Pendergast updated the Council concerning the progress of the condition of the 200 Center Avenue. He informed the Council that Timothy Whyte, owner of the building, is being as transparent as possible, waiting on a new estimate from a company in Hays, and keeping Pendergast updated and informed.

Water Treatment. Administrator Pendergast informed the Council the water treatment would be discussed in the administrative reports.

Appointment of Boards and Committee. Mayor Whyte presented Shane Buzzell as a potential Planning Commission member. Dorman made a motion to appoint Shane Buzzell to fill a vacant slot on the Planning Commission that runs through May 2022. Burriss seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11265).

Policy for Removal of Refuse and Sewer Utilities Charges on Utility Bills. Administrator Pendergast informed the council this will be discussed at next meeting when City Clerk Hughes will be there for the discussion.

Paperless Council Packets. Administrator Pendergast informed the Council he is waiting for G&H Computer solutions to finish getting their side of the project together and it should be done by the April 6th council meeting.

RF Water Meters. Administrator Pendergast informed the council Utilities Director Rod Huffman is waiting on some quotes.

Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel. Burriss made a motion to recess to executive session for non-elected personnel for fifteen (15) minutes with the Mayor, Council Members, Administrator Pendergast, Chief Daniel Cooper, and Chief Communications Officer Sara McDonald 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. Dorman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11266).

Mayor Whyte re-convened the meeting.

Burriss made a motion to unappoint Craig Uhrich as Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Oakley effective immediately. Dorman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whyte appointed Steve Hirsch as Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Oakley. Burriss moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Steve Hirsch as Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Oakley. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11267).

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Bradley Pendergast, City Administrator. Administrator Pendergast reported on several activities of the various department of the City. He informed the Council the Pilot Project will conclude the end of March. The Police Department will be hosting legal training April 3rd and firearms training May 21 & 22. He discussed the disbanding of the Oakley Chamber of Commerce. Nickel inquired about the property at 8th and the bend. Pendergast informed the Council he is waiting on Thomas County at this time. No action was taken.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Council Member Dorman inquired about steps the city is taking in handling virus protection. Pendergast informed the council that the city has Purel hand sanitizer dispensers at various locations. Dorman discussed having some dispensers for council meetings. He discussed the need for a timeline for future infrastructure replacements so funding can be addressed.

Council Member Nickel inquired about some property and piles of garbage around Smokyhill and alleys and if Jan Ackerman is looking into these issues. She stated that some motor homes are still parked on several streets and asked who is handling this. She expressed concern with the corner lot on 8th Street and blowing trash and also parking issues on 5th Street.

Adjourn. Mayor Whyte entertained a motion to adjourn. Dorman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Burriss seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11268).

Mayor Whyte adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:45 P.M.

Barb Kelly
Deputy 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 16, 2020, meeting.