

CITY OF OAKLEY

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, and Leasa Huddle.

Council Member Absent. Shane Stephenson

City Staff Present. City Administrator Bradley Pendergast, Museum Director Jodee Reed, Police Chief Danny Shanks, Police Officer John Schroeder, Police Office James Geist, Public Works Director Butch Burris, Parks and Cemetery Director Russell Moellering, Landfill Director Marc Burris and Deputy City Clerk Barbara Kelly.

Others Present. Raelene Keller, Kylee Buzzell, Craig Uhrich, Kirsten Dutton, Doug Reed, Larry Eberle, Roger Tacha, Yvette Coffman, Truman Coffman, Sonja Lopez and children, Omar Espino, Noela Espino, Dora Espino, Isaias Espino, Genesis Espino, and Daren Munk.

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

Minutes. Burris moved to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2018 regular meeting. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#10741)

A/P Payment Register. After discussion Burris made a motion moved to approve the March 30, 2018 AP Payment Register in the amount of \$33,952.52. (Check Nos.43787-43834, 3232018). Dorman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#10742)

Time Entry/AP Payment Register. After discussion Burris made a motion to approve the Time Entry/AP Payment Register for February 25, 2018 to March 10, 2019 for 5.25 hours (Check No. 17002) for unpaid overtime hours. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#10743)

Time Entry/AP Payment Register. Huddle made a motion to approve the Time Entry/AP Payment Register for March 11, 2019 to March 24, 2018 for 1,818.92 hours (ACH Nos. 92862-92901, Check Nos. 17003-17014, Check Nos. 43791-43793, Wire Nos 333-336). Dorman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#10744)

Citizens Requesting to Speak. Roger Tacha voiced concerns regarding the plans for the property that is being considered for re-zoning. Daren Munk voiced concerns regarding the proper business licensing procedures being followed for the business that would go onto the property being considered for re-zoning.

Department Head Reports. Museum Director Reed informed the council that the Fick Fossil Museum had 621 visitors in the month of March. She stated that the Cardboard Art Display by Jessie Montes at the museum will end April 30th. There will be an open house at the museum April

19 from 5 PM to 7 PM. Reed informed the council that she will be taking certain pieces of the Cardboard Art Exhibit to the Logan County Manor and the Logan County Hospital so the residents who are unable to get out can see and experience them.

Mayor Whyte explained to the citizens attending meeting the procedures that occur when the council goes into executive session.

Executive session for non-elected personnel. Burris moved to recess to executive session for non-elected personnel for fifteen (15) minutes with the Mayor, Council members, Administrator Pendergast, and Museum Director Reed 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 7:27 PM. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#10745)

Nickel moved to recess to executive session for non-elected personnel for another five (5) minutes with the Mayor, Council members, Administrator Pendergast and Museum Director Reed 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 7:32 PM. Huddle seconded. Action (#10746)

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

Wild West Historical Foundation (Buffalo Bill Cultural Center). Raelene Keller presented the request from the Wild West Historical Foundation for additional funding of 1% or 2% from the Transient Guest Tax. Keller stated that the Buffalo Bill Cultural Center has been listed by the state as the DMO (Designated Marketing Organization) and since they are listed the DMO they feel they should have the additional funding. Burris requested clarification of what the funds would be used for. Keller said that it would be used to hire a part time employee to help with additional responsibilities such as maintaining the brochure wall at the BBCC and maintaining and updating the local tourism websites. After discussion Burris made a motion to keep the original 2016 agreement with the Wild West Historical Foundation as is and not give the extra 1% or 2% to the foundation and should the need arise for extra funds for future projects they could come to the council to request funding. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#10747)

Ordinance-Re-zoning Property. Administrator Pendergast informed the council that the Planning Commission met in a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 and they had moved to approve the re-zoning of a section of property located in Thomas County and off of north 8th street. This re-zoning is contingent upon the property being annexed into the City of Oakley. Pendergast stated that as part of the annexation the city codes would require proper sewer disposal. Discussion ensued regarding the business use of the property, business requirements, sewer connection costs, alternative sewer removal and citizen concerns. Huddle made a motion to table this decision until more information can be obtained regarding the required sewer services. Burris seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#10748)

Police Vehicle Bids. Administrator Pendergast presented to the council the bids the city had received for replacing a police vehicle. He explained the city had allotted \$33,000.00 in the

Vehicle Plan for the police vehicle in 2018. Discussion followed. Burris made a motion to table this matter until a new Chief of Police has been hired and his input could be obtained. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#10749)

Solid Waste Management Committee. Burris explained he has found a citizen to serve on the Solid Waste Management Committee. The Committee needs five people serving. Dorman made a motion to appoint the following people to serve on the committee.

Marc Burris-Landfill Director
Bradley Pendergast-City Administrator
Shane Stephenson-Council Member serving
Elmer Zerr-Zerr Engineering
Curtis Larshus-Citizen to serve on committee.

Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#10750)

Pool Wages-Assistant Manager and Manager. Park and Cemetery Director Russell Moellering discussed the current wages for Manager and Assistant Manager for the pool and the possible increase in their wages. After discussion Dorman made a motion to increase the salary for Assistant Manager for the pool to \$10.75 per hour and the Manager for the pool to \$12.00 per hour. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#10751)

Fair Housing Month-Proclamation. Dorman made a motion to approve Mayor Whyte signing the Fair Housing Month-Proclamation declaring April as the Fair Housing Month in Oakley. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#10752)

Administrative Reports. Administrator Pendergast updated the council of several jobs that are being worked on and completed within the different city departments.

The street department applied rubber to cracks on Center Avenue. Sporer is continuing work on replacing curb and valley gutters.

The water tower was inspected and cleaned last week.

Pendergast attended a meeting with the Airport Board, Darin Neufeld of EBH, and Councilwoman Nickel where they went over chapter 5 of the Airport Master Plan. Darin said he would submit the recommendations to the FAA for review. A+ Aircraft Services took over the management of the Airport on April 1st. Lynn Martian of the FAA informed Pendergast that the airport leases will be reviewed this week.

Pendergast met with Brian Spano of Wilson & Company on March 30, 2017 to discuss the lagoon project that is planned to start 2019. They also discussed the water distribution evaluation and the purchase of land for an additional well and moving water rights.

Pendergast met with the Police Chief Search committee and stated they are progressing and hope to have a candidate recommendation by the next council meeting.

Pedergast informed the council that reviewing the sidewalk and tree board city codes will be discussed at the next council meeting.

Deputy City Clerk Kelly informed the council that the Boards and Committee Appreciation Banquet is being held April 18, 2018. The council discussed details.

Mayor and Council Reports and Discussion. Nickel informed the council that the Airport Board meeting had been very good.

Burris updated the council on the continuing search for a police officer and dispatcher for the Police Department.

Huddle notified the council that the City Employee Appreciation Banquet will be April 28, 2018 at 7:00 at the Oakley Country Club.

Adjourn. Dorman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#10753).

Mayor Whyte adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:58 P.M.

Barb Kelly
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ATTEST: _____

MAYOR: _____