

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, Leasa Huddle, and Shane Stephenson.

City Staff Present. City Administrator Bradley Pendergast, Museum Director Jodee Reed, Interim Police Chief Danny Shanks, Public Works Director Butch Burris, Utility Director Rod Huffman, Landfill Director Marc Burris and Deputy City Clerk Barbara Kelly.

Others Present. Craig Uhrich, Sonja Lopez, Omar Espino, Noela Espino, Dora Espino, Rasiel Espino, Tate Collins, Stacy Honeyman, and Curtis Larshus.

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

Minutes. Burris moved to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2018 regular meeting. Nickel seconded. Huddle, Nickel, Burris, and Dorman voting yes. Stephenson abstaining due to absence from meeting. Action (# 10754)

A/P Payment Register. After discussion Stephenson made a motion moved to approve the April 13, 2018 AP Payment Register in the amount of \$116,407.06. (Check Nos. 43794, 43835-43842, 43848-43883) Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously Action (# 10755)

Time Entry/AP Payment Register. Stephenson made a motion to approve the Time Entry/AP Payment Register for March 25, 2018 to April 7, 2018 for 1,798.75 hours (ACH Nos. 92902-92925, Check Nos. 17015-17017, Check Nos. 43843-43847, Wire Nos 337-340). Dorman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 10756)

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

Ordinance-Re-zoning Property. Administrator Pendergast informed the Council that he had sent an e-mail to Sonia Lopez and Omar Espino explaining his findings about placing a septic system on the property that is being considered for re-zoning and annexation. He explained that they would be able to place a septic tank on the property so long as there is allowable spacing available as outlined in KDHE's Minimum Standards for Design and Construction of Onsite Wastewater Systems. After discussion Dorman made a motion to approve the re-zoning and annexation conditional upon the receipt of proper permits and requirements from KDHE. Stephenson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 10757)

Executive Session for non-elected personnel. Stephenson moved to recess to executive session for non-elected personnel for ten (10) minutes with Council members, Administrator Pendergast, Curtis Larshus and Stacy Honeyman (Police Chief Search Committee members) 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 7:25 PM. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 10758)

Burriss made a motion for Administrator Pendergast to enter into negotiating a contract with Daniel Cooper for Police Chief. Stephenson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 10759)

Executive session for non-elected personnel. Burriss made a motion to move to recess to executive session for non-elected personnel for five (5) minutes with Mayor, Council Members and 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 7:31 PM. Stephenson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 10760)

Mayor Whyte stated that no action was taken following executive session.

Logan County Healthcare Foundation. Administrator Pendergast presented to the Council a request from the Logan County Healthcare Foundation to consider sponsoring and donating for the annual Drive for Health Benefit Golf Tournament on June 1st and the annual Twin Fun Run & Walk on June 2nd. Last year the City gave \$500.00 to the foundation. Stephenson made a motion to give the Logan County Healthcare Foundation \$500.00 for the Drive for Health Benefit Golf Tournament and Twin Fun Run & Walk. Dorman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 10761)

Appointments-Boards & Committees. Mayor Whyte presented Dwight Abell to be appointed to the Airport Board. Dorman made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Dwight Abell for the Airport Board. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 10762)

Mayor Whyte presented Jane Wieland to be appointed to the Library Board. Huddle made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Jane Wieland to the Library Board. Stephenson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 10763)

Mayor Whyte presented Ashley Moses to be appointed to the Library Board. Stephenson made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Ashley Moses to the Library Board. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 10764)

Request to Mow Logan County Ground. Administrator Pendergast informed the Council that Public Works Director Burriss had been contacted by Brian Cunningham of Logan County asking if the City would want to mow some County property during the summer. Generally the County leaves their mowers in Russell Springs. Burriss discussed the possible pricing if the City agreed to take on this project. Pendergast informed the Council he had been contacted by a man who does mowing work around the City and was concerned that this had not opened for bids from people who do mowing. After discussion regarding equipment and charges Nickel made a motion to contact the County and decline suggesting they open it up for bidding. Stephenson seconded. Nickel, Stephenson, Huddle voting yes. Dorman voting no. Motion passed. Action (# 10765)

City Tree Board Code. Administrator Pendergast informed the council that while going over the curb and valley gutter areas around the City with Public Works Director Burriss and Sporer Land

Development the topic arose concerning the trees that have damaged the sidewalks, curb and gutter throughout the City. He advised that since there is no longer a tree board that Chapter XII, Article 4 of the code book needed amended to give that authority elsewhere or for the Council to appoint a new Tree Board. Discussion ensued regarding the possible action to handle the damage to the sidewalks and at the same time keep the trees that are in good health. Stephenson made the comment that trees make the City more inviting and that should be taken into consideration in any action taken. Pendergast suggested exploring a waiver option with the property owner that the City would replace the damage caused by the trees one time, but if the trees continue to cause damage, it will be the responsibility of the property owner to pay for the repairs. It was the consensus of the Council to table this discussion until a later time and explore if anyone is interested in being on the Tree Board.

City Sidewalk Code. City Administrator Pendergast would like the Council to review Chapter XIII, Article 1 of the Oakley City Code. This article covers public sidewalks including the condemnation process. There have been numerous citizens that have complained about sidewalks throughout the city. Citizens that have spoken to me feel that many are tripping hazard and could be a hazard for children as the weather gets warmer. He stated that the City does have a sidewalk rebate program that reimburses \$4.00 per linear foot, but this program isn't being utilized by most of the property owners that do have sidewalks in need to repair or replace. ADA requirements for the sidewalks and curbs would need to be followed. Public Works Director Burris suggested sending letters to those with issues and they have a certain amount of days to apply for a rebate and a certain amount of days to have it done by. After discussion it was the consensus of the Council to have the city crew that read meters to make notations of which sidewalks have problems and then a list would be made in the City Office and notices could then be sent.

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

Pendergast informed the Council that Sporer Land Development completed the work on curb and valley gutters and the intersection at 3rd and Hudson has been reopened. There are several areas in town that need to be cut out and patched with concrete by the city crew.

Pendergast informed the Council that Anthony Repshire passed his Class II Operator exam. The Water Department is conducting valve exercises throughout town.

Pendergast discussed the issues of wildlife getting into the compactor. On Thursday, April 5, Burris reported that a raccoon got into the compactor and died when it stuck itself in the compactor's cooling fan. He asked Burris to explore attaching wired mesh to exposed areas of the compactor to prevent animals from getting into the compactor. Burris informed him that repairs will be made Wednesday, April 18th.

Pendergast updated the Council on the repair of the turtle for the children's part of the swimming pool. He stated that the cost to refurbish the turtle would be \$1,850.00. The cost of a replacement would be \$5,310.00. It is being refurbished at this time.

Pendergast informed the Council that Darin Neufeld from EBH informed him on April 9th that the FAA has placed the Oakley Airport on “unclassified” status for 2019. To get classified status the airport is required to have 9 based aircraft and there is currently only 7. He will discuss this issue with the Airport Board as soon as a meeting can be set up. The airport leases have been approved by the FAA and the City will be sending them out next week.

Pendergast informed the Council that the Museum would be having an open house this Thursday, April 19th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm so the public can see the cardboard exhibit since it will be leaving the end of the month. He is looking into the costs of replacing the faded metal “Welcome to Oakley” signs that are on the posts at entryways to the City. He contacted the Kansas Department of Tourism and after several attempts he was able to talk to someone in regards to the DMO designation. He was informed that it can’t be changed since the DMO is responsible for the entire county. He and Museum Director Reed will set up a meeting with the Buffalo Bill Cultural Center people and discuss a working strategic and marketing plan.

Pendergast informed the council that a new Police Officer has been hired. Jeremy Scarbrough will start April 23rd.

Discussion ensued regarding Police Unit 1 & 2 needing replacement of struts and the need to fix unit 3 since a new officer has been hired.

Pendergast notified the Council that City Clerk Wessel will be back April 23rd.

Pendergast stated that he and Councilmember Burris attended the Municipal Training Institute Finance course and that he will also be attending the Governing Body Institute and Mayor Conference with Mayor Whyte.

He informed the Council that no bids were submitted for the Code Enforcement position. Discussion ensued regarding opening the bids back up and possibly posting it on Facebook.

Pendergast discussed properties the properties at 427 Hudson and 107 S 7th Street. He will be sending letters and inspecting the properties.

Deputy City Clerk Kelly. Kelly read a letter from the Logan County Community Foundation thanking the City of Oakley for the donation to help provide scholarships and assist with various community programs. Kelly reminded the Council that the Boards and Committee Appreciation Banquet is being held this Wednesday at 6:00 PM. The Council discussed details.

Mayor and Council Reports and Discussion. Huddle discussed the upcoming Employee Appreciation Banquet that will be held April 28, 2018. Letters will be sent out tomorrow to the employees.

Adjourn. Huddle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stephenson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 10766).

Mayor Whyte adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:25 P.M.

Regular Meeting
April 16, 2018

Barb Kelly
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ATTEST: _____

MAYOR: _____