

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on May 2, 2022, in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2nd Street, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Stephenson presided.

Council members present. Leasa Huddle, Russ Kahle, Trevor Mader, Cheryl Stewart, and Kile Zerr.

City staff present. City Administrator Brock Sloan, Police Chief Daniel Cooper, and City Clerk Leann Hughes.

Others present. None.

Call to order. Mayor Stephenson called the regular meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s). Zerr moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2022, regular meeting, as presented. Mader seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14889).

Approval of AP Payment Registers. Kahle moved to approve the April 29, 2022, AP Payment Register, for a check dated April 29, 2022, in the amount of \$51,371.50, to be paid out of the 2021 Budget (Check Nos. 48886). Stewart seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14890).

Zerr moved to approve the April 29, 2022, AP Payment Register, for checks dated April 29, 2022, in the amount of \$66,178.39 (Check Nos. 414-417; 48878; 48884-48885; and 48887-48923). Mader seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14891).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Zerr moved to approve the Time Entry Report for April 3, 2022, to April 16, 2022, dated April 20, 2022, for the April 22, 2022, payroll, in the amount of \$49,801.71 for 2,125.28 hours (Check Nos. 17495-17497; ACH Nos. 96772-96804; AP Check Nos. 48879-48883; Wire Nos. 762-765). Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14892).

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. None.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Mayoral Appointments.

Mayor Stephenson appointed Daniel Cooper as Police Chief. Zerr moved to approve the appointment of Daniel Cooper as Police Chief. Stewart seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14893).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Leann Hughes as City Clerk. Mader moved to approve the appointment of Leann Hughes as City Clerk. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14894).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Barbara Kelly as Deputy City Clerk. Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Barbara Kelly as Deputy City Clerk. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14895).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Anthony Haffner as Municipal Judge. Zerr moved to approve the appointment of Anthony Haffner as Municipal Judge. Kahle seconded. Motion carried. Kahle, Huddle, Mader and Zerr voting yes; Stewart voting no. Action (#14896).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Jessica Houk as Municipal Court Clerk. Mader moved to approve the appointment of Jessica Houk as Municipal Court Clerk. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14897).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Steve Hirsch of Hirsch Law Firm as City Attorney. Zerr moved to approve the appointment of Steve Hirsch of Hirsch Law Firm as City Attorney. Huddle seconded. Motion carried. Kahle, Huddle, Mader and Zerr voting yes; Stewart voting no. Action (#14898).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Russell Moellering as Fire Chief. Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Russell Moellering as Fire Chief. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14899).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Dave Wieland to the Airport Authority through May, 2024. Zerr moved to approve the appointment of Dave Wieland to the Airport Authority through May, 2024. Stewart seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14900).

Mayor Stephenson appointed John Holzmeister to the Airport Authority through May, 2024. Mader moved to approve the appointment of John Holzmeister to the Airport Authority through May, 2024. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14901).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Ashley Moore to the Library Board through May, 2026. Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Ashley Moore to the Library Board through May, 2026. Council Member Huddle inquired who Ashley Moore is. Following discussion, it was determined the name is actually Ashley Moses. Mayor Stephenson corrected his appointment to Ashley Moses. Kahle corrected his motion to approve the appointment of Ashley Moses to the Library Board through May, 2026. Mader seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14902).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Brock Sloan as City Administrator. Zerr moved to approve the appointment of Brock Sloan as City Administrator. Stewart seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14903).

UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Potential Land Sale – 2.94 Acre Tract at Airport. Administrator Sloan reported Mitten, Inc., has submitted an Offer of Just Compensation for the 2.94-acre tract at the Oakley Airport in the amount of \$39,500.00. Sloan stated, if the Council is satisfied with the offer, they need to accept the offer and then Sloan will follow-up with the City Attorney for additional paperwork to finish the transaction. Stewart moved to accept the Offer of Just Compensation from Mitten, Inc., in the amount of \$39,500.00, for a 2.94-acre tract at the Oakley Airport, which is located directly south of the Sonic Drive In, and for Administrator Sloan to follow-up with the paperwork to complete the transaction. Mader seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14904).

Pool Staffing – 11 Current – Looking for 2-4 more. Administrator Sloan reported there are eleven (11) applicants for the pool and we need a minimum of twelve (12) to open. An application came in today, but he and Parks Director, Russell Moellering, have not had a chance to review it yet.

Water Rate Summary. Administrator Sloan provided a synopsis of the Water Rate increases since 2019. Council Member Mader inquired what governs how many hoppers are placed in alleys. Sloan stated that, for the most part, the City tries to provide one hopper for 3-4 households, but sometimes more or less are needed. Council Member Stewart inquired about hoppers being filled with grass during the summer. Sloan stated this is allowed and residents can use any hopper in town if the hopper closest to them is full or they can call the City Office and request the hopper be emptied again.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Brock Sloan, City Administrator. Administrator Sloan reported on several items, including:

- Auston Holzmeister has resigned for other employment; his last day is May 13, 2022.
- The Freightliner prices went up \$3,900.00 for the trash truck the City has on order, but the total is still within the amount approved for the expenditure.

- Weigel Construction is finished except installing a sail at the park. Council Member Stewart inquired if the concrete sidewalk/path to the dog park is part of that project. Sloan stated that it is not, but it will be done.
- The Prosecutor’s Charitable Trust Scholarship Committee awarded scholarships to Vanessa Diaz and Emma Evins.
- The Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission sent some information concerning Community Development Block Grants just before the meeting. Sloan shared copies of the information with the Council, noting that Water/Wastewater projects may not be funded in the upcoming year.
- Sloan noted that City Ordinance No. 1173, recently passed, stipulates the City Council must approve new water installations for out-of-town customers. In the past, installations within the City limits have also been approved by the Council, but it is not required by Ordinance. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that new water installations within the City limits do not need to be approved by Council.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. No Report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Council Member Zerr noted that Spring Clean-up is coming up May 17, 2022, and asked that it be shared with the Oakley Graphic, placed on the website, and possibly placed on the community sign downtown. Council Member Stewart inquired if the City could change the requirement to place items at the front curb to allow residents to place items in the alley. Mayor Stephenson stated he thought this requirement was due to the narrow width of some alleys, which make it difficult for the equipment required to pick up items, to get through.

Council Member Mader stated he would like to push into motion getting the culverts filled in on South Freeman Avenue. Discussion followed. Administrator Sloan stated the City needs a long-term plan in regard to engineering so work isn’t done and then changed. Sloan feels the State will offer another cost-share program the City can make application for and he will also gather some information on past findings on such a project. Mader also inquired about the possibility of moving truck traffic from South Freeman Avenue to the East to Prospect Avenue. It was decided this wouldn’t work unless the elevator moved their scale, plus Prospect Avenue is a dirt street.

Adjourn. Huddle moved to adjourn the meeting. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14905). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:31 P.M.

Leann M. Hughes, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ATTEST: _____ MAYOR: _____