

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on June 15, 2020, in the meeting room at the Oakley Fire Station, 215 Hudson Avenue, at 7:00 PM. Mayor Stephenson presided.

Council members present. Jordan Burris, Chris Dorman, Leasa Huddle, and Ilene Nickel were present.

City staff present. City Administrator Bradley Pendergast, City Clerk Leann Hughes, Water/Wastewater Director Rodney Huffman, Street Director Edwin Burris, and Police Chief Daniel Cooper.

Others present. Russ Kahle, Sonya Cooksey, Kezia Uhrich, Darin Honeyman, Shawn Burt, Verlin Richardson, Brandon Wilkinson, Sherri Kuhlman, Laura Forslund, Bill Williams, PD Williams, Marvin Honeyman, Stacy Honeyman and Ron Kuhlman.

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

Mayoral Appointment of Council Member. Mayor Stephenson appointed Russ Kahle to fulfill the unexpired term of Council Member through December 31, 2023. Dorman moved to approve the appointment of Russ Kahle to fulfill the unexpired term of Council Member through December 31, 2023. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11339). Clerk Hughes administered the Oath of Office to new Council Member Kahle. Mayor Stephenson stated that Council Member Kahle will be over the Streets, Alleys and Airports.

Minutes Nickel moved to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2020, regular meeting, as presented. Huddle seconded. Motion carried. Action (#11340). Burris, Dorman, Huddle and Nickel voting yes; Kahle abstaining.

Dorman moved to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2020, special meeting, as presented. Burris seconded. Motion carried. Action (#11341). Burris, Dorman, and Huddle voting yes; Kahle and Nickel abstaining.

AP Payment Register. Huddle moved to approve the June 11, 2020, AP Payment Register, for checks dated June 15, 2020, in the amount of \$21,221.75 (Check Nos. 300-302; and 46609-46613; 46618; and 46620-46658). Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11342).

Time Entry Report. Dorman moved to approve the Time Entry Report for May 17, 2020, to May 30, 2020, dated June 3, 2020, for the June 5, 2020, payroll, in the amount of \$45,303.64 for 2,461.65 hours (Check No. 17259; ACH Nos. 94937-94988; AP Check Nos. 46614-46617; Wire Nos. 565-568). Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11343).

Citizen Request to Speak. Mayor Stephenson asked for any comments from those present at the meeting. Laura Forslund posed the question that if her husband is not allowed to park in their driveway, is the City going to provide a place for him to park? Sherri Kuhlman stated she had a correction to Kansas weight limit; it is 85,000 lbs. instead of ~~95,000 lbs~~ 90,000 lbs. (**Minutes corrected at July 6, 2020, regular meeting, to correct figure from 95,000 lbs to 90,000 lbs.**). Shawn Burt had questions about a proposed truck route and why there is discussion of a change after the permits were implemented. Stacy Honeyman presented a statement from a resident who is a truck driver about truck parking from Justin Stramel. Mayor Stephenson read the statement: "I park at my house where I have a permit from the City of Oakley, or I park on private property. I am respectful of the neighbors and the neighborhood. I feel that the City Council is being discriminative against truck drivers." Signed by Justin Stramel..

Department Head Reports. Covered later in the meeting.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Mayor Stephenson moved the Semi-Truck Parking item up on the agenda.

Unfinished Discussion/Action Item – Semi-Truck Parking. Administrator Pendergast reported he attended the Logan County Commissioner Meeting this morning via telephone and it is his understanding the County will not be banning truck parking on 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Pendergast discussed a current draft of an ordinance for truck parking with a designated truck route. Pendergast also presented slides of street damage believed to be caused by truck parking throughout the City. Discussion followed. Council Member Kahle noted he contacted neighboring communities and obtained the following information regarding truck parking in residential areas: Colby does not allow it; Scott City does not allow trucks weighing over 24,000 lbs.; Quinter does not allow it; and Hoxie allows semi parking without the trailer. Considerable discussion followed. Council Members Nickel and Huddle expressed their thoughts that this should not be on the table again after the permits were implemented. It was the consensus of the Council not to take any action at this time.

Resolution for Hearing 200 Center Avenue. Dorman moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-03, fixing the date and time for a hearing on an unsafe or dangerous structure. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11344).

Preliminary Budget Discussion. Administrator Pendergast reviewed the 2021 Budget materials provided in the Council Packets. Council Member Burris stated he felt the projected revenues should be more conservative and the budget figures should be cut at least 5% across the board. Burris also inquired about a mower for the Water Department. Water/Wastewater Director, Rodney Huffman, explained that years ago they had a tractor mower to mow the Wastewater Treatment Plant property and the Parks Department needed a tractor to put a sprayer on, so they agreed the Parks Department could take the tractor and they loaned a mower to the Water/Wastewater Department when they needed one. Over the years, the amount of area for the Parks Department to mow has increased so they do not have any spare mowers and, of course, when it is time to mow, it is time for all departments to mow, so by the time his department can borrow a mower, the areas are overgrown. Discussion followed on other items in the proposed budget. Pendergast invited Sonya Cooksey to speak on behalf of the Community Recreation Committee on their request for funds for 2021. Cooksey reviewed the Committee's plans and stated they are requesting \$100,000.00 from the City towards the purchase of a \$420,000.00 splash pad; the remaining funds would come from donations and grants. There was discussion of the maintenance of the splash pad once it is installed, which would fall back on the City. Mayor Stephenson asked Pendergast if he had spoken with the Recreation Commission about sharing any maintenance costs. Pendergast said he had not, but that he would make contact. Pendergast also noted he included \$200,000.00 in the 2021 Capital Improvement Budget to cover the cost of demolition of the building at 200 Center in case the City does not qualify for, or receive any grants.

Vacating a Portion of the Simpson Avenue Street Easement. Administrator Pendergast reported he was contacted by Justin Stramel about the possibility of vacating the Simpson Avenue street easement next to a property he is in the process of purchasing. Pendergast stated he contacted City Attorney Hirsh and the City may vacate only a portion of the street, if so desired. After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the Council not to vacate any portion of the street at this time.

UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Semi-Truck Parking. Moved to an earlier time in the meeting.

RF Water Meters. Administrator Pendergast reviewed the quotes he received for RF water meter systems and noted he has been in contact with a firm that installs retro fits and replaces meters. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to push this project back to 2022 since there are still a lot of unknown revenue losses and expenses that may still be associated with COVID-19.

Water Treatment – Water Warning. Administrator Pendergast reported on the recent water warning issued with the second test on Well #6 coming back again with nitrates at 11 mg/L. He stated that Well #6 has been shut down and the City must provide bottled water for two weeks to utility customers with infants under 6 months of age, nursing mothers, pregnant mothers, and those providing a note from a doctor that they advise drinking bottled water due to a health condition. Pendergast also stated that KDHE is opening their Remediation Division to investigate where the source of contaminants is coming from. In addition, Pendergast and Director Huffman recommended the City consider a Water Watch since there may be some strain on the water system with Well #6 shut off. Discussion followed. Burris moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-04, for implementation of a Water Watch for the City of Oakley, Kansas. Dorman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11345).

Paperless Council Packets. Administrator Pendergast is still waiting on information from G&H Computers.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Bradley Pendergast, City Administrator. Administrator Pendergast reported on activities of the various City Departments.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. No report.

#### MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Council Member Nickel asked for clarification on the semi-truck parking topic. Mayor Stephenson stated there will be no further discussion/action at this time and the permits will remain in effect.

Burris moved to recess to Executive Session for personnel matters of nonelected personnel for five (5) minutes with the Mayor, Council and City Administrator Pendergast 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 at 8:35 PM. Dorman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11346).

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

Burris moved to recess to Executive Session for personnel matters of nonelected personnel for five (5) minutes with the Mayor and Council 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 at 8:41 PM. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11347).

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

Administrator Pendergast noted that Stacy Honeyman has inquired if the City would change the permit for semi-truck parking to a sticker if she would provide the stickers. The Council was fine with this.

Mayor Stephenson stated the Council needs to approve an additional signer on the City's main checking account. Huddle moved to approve adding Chris Dorman as an authorized signer on the City's main checking account. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11348).

Adjourn. Dorman moved to adjourn the meeting. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11349). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:43 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 corrected at the July 6, 2020, meeting. (95,000 lbs was corrected to 90,000 lbs under Citizens Request to Speak.)