

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on June 20, 2022, in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Stephenson presided.

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

City staff present. City Administrator Brock Sloan, Police Chief Daniel Cooper, Chief Communications Officer Sara McDonald, 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). Huddle moved to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2022, regular meeting, as presented. Kahle seconded. Motion carried. Huddle, Kahle and Zerr voting yes; Stewart abstaining. Action (#14933).

Approval of AP Payment Register. Stewart moved to approve the June 17, 2022, AP Payment Register, for checks dated June 15, 2022, in the amount of \$138,360.74 (Check Nos. 425-426; 49039-49043; and 49050-49083). Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14934).

Huddle moved to approve the June 17, 2022, AP Payment Register, for a check dated June 15, 2022, in the amount of \$500.00 (Check Nos.1021), to be paid from the Prosecutor's Charitable Trust Account. Stewart seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14935).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Zerr moved to approve the Time Entry Report for May 29, 2022, to June 11, 2022, dated June 15, 2022, for the June 17, 2022, payroll, in the amount of \$63,081.14 for 3,264.28 hours (Check Nos. 17508-17513; ACH Nos. 96918-96971; AP Check Nos. 49044-49049; Wire Nos. 778-781). Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14936).

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. None.

#### NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

411 West Second Street – Building Uses – Building East of City Hall. Administrator Sloan reported that representatives from Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center had planned to be present to discuss this matter, but they had something come up and had to cancel.

KDHE Loan Increase – Wastewater Lagoon Project. Administrator Sloan reported the City needs to request an increase in the KDHE loan agreement from \$652,400.00 to \$731,730.20. He explained the original amount was based on cost estimates but the actual cost ended up being more. He also noted that the first payment request is ready to submit and the Council will need to authorize the Mayor to sign pay requests. This first pay request is \$87,587.00 for administration and engineering services performed to date. Huddle moved to approve the request to increase the City of Oakley KDHE loan amount from \$652,400.00 to \$731,730.20, to cover actual costs for the Wastewater Lagoon Construction Project #C20 3031 01. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14937). Kahle moved to authorize the Mayor to sign pay requests from the Kansas Revolving Loan Fund for the Oakley Wastewater Lagoon Project C20 3031 01. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14938).

Potential Dispatch Agreement. Administrator Sloan reported that Chief Communications Officer, Sara McDonald, was contacted by Sheridan County to see if the City would consider providing weekend dispatch services from midnight Friday to midnight Sunday, for Sheridan County. Sloan noted they have

also asked Thomas County. Chief Communications Officer, Sara McDonald, was present to answer questions. McDonald noted the department is recommending \$30,000.00/year if the Council wishes to proceed. Considerable discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with negotiations with Sheridan County to provide weekend dispatch services.

207 Longview – Successful Cleanup. Administrator Sloan noted that Jan Ackerman provided some information in the Council packets of a successful cleanup performed by an out-of-town owner.

#### UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

67748 Connections. Administrator Sloan reported he contacted the City Administrator in Oberlin, Kansas, about this program in their community, and the Oberlin Administrator felt it worked well, but they have only had two properties that have changed hands so far. Council Member Stewart stated she thought it was a good idea, but asked who makes the decision who can purchase the property; i.e., will the Council be involved in the process, especially if more than one person is interested? Council Member Zerr noted it would nice to see a list of eligible properties to know how many would fit this program. Following considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to table the matter until such time that someone is interested in participating.

Flood Plain. Administrator Sloan provided a copy of the flood plain map for Oakley, which shows a small portion on the golf course and then to the east of the city limits in that area. Mayor Stephenson inquired if Administrator Sloan anticipates the defined flood area expanding if the City were to move forward with this. Sloan stated he did not anticipate any expansion, but he could not say for sure. Stephenson noted if the area expanded, it could affect homeowners with property loans. Following considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have Administrator Sloan proceed with the City participating in the National Flood Insurance Program.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

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

- The Municipal Pool opened May 28<sup>th</sup> and a Swim Meet was held last Saturday. Attendance has been good.
- EMC has settled the claim on the landfill fence from the December wind storm. Sloan stated he and Landfill Director, Marc Burris, are still working with FEMA for financial help with a portion of the \$10,000.00 deductible and bids have been solicited to replace the fence; these bids will be opened at the July 5, 2022, Council Meeting.
- The City has received the new assessed valuation for the 2023 Budget. The valuation is up, but he feels the City may still need to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.
- One of the police vehicles was in a minor accident and received some fender damage. The Officer was monitoring some activity and hit a parked dump trailer.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. No Report.

#### MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Adjourn. Zerr moved to adjourn the meeting. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14939). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:35 P.M.

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 presented at the July 5, 2022, regular meeting.