

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on July 18, 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, and Trevor Mader; Cheryl Stewart and Kile Zerr were absent.

City staff present. City Administrator Brock Sloan, Police Chief Daniel Cooper, Parks/Cemetery Director Russell Moellering, and City Clerk Leann Hughes.

Others present. Justin Wieland, Raelene Keller, Tim Zerr and Paul Beaver.

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 July 5, 2022, regular meeting, as presented. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14950).

Approval of AP Payment Register. Mader moved to approve the July 15, 2022, AP Payment Register, for checks dated July 15, 2022, in the amount of \$49,887.37 (Check Nos. 430-433; 49132-49135; and 49141-49181). Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14951).

Kahle moved to approve the July 15, 2022, AP Payment Register, for checks dated July 15, 2022, in the amount of \$4,507.34 (Check Nos. 150-151), to be paid out of the Drug Forfeiture Account. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14952).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Kahle moved to approve the Time Entry Report for June 26, 2022, to July 9, 2022, dated July 13, 2022, for the July 15, 2022, payroll, in the amount of \$64,149.96 for 3,368.02 hours (Check Nos. 17523-17528; ACH Nos. 97036-97089; AP Check Nos. 49136-49140; Wire Nos. 786-789). Mader seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14953).

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. None.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Dawn Gabel - Options. Dawn Gabel was not present, so this matter was tabled.

Scott Sproul – Northwest Kansas Economic Innovation Center, Inc. – Housing and Economic Development. Scott Sproul was not present; however, Justin Wieland and Raelene Keller, with Logan County Community Foundation, were present to discuss this topic. Keller explained that Scott Sproul, with Northwest Kansas Economic Innovation Center, met with the Logan County Community Foundation to review the benefits of an Economic Development Director and to present information on resources available for housing programs. Wieland reviewed some highlights of some of the programs available with State funding options. The Council agreed that housing is an area that needs to be addressed.

Tim Zerr – ZD Meatz. This was addressed later in the meeting.

Ordinance No. 1175 – National Flood Insurance Program. Administrator Sloan presented a proposed Ordinance for Floodplain Management. Kahle moved to approve Ordinance No. 1175, a Floodplain Management Ordinance. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14954).

Tim Zerr – ZD Meatz. Tim Zerr arrived at approximately 7:30 PM. Administrator Sloan reported that he and Landfill Director, Marc Burriss, sent a letter to ZD Meatz, informing them the City would no longer pick up hide waste due to the extra clean up and nature of the waste. Mayor Stephenson asked how long the City had been picking up these items. Zerr thought it had been more than two years. Discussion followed. Council Member Mader inquired how other locations handle this; neither Zerr nor Sloan knew. It was the consensus of the Council to continue the pickup for another month, so the matter could be researched further, with regard to options available.

Ordinance No. 1176 – Surety Bonds. Administrator Sloan reported that Clerk Hughes discussed surety bonds with Bruce Campbell of Campbell Insurance, and Campbell felt the City did not necessarily need surety bonds since a Crime Policy, which covers all employees, is part of the City's insurance package. Sloan presented a proposed Ordinance that would allow the City to eliminate surety bonds if they provide duplicate coverage, but it still allows for the use of a surety bond, if needed. Huddle moved to approve Ordinance No. 1176, an Ordinance dealing with surety bonds for city officials. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14955).

Dispatch Agreement – Sheridan County. Administrator Sloan presented a proposed Dispatch Agreement with Sheridan County to provide them with 48-hour weekend dispatch services, and noted it has been approved by City Attorney, Steve Hirsch. Police Chief Cooper noted that Sheridan County added a section stating Sheridan County Protocols would be followed and the department has asked for clarification on that before proceeding with the agreement. Kahle moved to approve the Dispatch Agreement with Sheridan County to provide 48-hour weekend dispatch coverage, contingent upon Chief Cooper's approval of the Sheridan County protocols. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14956).

Municipal Pool Closing Date – August 7th. Parks/Cemetery Director, Russell Moellering, reported the pool will need to close on August 7, 2022, due to managers and employees returning to college, which would leave the City short-staffed, creating a safety issue. Council Member Huddle requested Moellering let pool staff know they have a job next year if they come back. Discussion followed. It was agreed to encourage pool staff to re-apply for a position next year, with the understanding they likely will be hired again. Moellering also stated there have been requests for a Pet Swim evening again, probably the day after closing; the Council was fine with this.

UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Resolution 2022-05 – Intent to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate – County Clerks. Administrator Sloan presented a proposed Resolution to declare the Governing Body's intent to levy a property tax exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. This is required by the State for the City to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate of 73.386 mills and County Clerks must be notified by July 20, 2022. Kahle moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-05, regarding the Governing Body's intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate, and provide notice to the County Clerks. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14957).

Resolution 2022-06 – Procurement Policy. Administrator Sloan presented a proposed Resolution to adopt a procurement policy. Kahle moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-06, adopting a procurement policy and repealing all previous resolutions, motions, or actions in conflict therewith. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14758).

Dispatch Agreement – Gove County. Administrator Sloan reported the Dispatch Agreement with Gove County was renewed for another three years, with a ten percent increase in fees, per year, beginning in 2023.

Airport Sign. Administrator Sloan presented a sketch of the proposed sign for the airport and asked for approval from the Council. Mayor Stephenson asked if the City's logo could replace the propellor; Sloan thought it could. Huddle moved to approve the proposed Oakley Municipal Airport sign with a change to replace the propellor logo with the City logo. Mader seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14959).

Hospital Meeting July 19th. Administrator Sloan asked for a head count of who plans to attend the Hospital Building Project Meeting to be held at the EMS Building on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at Noon. Stephenson, Kahle and Mader plan to attend; Huddle does not. Sloan noted Stewart and Zerr had previously indicated they could not attend. It was determined no special meeting is necessary.

Microphones – Council Room – Live and/or Recorded. G&H Computer Services installed the microphones in the Council Room, which will facilitate live feed and/or recordings of the meetings. Mayor Stephenson asked

for a consensus of whether the Council wants just recordings or live feed and recordings. It was the consensus of the Council to only record meetings and place the recordings on the website for now, with the possibility of live stream at a later date.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

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

- Administrator Sloan noted the World War I Exhibit is on display at the Fick Fossil and History Museum through the end of September. This is an educational view of trench warfare.
- City crews and summer help removed the health nuisances at 127 Price Avenue per Resolution 2022-02.
- Sloan and Water/Wastewater Director, Rodney Huffman, are monitoring water use. If the total pumped exceeds 1.25 million gallons, the City will implement a water watch and send out information to request citizens conserve as much water as possible. If the gallons per day exceed 1.5 million, the City will need to go into mandatory water use restrictions.
- Sloan stated he was contacted by the FAA, that other airports have transferred unused allocations to the Oakley Municipal Airport, which will pay the full 90% Federal Share and save the City around \$26,000 for the Airport Access Road.
- An applicant has been interviewed for the Landfill and will start soon, contingent upon pre-employment testing.
- The LKM Annual Conference will be held in Overland Park, KS, Oct 8-10, 2022. Sloan asked the Council to let staff know if they would like to attend so hotel reservations and conference registrations can be sent in.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. No Report.

Council Member Mader stated a business owner contacted him who has looked at moving their business along US Highway 40, but they cannot find anyone willing to sell property in this area. Mader inquired if the City has any property in this area. Administrator Sloan responded that he did not believe there is any City property along US Highway 40 that could be used for this purpose. Mayor Stephenson noted there is the 22.4-acre tract behind Logan County Implement.

Mayor Stephenson reminded Administrator Sloan to check with Landfill Operator, Marc Burris, to make sure extra refuse hoppers are delivered to the fair and BBQ this week. Council Member Huddle asked that empty hoppers be delivered, noting that last year they had trash in them.

Mayor Stephenson inquired about the status of the canopies at Annie Oakley Park. Administrator Sloan stated he is still waiting for a response from the manufacturer.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Adjourn. Huddle moved to adjourn the meeting. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14960). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:56 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 August 1, 2022, regular meeting.