

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on September 8, 2020, in the meeting room at the Oakley Fire Station, 215 Hudson Avenue, and streamed live at <https://www.facebook.com/discoveroakley/live> at 7:00 PM. Mayor Stephenson presided.

Council members present. Chris Dorman, Russ Kahle and Ilene Nickel were present; Jordan Burris and Leasa Huddle were absent.

City staff present. City Administrator Bradley Pendergast, City Clerk Leann Hughes and Police Chief Daniel Cooper.

Others present. Kyle Hemmert in person; and Melissa Romme via Zoom.

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

Minutes. Nickel moved to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2020, regular meeting, as presented. Dorman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11384).

AP Payment Register. Nickel moved to approve the August 31, 2020, AP Payment Register, for checks dated September 4, 2020, in the amount of \$104,134.78 (Check Nos. 313; 315; 46855-46864; and 46869-46918). Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11385).

Time Entry Report. Dorman moved to approve the Time Entry Report for August 9, 2020 to August 22, 2020, dated August 26, 2020, for the August 28, 2020, payroll, in the amount of \$47,739.21 for 2,659.72 hours (Check No. 17280-17281; ACH Nos. 95281-95335; AP Check Nos. 46865-46868; Wire Nos. 589-592). Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11386).

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. Included in Administrator's Report.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2019 Audit Report – Melissa Romme – Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball. Melissa Romme was present via Zoom to review the 2019 Audit Report and answer questions. Dorman moved to approve the 2019 Audit Report, as presented. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11387).

Kyle Hemmert – Landfill Charge Dispute. Administrator Pendergast reported Mr. Hemmert contacted him concerning charges at the landfill for a mixed load of debris and he conveyed that he did not know the City had started using scales and changed the rate structure; he has requested his bill be reduced from \$488.20 to the old dump truck charge of \$65.00. Mr. Hemmert explained he was not aware of the new charges or he would have placed the items in the refuse hopper or disposed of what could not be placed in the hopper in another manner rather than paying the higher charges. Discussion followed. The Council noted that the new fees have been advertised and there is a fee schedule posted at the landfill. It was the consensus of the Council to take no action at this time.

Community Sponsorship Application – Gun, Coin & Knife Show. Administrator Pendergast noted the application was originally submitted in late July, but it was caught by the City's email spam filter so he did not see it. Dorman moved to approve a donation of \$600.00, to be paid out of the Convention and Tourism Fund, for the Gun, Coin & Knife Show on September 12-13, 2020. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11388).

Community Sponsorship Application – Western Vistas Historic Byway. Administrator Pendergast noted the \$1295.50 is for one-third the cost for new brochures for the Western Vistas Byway, with the other two-thirds to be paid by Scott County and Wallace County. Dorman moved to approve a donation of

\$1295.50 for the Western Vistas Historic Byway brochure. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11389).

Mayoral Appointments. Mayor Stephenson appointed Billy Bauer to the Museum Board for a term through May, 2024. Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Billy Bauer to the Museum Board for a term through May, 2024. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11390).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Brianna Hutton to the Museum Board to fulfill an unexpired term through May, 2021. Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Brianna Hutton to the Museum Board to fulfill an unexpired term through May, 2021. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11391).

Mayor Stephenson requested Council Member Kahle submit a resignation from the Museum Board; he agreed.

Mayor Stephenson appointed Council Member Russ Kahle to the Streets, Alleys and Airport Department.

UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Resolution – Order to Abate – 201 W. 3rd. Administrator Pendergast noted this was discussed at the last Council Meeting and since that time, he was contacted by Duane Dinkel, who has stated that the property owner has agreed to allow the construction of a fence around the property. Discussion followed. Pendergast will contact Dinkel again to obtain more information on a time frame and who is going to pay for the construction costs.

Well #9 Repair. Administrator Pendergast first clarified that the golf course did not use four million gallons of water in a month, as previously thought. After investigating, staff found that the meter had not been read correctly due to confusion on the multiplier. Pendergast then explained staff has found that Well #9 has been continuously running. Water/Wastewater Director, Rodney Huffman, contacted Kansas Rural Water Association, and they believe there is a hole somewhere in the piping connected to the pump and it is causing the well pump to continuously run. Discussion followed. Director Huffman and Woofter have recommended replacing all the pipe if a hole is found, since the current piping is metal. Dorman moved to approve payment of repairs based on an estimate from Woofter Pump and Well, in the amount of \$7,537.60, to be paid out of the Water Fund. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11392).

Minimum Housing Standards. Pendergast presented a final draft of an Ordinance for Minimum Housing Standards. Kahle moved to approve Ordinance No. 1167, establishing the Minimum Standard for Housing and Premises Code. Dorman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11393).

Paperless Council Packets. Pendergast presented information on a web based solution platform offered by G&H computers. Discussion followed. Pendergast suggested the Council wait on the SPARK funding payment to be finalized to ensure funds are in place before taking action on this.

RF Water Meters. Nothing at this time.

Water Treatment. To be included in City Administrator Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Bradley Pendergast, City Administrator. Administrator Pendergast reported on activities of the various City Departments, including the hiring of new employee Kyle West, SPARK Funding, Water Treatment and repairs needed for the compactor at the Landfill.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. Clerk Hughes reported that Deputy City Clerk, Barbara Kelly, will be having knee surgery in November so the City Office will be short staffed for several weeks.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Dorman extended a thank-you to the Street Department for repairing the approach at South Smokyhill Avenue and S. Second Street. He also encouraged the Council to continue planning for water line replacements.

Nickel inquired why the refuse truck was running Monday since it was a holiday. Administrator Pendergast will check on this.

Kahle commented on the positive remarks concerning the financial reports during the audit review and commended staff for a job well done.

Adjourn. Dorman moved to adjourn the meeting. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11394). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:10 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 presented at the September 21, 2020, meeting.