

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on February 21, 2023, 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 were present;

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

Others present. Larry Eberle, Dan Robben, and Raelene Keller

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s). Kahle moved to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2023, regular meeting, as presented. Stewart seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15106).

Approval of AP Payment Register. Mader moved to approve the February 17, 2023, AP Payment Register for checks dated February 15, 2023, in the amount of \$100,865.54 (Check Nos. 481-482; 49865; and 49867-49906), for 2023 expenses. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15107).

Kahle moved to approve the February 16, 2023, AP Payment Register for a check dated February 15, 2023, in the amount of \$152.69 (Check No. 49866), for 2022 expenses. Mader seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15108).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Mader moved to approve the Time Entry Report for January 22, 2023, to February 4, 2023, dated February 8, 2023, for the February 10, 2023, payroll, in the amount of \$51,673.47 for 2,135.02 hours (Check Nos. 17575-17576; ACH Nos. 97591-97619; AP Check Nos. 49861-49864; Wire Nos. 846-849). Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15109).

Citizen Request to Speak. Larry Eberle addressed the Council with concerns over snow removal, explaining that he used his snow blower to clean sidewalks for himself and several neighbors and the City came through and covered the sidewalks back up with snow. Discussion followed. Mayor Stephenson thanked Eberle for attending the meeting and stated he and the Council would look into the matter.

Department Head Reports. None.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Tri County Cruisers Sponsorship Application. Mayor Stephenson stated the Tri County Cruisers Sponsorship Application is being moved up on the agenda because Dan Robben needs to leave for another appointment. Administrator Sloan reported they have asked for \$500 to \$1,000 to assist with the 18th annual car show and parade on June 9-10, 2023. Kahle moved to approve a donation of \$1,000.00 to the Tri-County Cruisers from the Convention and Tourism Annual Tourism Events Fund. Zerr seconded. Mayor Stephenson noted the Council has asked for the "burn-outs" to be ceased on City Streets in past years. Robben stated the club addressed this with every participant, but it is happening with others that slip in from side streets. It was discussed to have more of a Police presence this year to possibly curtail some of this. Mayor Stephenson called for a vote on the motion on the floor. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15110).

Raelene Keller – Economic Development and Housing. Administrator Sloan reported Raelene Keller asked to discuss Economic Development and Housing with the Mayor and Council and that a grant was applied for, but not awarded. However, there are more grants available. Keller stated she met with the Logan County Commissioners about the possibility of a joint effort between the City of Oakley and Logan County to develop the 11 acres along US Highway 83 just north of 8th Street and they seem receptive. She also has been in contact with the Department of Commerce and there are a lot of state funding dollars available for this

purpose. Considerable discussion followed. The Council thanked Keller for attending the meeting and agreed to give this matter some thought.

Street – Alley Approach Bids. Administrator Sloan reported that he and Street Director, Edwin (Butch) Burris, solicited bids for the replacement of 29 alley approaches and one valley gutter repair. The bids were:

Eberle Construction - \$ 72,571.50

Ottley Construction - \$ 92,900.00

Sporer Land Development - \$ 119,895.00

Council Member Kahle inquired if the scope of the project was the same for all bidders. Administrator Sloan confirmed they were. Council Member Huddle asked who was making sure the specs were being met. Sloan stated he or Street Director Burris will be checking to make sure specs are met. Huddle stated she would like to have Administrator Sloan oversee all checking to make sure specs are met. Kahle moved to approve the bid from Eberle Construction in the amount of \$ 72,571.50, for the replacement of 29 alley approaches and one valley gutter repair in the City of Oakley. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15111).

Mower Bids – Parks Department. Administrator Sloan reported Russell Moellering, Parks/Cemetery Director, solicited bids for a 72” mower for the Parks and Cemetery Department, with the 2016 Toro Z Master Pro 6000 Series mower being traded in. The bids were:

Oakley Ag Center - Cub Cadet Pro Z 927L - \$12,154.00, less Trade-in of \$4,254.00, or \$ 7,900.00

American Implement - John Deere Z970R ZTrak - \$17,100.00, less Trade-in of \$6,000.00 or \$ 11,300.00

Logan County Implement – Toro 6000 Series - \$16,630.00, less Trade-in of \$5,000.00 or \$11,630.00

Kahle moved to approve the bid from Oakley Ag Center in the amount of \$12,154.00, less Trade-in of \$4,254.00, for a total cost of \$ 7,900.00, for the purchase of a new 72” riding mower for the Parks and Cemetery Department, to be paid out of Equipment Reserve. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15112).

Temporary Permit Application – Oakley Country Club. Administrator Sloan reported the Oakley Country Club has requested a temporary permit for a Paramount Dinner and Concert to raise funds of the Tri-County Amusement Association and the Oakley Country Club. The State has approved a temporary license and Police Chief Cooper has reviewed the application. Kahle moved to approve a Temporary Liquor License for the Oakley Country Club, Inc., on March 25, 2023, from 5:30 PM to 12:00 AM, at the Logan County 4-H Building, 217 Kaler Avenue Oakley, Kansas. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15113).

Tri-County Cruisers Sponsorship Application. Moved to an earlier time in the meeting.

UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Kansas Airport Improvement Program – Rotating Beacon and Tower Grant. Administrator Sloan reported EBH Consulting Engineers applied for a grant to replace the rotating beacon and tower at the airport, and the City of Oakley was awarded \$76,500. Mayor Stephenson asked if there was a requirement for matching funds; Administrator Sloan will check on this.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

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

- Kenneth Spanyers accepted the position of Refuse Truck Driver.
- Marti Engel has invited the Council to join the Oakley Country Club Board for lunch on February 28, 2023, to discuss wants/needs of the club. Sloan stated no more than two members can attend without calling a special meeting. Council Members were asked to let Sloan know if they plan to attend.

Council Member Mader asked if the City would be re-integrating the water well at the Country Club that is currently used to water the greens, into the overall water supply. Mader noted he was told the Club would ask the City/County to take over if this was the case, because they would not be able to afford the water. Administrator Sloan stated he would have more information on this well at a future meeting.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. No Report

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Mayor Stephenson asked if the Council would like to discuss the snow removal issue brought up under Citizen's Request to Speak earlier in the meeting. Administrator Sloan stated the City has a new driver that might have gotten close in that area, as he is still learning. There was discussion that moving snow to the middle of the street and then hauling it off is not feasible with the size of the current staff. There was also discussion of how one-way streets are handled.

Council Member Stewart asked that the Police Department monitor the speed at the Highway 40/83 Junction, at South Freeman Avenue, noting she has seen some near accidents with traffic moving too fast coming over the hill from the West. Chief Cooper stated that part of that area is not within City jurisdiction, but they will do what they can.

Adjourn. Zerr moved to adjourn the meeting. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15114). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:55 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 March 6, 2023, regular meeting.