

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on April 4, 2022, in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2nd Street, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Shane Stephenson presided.

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

City staff present. City Administrator Brock Sloan, Police Chief Daniel Cooper, Water/Wastewater Director Rodney Huffman, and City Clerk Leann Hughes.

Others present. Brian Spano; and Darin Neufeld, by phone.

Call to order. Mayor Stephenson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:12 PM.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting. Clerk Hughes reported that Anita Gabel, Editor of the Oakley Graphic, noticed an error in the March 7, 2022, regular meeting minutes in the 2nd to the last paragraph of the minutes; the minutes read 100 Center Avenue and they should have read 200 Center Avenue. Clerk Hughes had Gabel report the minutes with the correction in the newspaper, but the minutes need to be corrected in the City's official records. Huddle moved to rescind Action (#14853), approving the minutes of the March 7, 2022, regular meeting as presented, at the March 21, 2022, regular meeting. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14864). Huddle moved to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2022, regular meeting, with a correction to the reference to 100 Center Avenue in the 2nd to the last paragraph of the minutes to change it to 200 Center Avenue. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14865).

Zerr moved to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2022, regular meeting, as corrected by Action (#14864) and Action (#14865). Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14866).

Approval of AP Payment Register. Zerr moved to approve the April 1, 2022, AP Payment Register, in the amount of \$87,964.31, for checks dated April 1, 2022, for 2021 expenses, (Check Nos. 48783-48785). Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14867).

Zerr moved to approve the April 1, 2022, AP Payment Register, in the amount of \$42,165.71, for checks dated March 31, 2022, for 2022 expenses (Check Nos. 407-411; 48782; and 48786-48828). Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14868).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Zerr moved to approve the Time Entry Report for March 6, 2022, to March 19, 2022, dated March 23, 2022, for the March 25, 2022, payroll, in the amount of \$50,801.82 for 2,173.97 hours (Check Nos. 17486-17488; ACH Nos. 96697-96730; AP Check Nos. 48777-48781; Wire Nos. 754-757). Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14869).

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. Administrator Sloan announced that Rodney Huffman received the Water/Wastewater Director of the Year Award at the Kansas Rural Water Association conference in Wichita, Kansas, last week. Sloan, the Mayor and the Council extended their congratulations to Mr. Huffman for his dedicated service to the City.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Brian Spano – Wilson & company – Wastewater Lagoons Bids. Brian Spano met with the Council to discuss and review bids for the Wastewater Lagoon Project. He reported only one bidder responded, which was Sporer Land Development, Inc., who bid \$558,992.80. This amount is less than the Engineer's Estimate but more than the budgeted amount from 2019, mostly due to the rise in fuel costs.

Spano discussed the timeline of the project and advised, if the Council wishes to proceed, to make a motion contingent upon KDHE approval. Zerr moved to award the bid to Sporer Land Development, Inc., for the Wastewater Lagoon Project in the amount of \$558,992.80, contingent upon KDHE approval. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14870).

Spano also updated the Council on the Water Project, noting the Consent Order was approved and the project is now moving forward. He noted he spoke with representatives from USDA Rural Development about the Water project and it may be a perfect fit for funding. He is going to send them some information and will keep in touch with Administrator Sloan on this.

EMC Insurance Renewal. Administrator Sloan reviewed the EMC insurance renewal with the Council, noting an approximate 6% increase over last year, mainly due to the addition of real estate with the new City Office and increased value of other city properties. He also reviewed changes and some recommendations for changes from the City's agent, Bruce Campbell. Discussion followed. Huddle moved to approve the renewal of EMC Insurance with Campbell Insurance in the amount of \$146,691.00, to be paid from the various funds as determined by the department they cover. Stewart seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14871).

Governing Body Institute – Manhattan, Kansas, April 29 and April 30. Administrator Sloan reported the League of Kansas Municipalities is holding their annual Governing Body Institute in Manhattan, Kansas, on Friday, April 29, 2022, and Saturday, April 30, 2022. He included a copy of the agenda in the Council packets and asked that the Mayor and Council let him know if they wish to attend.

Recreation Commission Mowing Agreement. Administrator Sloan presented a mowing agreement with USD #274 Recreation Commission for review and approval. Stewart moved to approve a Mowing Agreement with USD #274 Recreation Commission, in the amount of \$7,700.00 per year for mowing services from May 15, 2022 through August 15, 2022, provided by the City; and to charge a rate of \$15.00 per hour for this service if it is needed before May 15, 2022. The agreement will commence on April 5, 2022 and end on December 31, 2022. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14872).

Prosecutor's Charitable Trust – Scholarship Committee. Administrator Sloan reported that, every year, a Prosecutor's Charitable Trust Committee is appointed by the Mayor to review and award scholarships to applicants. The policy states the committee shall consist of the Mayor, a Council Member and the City Attorney; however, during the past several years, the committee has consisted of a Council Member, City Clerk and City Administrator. Discussion followed. Mayor Stephenson appointed himself, Council Member Leasa Huddle and City Clerk Leann Hughes to the 2022 Prosecutor's Charitable Trust Committee.

Logan County Health Foundation – Golf Sponsorship. Administrator Sloan reported the Logan County Healthcare Foundation has requested the City consider sponsoring and donating to their annual Drive for Health Benefit Golf Tournament on Friday, June 3, 2022. The City has given \$500.00 to the Foundation for this event in the past. Huddle moved to approve the donation of \$500.00 to the Logan County Healthcare Foundation for the Drive for health Benefit Golf Tournament to be held Friday, June 3, 2022, which is to be paid out of the Convention and Tourism Fund. Stewart seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14873).

Swimming Pool Paint Quote. The Council reviewed a quote for epoxy paint and thinner for the Swimming Pool. Stewart moved to approve the purchase of 46 gallons of epoxy paint and 10 gallons of thinner for the swimming pool, not to exceed \$7,000.00, to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14874).

UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Airport Access Road. Darin Neufeld, with Evans, Bierly, Hutchison & Associates (EBH), joined the meeting by cell phone. Neufeld explained the rules for the BIL Funds for airport projects have been revised, so the City will not receive \$110,000 in BIL funding in FY23/FY24, but, instead, will receive it in FY26, due to the change in rules and the number of planes being below the threshold in December. Because of this change, the City will not have the funding needed for the full project associated with the Airport Access Road. Neufeld recommended the City consider the base bid only, which raises the City's match from \$56,464.00 to \$75,132.50. He noted EBH will do what they can to reduce the \$75,132.50 as much as possible. Discussion followed. Huddle moved to rescind Action (#14858), approving the bid from Sporer Land Development, Inc. in the amount of \$396,632.50 base bid plus the amount of \$75,507.50 for the Add/Alt 1, for the construction of a new access road at the Oakley Airport as part of an FAA grant, contingent upon FAA approval of single bidder and full availability of Entitlement and BIL Funds, due to the lack of funding. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14875). Stewart moved to approve the bid from Sporer Land Development, Inc., in the amount of \$396,632.50 base bid, only, for the construction of a new access road at the Oakley Airport as part of an FAA grant, contingent upon FAA approval. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14876).

One Ton Pickup Bids. Administrator Sloan reported he was in contact with Rod Eitel, General Manager, J&R Car and Truck Center, LLC, and Mr. Eitel felt fairly confident with the 20-week delivery notice, but he did say that a microchip shortage or other supply chain issues could change the delivery time. Eitel will have a more concrete idea of actual delivery once the vehicle is ordered. Council Member Zerr noted he had asked Eitel to include a tommy gate in the new estimate so that the City would have the option of selling the current truck that has the tommy gate. The new estimate with the tommy gate is \$72,838.40. Considerable discussion followed. Stewart moved to approve the bid from Master Tech Truck Equipment, Wichita, Kansas, for a 2022 Ford 350 Dura Mag Aluminum Service Body vehicle in the amount of \$70,046.80, to be paid out of the Water and Wastewater Reserve, since it is in stock. There was discussion of warranty. Motion died for lack of a second. Mayor Stephenson suggested the matter be tabled and that Administrator Sloan and Water/Wastewater Director Huffman decide what is needed and bring back a recommendation to the Council. The Council agreed.

Trash Truck Information. Administrator Sloan reported a quote was received from Southwestern Equipment Company for the 2022 Freightliner M2 Trash Truck with Champion Left Hand 36 Yard Body, in the amount of \$224,008.00. There is a contingency for steel surcharges, but this is below the amount of up to \$250,000.00 approved at the last meeting.

G&H Microphone Information. Administrator Sloan reviewed two estimates for microphones for the City Council Chambers, which were included in the Council Packet. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to table this matter for a full Council to decide for sure if they wish to continue live streaming and, if so, how to move forward.

School Playground. Administrator Sloan reported Council Member Huddle requested this be added to the agenda. Council Member Stewart noted the Council did offer in-kind services for this project when it was presented. Huddle stated the committee is close to reaching their goal so that equipment can be purchased before the price goes up. Huddle moved to donate \$10,000.00 to the USD #274 Playground Project to be paid out of the Special Parks Fund. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14877).

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

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

- Sloan congratulated Rod Huffman again on his award at KRWA.
- Sloan reported Weigel Construction is making progress at Annie Oakley Park and he anticipates they will be finished in the next 2-3 weeks.
- Sloan reported the annual renewal date for the contract for the Code Enforcement Officer is April 15, 2022. This agreement automatically renews unless terminated by one or both of the parties. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. No report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Council Member Huddle commented the building at 200 Center is looking good but she asked if some of the banners could be moved because they make it hard to see at that intersection. Administrator Sloan will check into this.

Council Member Zerr thanked the City for relocating the refuse hopper in his alley.

Council Member Stewart inquired if there was anything that could be done to have the bass turned down when there's music at the 4-H building. Mayor Stephenson suggested contacting the Police Department and filing a noise complaint. Chief Cooper noted the current Ordinance concerning noise complaints only addresses noise coming from vehicles, so it would have to fall under disorderly conduct. Stewart stated she was not trying to eliminate parties and dances; she is just requesting the bass be turned down.

Council Member Stewart also inquired about tankers filling up from a city water hydrant. Council Member Zerr stated the tanker this evening is a fire department tanker, so it is legitimate.

Adjourn. Huddle moved to adjourn the meeting. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14878). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:41 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 April 18, 2022, regular meeting.