

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on April 5, 2021, in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and streamed live at <https://www.facebook.com/discoveroakley/live> at 7:00 PM. Mayor Stephenson presided.

Council members present. Leasa Huddle, Russ Kahle, Ilene Nickel, Eli Wininger, and Kile Zerr.

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

Others present. Brian Spano and Sarah Kosbab from Wilson & Company.

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s). Nickel moved to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2021, regular meeting, as presented. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14558).

Kahle moved to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2021, special meeting, as presented. Nickel seconded. Motion carried. Kahle, Nickel, Wininger and Zerr voting yes; Huddle abstaining. Action (#14559).

Approval of AP Payment Registers. Kahle moved to approve the April 2, 2021, AP Payment Register, for checks dated March 31, 2021, in the amount of \$63,558.44 (Check Nos. 348; 47555-47557; 47563; and 47565-47605). Wininger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14560).

Huddle moved to approve the April 2, 2021 AP Payment Register, for a check dated March 31, 2021, in the amount of \$137,977.58 (Check No. 47558). Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14561).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Huddle moved to approve the Time Entry Report for March 7, 2021, to March 20, 2021, dated March 24, 2021, for the March 26, 2021, payroll, in the amount of \$49,506.70 for 2,258.89 hours (Check Nos 17368-17370; ACH Nos. 95753-95784; AP Check Nos. 47559-47562; Wire Nos. 651-654). Wininger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14562).

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. Included in Administrator's Report.

#### NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Service Award – Mark Margheim, 20 years. Administrator Pendergast reported that Fireman Mark Margheim was unable to attend the meeting. The Council expressed their appreciation for Mr. Margheim's 20 years of service to the City. Administrator Pendergast will see that Mr. Margheim receives his service plaque.

Service Award – Butch Burris, 10 years. Administrator Pendergast reported that Street Director Edwin (Butch) Burris was unable to attend the meeting. The Council expressed their appreciation for Mr. Burris' 10 years of service to the City. Administrator Pendergast will see that Mr. Burris receives his service plaque.

Water Bill Dispute – Relax Inn. Administrator Pendergast reported that Mr. Patel, owner of the Relax Inn, had something come up where he would be unable to attend tonight's meeting. Pendergast will place this topic on the agenda for the next meeting and relayed to Mr. Patel that the City would waive the penalty on the 15<sup>th</sup> since the next meeting is after that date.

Wastewater Lagoon & Water Treatment Projects Discussion. Brian Spano and Sarah Kosbab of Wilson & Company were present to discuss the wastewater lagoon and water treatment plant projects. Spano presented a Preliminary Engineering Report to the Council wherein he discussed the project plans, time lines and deadlines, costs and finance options in detail. He also noted the pilot study will close next week and a report of the nitrate reduction results will be submitted to the Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) in May. The Council approved moving forward to the next step with both the wastewater lagoon and water treatment projects.

Colby Avenue Repair Bids. Administrator Pendergast reported two bids were received to repair a portion of the 200 Block of Colby Avenue, as follows:

Eberle Construction - \$48,600

Sporer Land Development - \$49,975.60

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to table this matter until the next meeting to get input from Street Director Edwin Burris as to whether or not this project could be postponed.

Community Sponsorship – VFW, Run for the Wall. Administrator Pendergast reported he had been advised the Run for the Wall has been postponed, but he was unable to contact Frank Munk with the VFW to discuss the matter prior to the meeting. Chief Cooper noted the National Run for the Wall has been postponed, but he believes a local group is still coming through Oakley. It was the consensus of the Council to continue this item to the next meeting and for Pendergast to contact Mr. Munk for more details.

Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel. Huddle moved to recess to Executive Session for personnel matters of nonelected personnel for five (5) minutes with the Mayor, Council, City Administrator Pendergast and City Clerk Hughes present, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exemption under K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1). The meeting will resume in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, at 7:47 PM. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14563).

Mayor Stephenson re-convened the meeting and no action was taken following the executive session.

Mayoral Appointment. Mayor Stephenson appointed Jessica Houk as Municipal Court Clerk to replace Linda Engel, who retired. Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Jessica Houk as Municipal Court Clerk. Wininger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14564).

#### UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

RF Water Meters. Nothing at this time.

Water Treatment. Nothing at this time.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Bradley Pendergast, City Administrator. Administrator Pendergast reported on several activities of the various departments of the City, including training, spraying pre-emergent, rubbering street cracks and recycling. He noted that KDHE conducted a Landfill inspection and no violations were found. He also reported that Crystal Faulkender and Jessica Houk have both been hired in the City Office.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. No report.

#### MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Mayor Stephenson reported he would be unavailable for the next meeting on April 19, 2021. Several other members expressed a need to also be absent. Since a Public Performance Hearing for Grant Agreement Number 20-CV-101 has already been scheduled and advertised for April 19, 2021, there will be a meeting at 7:00 PM on April 29, 2021, for the hearing and the remaining items will be continued to Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn. Huddle moved to adjourn the meeting. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14565). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:53 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 April 20, 2021, regular meeting.