

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on April 17, 2023, in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2nd Street, at 7:00 P.M. Council President Leasa Huddle presided.

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

City staff present. City Administrator Brock Sloan, Police Chief Daniel Cooper, and City Clerk Leann Hughes.

Others present. Laurie Millensifer, Aldo Sibi, Natalie Sibi and John Holzmeister.

Call to order. Council President Huddle called the regular meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s). Administrator Sloan explained the total amount for the City's Insurance Renewal should have been reported at the March 20, 2023, regular meeting as \$147,067.00 instead of \$147,032.00; therefore, he requested a correction to the March 20, 2023 minutes to reflect this correction, unless there were concerns. Kahle moved to rescind Action (#15133), approving the minutes of the March 20, 2023, regular meeting, as presented, at the April 3, 2023, regular meeting. Mader seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15142).

Kahle moved to approve the amended minutes of the March 20, 2023, regular meeting, with a correction of the amount to be paid for the renewal of EMC Insurance with Campbell Insurance in the amount of \$147,067.00 (Action #15130). Mader seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15143).

Kahle moved to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2023, regular meeting, as presented. Zerr seconded. Motion carried. Kahle, Mader and Zerr voting yes; Huddle abstaining. Action (#15144).

Approval of AP Payment Register. Mader moved to approve the April 14, 2023, AP Payment Register for checks dated April 14, 2023, in the amount of \$42,365.04 (Check Nos. 494-496; 50051-50052; and 50057-50097). Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15145).

Kahle moved to approve the April 13, 2023, AP Payment Register for a check dated April 14, 2023, in the amount of \$99.10 (Check No. 159), to be paid from the Drug Forfeiture Fund. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15146).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Mader moved to approve the Time Entry Report for March 19, 2023 to April 1, 2023, dated April 4, 2023, for the April 7, 2023, payroll, in the amount of \$58,951.69 for 2,376.16 hours (Check Nos. 17585-17589; ACH Nos. 97720-97763; AP Check Nos. 50053-50056; Wire Nos. 862-865). Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15147).

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. None.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Laurie Millensifer – Buffalo Bill Cultural Center Tourism Update. Administrator Sloan noted a tourism report was included in the Council packet and Laurie Millensifer with the Buffalo Bill Cultural Center was present to review it with the Council. Millensifer reviewed 2022 Visitors and Events, with guest numbers for events, and she reviewed tourism and associations activities participated in or worked with. In addition, she reviewed a 2023 update of planned activities and discussed whether or not there were any suggestions for new projects and if it was time to begin discussing new branding for Oakley Tourism. Council Member Kahle suggested a committee be formed to discuss the need for new branding and Council Member Zerr suggested the possibility of a branding contest similar to the postcard contest to come up with some ideas. Millensifer

agreed to meet with Administrator Sloan to discuss the tourism budget and the forming of a committee to discuss whether or not it is time for new branding.

Aldo Sibi – Airport and Landfill. Aldo Sibi introduced himself and his wife, Natalie, to the Council, explaining that he has been the Director of Maintenance for A+ Aviation at the Oakley Municipal Airport since 2021. He further explained that the recent change in ownership to Ag Solutions changed his employment status from full time to possibly contracting with them. Sibi had some ideas about the airport that he shared with the Council, such as the possibility of a flight school, event ideas and a youth education program. He also noted he submitted his application for Refuse Director so that he could stay in Oakley, since his position changed with the sale of A+ Aviation, and he provided a copy of his resume. He shared some management ideas and discussed how an advisory committee might work for Oakley like it has in other places he has been involved with. Following discussion, the Council thanked Sibi for attending the meeting and sharing his thoughts.

Valley Gutter Replacement Bids. Administrator Sloan reported he and Edwin Burris, Street Director, sent out bid requests to Sporer Land Development, Eberle Construction and Richard Ottley Construction for the replacement of nine (9) valley gutters. The bids received were as follows:

Eberle Construction – Total for all nine (9) Valley Gutter Replacements -	\$ 112,747.00
Ottley Construction – Total for all nine (9) Valley Gutter Replacements -	\$ 97,000.00
Sporer Constructions – Submitted answer of No Bid	

Zerr moved to approve the bid from Ottley Construction in the amount of \$97,000.00, for the replacement of nine (9) valley gutters in the City of Oakley. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15148).

UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

LED Sign – Chamber of Commerce – Center Street. Administrator Sloan reported the Chamber of Commerce is still wanting to give the LED sign on Center Avenue to the City. The only thing missing is the electricity. Sloan noted a representative from AT&T emailed Glen Pfeifer, former Chamber President, that AT&T is not going to make anyone take the sign down. Discussion followed. Zerr moved to accept a gift of the LED sign at Center Avenue and Third Street, Oakley, Kansas, from the Chamber of Commerce. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15149).

John Holzmeister – Airport. John Holzmeister met with the Council to update everyone with information concerning the sale of A+ Aviation. He explained that A+ Aviation has sold to Ag Solutions out of Garden City, Kansas, which is a private company. Holzmeister met with Ag Solutions and they expressed that they want to keep their locations of businesses intact and will keep twenty-one of the A+ employees. Ag Solutions also expressed they would like to keep the FBOs in all locations and would like to keep Holzmeister as the FBO for Oakley. The change in ownership has not been completed and Holzmeister stated he does not know when that will happen. Holzmeister would like to invite someone from Ag Solutions to attend the next Council Meeting to discuss their intentions with the Council. There was discussion of possible changes at the airport, as discussed with Aldo Sibi earlier in the meeting.

Zerr moved to recess to Executive Session for personnel matters of nonelected personnel for ten (10) minutes with the Council, City Administrator Sloan, and John Holzmeister 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. 2nd Street at 8:17 PM. Mader seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15150).

Council President Huddle re-convened the meeting and no action was taken following the executive session.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

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

- The City Office will include the following with the utility bills mailed the end of April:
 - o Newsletter
 - o New Utility Billing Service Agreement. The City has a number of old service agreements on file which do not have current phone numbers listed. The phone numbers are used in the event City staff finds a water leak.
 - o Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) – An annual report of the quality of water provided over the last year.
 - o Water Service Line Inspection Form – The EPA has mandated water suppliers identify all materials used in the construction of the water system, including lines from the main to the meter, from the meter to the house and what is in the house.
- A spreadsheet of year-to-date donations made by the City was included in the Council packets.
- It appears the pool will be fully staffed this year.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. No Report

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

None.

Adjourn. Zerr moved to adjourn the meeting. Mader seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15151). Council President Huddle adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:25 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 May 1, 2023, regular meeting.