

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on April 20, 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 P.M. 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. Marvin Honeyman, Stacy Honeyman, Martin Castillo and Abigail Fernandez; Mary Patel was present by telephone.

Call to order. Mayor Stephenson called the regular meeting to order at approximately 7:02 PM.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s). Nickel moved to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021, regular meeting, as presented. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14568).

Approval of AP Payment Registers. Kahle moved to approve the April 16, 2021, AP Payment Register, for checks dated April 15, 2021, in the amount of \$21,524.29 (Check Nos. 349-350; 47615-47645). Wininger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14569).

Nickel moved to approve the April 2, 2021, AP Payment Register, for a check dated March 31, 2021, in the amount of \$830.00 (Check No. 147), paid out of the Drug Forfeiture Fund. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14570).

Kahle moved to approve the April 19, 2021, AP Payment Register, for checks dated April 15, 2021, in the amount of \$3,332.77 (Check Nos. 47564; 47606-47610; and 47646-47657). Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14571).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Kahle moved to approve the Time Entry Report for March 21, 2021, to April 3, 2021, dated April 7, 2021, for the April 9, 2021, payroll, in the amount of \$47,836.28 for 2,253.27 hours (Check Nos. 17371-17378; ACH Nos. 95785-95724; AP Check Nos. 47611-47614; Wire Nos. 655-658). Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14572).

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. Included in Administrator's Report.

#### NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Semi-Truck Parking Dispute. Administrator Pendergast reported he had been contacted by a resident concerning a semi-truck parked at the intersection of W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Beaman Avenue. The resident felt the truck causes vision issues for drivers going south on Beaman and East of W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Mayor Stephenson inquired if the truck was in compliance as far as parking laws. Chief Cooper confirmed it is in compliance as far as the distance parked from the corner. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that no action is needed since the parking is in compliance.

Semi-Truck Parking Exemption – Abigail Fernandez. Administrator Pendergast reported that Abigail Fernandez applied for a Semi-Truck & Trailer Permit, which was denied because the City Ordinance does not allow Semi-Truck parking on one-way streets. Ms. Fernandez and Martin Castillo were present to answer any questions. Following discussion, the Council was in agreement that the Ordinance was put into place because of the narrow width of the one-way streets in town, and they did not feel an exemption would be proper.

Prosecutor's Charitable Trust Committee Selection. Addressed later in the meeting; Water Bill Dispute – Relax Inn, was moved up on the agenda.

Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel. Addressed later in the meeting; Water Bill Dispute – Relax Inn, was moved up on the agenda.

Water Bill Dispute – Relax Inn. Moved up on the agenda. Mary Patel, representing Relax Inn, was present by telephone. Administrator Pendergast reported that Utility Billing Clerk, Barbara Kelly, contacted Patels regarding the water bill for Relax Inn because it was apparent there must be a water leak due to very high usage. Pendergast also discussed the situation with Mr. Patel and Mr. Patel stated they did have a minor leak that was repaired the same day it was discovered. Mary Patel stated the motel's revenue has been significantly lower with the COVID-19 pandemic and asked the Council to provide some relief on the cost of the bill. Considerable discussion followed and it was the consensus of the Council to table this matter and have city staff possibly change the meter and monitor what the usage is, while also checking for leaks. It will then be re-addressed once there is more information available.

Prosecutor's Charitable Trust Committee Selection. Mayor Stephenson appointed Council Member Russ Kahle, City Clerk Leann Hughes and City Administrator Brad Pendergast to the Prosecutor's Charitable Trust Committee. Huddle moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Council Member Russ Kahle, City Clerk Leann Hughes and City Administrator Brad Pendergast to the Prosecutor's Charitable Trust Committee. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14573).

#### UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Water Bill Dispute – Relax Inn. Moved up on the Agenda.

Colby Avenue Repair Bids. Administrator Pendergast reported he discussed this project for the 200 Block of Colby Avenue with Streets Director, Edwin Burris, and Burris agreed this could be postponed another year, but he felt the cost would just go up. The bids presented at the last meeting were:

Eberle Construction - \$48,600.00

Sporer Land Development - \$49,975.60

Pendergast stated he contacted Melissa Romme of Adams, Brown, Beran, and Ball, the City's audit firm, to see if the City could pay for the project now out of Capital Improvement Funds and then next year transfer the final amount for the project from Capital Improvements Streets Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund. Romme agreed this would be fine and once the final total is known, the Council would need to pass a motion to authorize the transfer. Discussion followed. Kahle moved to approve the bid from Eberle Construction in the amount of \$48,600.00, for repairs to the 200 Block of Colby Avenue, to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund, with discussion of a transfer back to the Capital Improvements Streets Fund next year. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14574).

Community Sponsorship – VFW, Run for the Wall. Administrator Pendergast reported he spoke with Frank Munk about this event and Munk confirmed the National Run for the Wall was cancelled, but the State Chapter still wants to hold a smaller event. Huddle moved to approve a donation of \$500 to VFW Post #2981 for the State Run for the Wall event to be held in May, 2021 to be paid from the Convention and Tourism Fund. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14575).

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 and reported Cory Sagar has been hired to fill the Police Officer position.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. Clerk Hughes read a Thank-you note from the family of Truman Coffman.

Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel. Kahle moved to recess to Executive Session for personnel matters of nonelected personnel for five (5) minutes with the Mayor, Council and City Administrator Pendergast 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 7:48 P.M. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14576).

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

Kahle moved to recess to Executive Session for personnel matters of nonelected personnel for ten (10) minutes with the Mayor and Council 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 8:07 P.M. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14577).

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

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Council Member Zerr inquired about a sign at City Hall; Pendergast noted the City crew has removed the sign at the other building and will be placing it at the new location. Mayor Stephenson requested a sign also be placed on the west end of the front side of the City Building to direct traffic to the southwest entrance for Council Meetings, Municipal Court, etc.

Mayor Stephenson again urged citizens to consider receiving a COVID-19 vaccine to help combat the pandemic.

Adjourn. Kahle moved to adjourn the meeting. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14578). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:12 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 3, 2021, regular meeting.