

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on May 3, 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, Water/Wastewater Director Rodney Huffman, and Police Chief Daniel Cooper.

Others present. Brian Spano, Wilson & Company, Sarah Kosbab, Wilson & Company and Barbara Kelly.

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 April 19, 2021, special meeting, as presented. Wininger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14579).

Nickel moved to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021, special meeting, as presented. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14580).

Approval of AP Payment Registers. Huddle moved to approve the April 30, 2021, AP Payment Register, for checks dated April 30, 2021, in the amount of \$94,298.85 (Check Nos. 351-353; 47662-47702). Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14581).

Kahle moved to approve the April 29, 2021, AP Payment Register, for a check dated April 29, 2021, in the amount of \$8,625.45 (Check No. 1017), paid out of the Non-Interest Bearing Project (SPARK) Fund. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14582).

Zerr moved to approve the April 29, 2021, Treasurer's Check in the amount of \$201.05, moving funds from the Non-Interest Bearing Project (SPARK) Fund to the main Checking (Super Now) Account, to reimburse an expense. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14583).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Zerr moved to approve the Time Entry Report for April 4, 2021, to April 17, 2021, dated April 21, 2021, for the April 23, 2021, payroll, in the amount of \$58,189.14 for 2,736.28 hours (Check Nos. 17379-17382; ACH Nos. 95825-95857; AP Check Nos. 47658-47661; Wire Nos. 659-662). Wininger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14584).

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. Included in Administrator's Report.

#### NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Water Treatment and Wastewater Lagoon Update – Brian Spano, Wilson & Co. Brian Spano and Sarah Kosbab of Wilson & Company, were present to discuss the wastewater lagoon and water treatment plant projects. Spano presented a proposed Agreement for Services for both projects and he explained the different sections within the agreements. He also reviewed the project plans, time lines and deadlines, costs and finance options in detail again. It was the consensus of the Council to have Administrator Pendergast forward the documents to City Attorney Hirsch for review prior to approval.

Mayoral Appointments. Mayor Stephenson appointed Bradley Pendergast as City Administrator. Huddle moved to approve the appointment of Bradley Pendergast as City Administrator. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14585).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Daniel Cooper as Police Chief. Nickel moved to approve the appointment of Daniel Cooper as Police Chief. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14586).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Leann Hughes as City Clerk. Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Leann Hughes as City Clerk. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14587).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Barbara Kelly as Deputy City Clerk. Winger moved to approve the appointment of Barbara Kelly as Deputy City Clerk. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14588).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Anthony Haffner as Municipal Judge. Huddle moved to approve the appointment of Anthony Haffner as Municipal Judge. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14589).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Jessica Houk as Municipal Court Clerk. Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Jessica Houk as Municipal Court Clerk. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14590).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Steve Hirsch of Hirsch Law Firm as City Attorney. Huddle moved to approve the appointment of Steve Hirsch of Hirsch Law Firm as City Attorney. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14591).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Russell Moellering as Fire Chief. Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Russell Moellering as Fire Chief. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14592).

Mayor Stephenson appointed James Geist to the Planning Commission through May, 2024. Huddle moved to approve the appointment of James Geist to the Planning Commission through May, 2024. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14593).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Tom Halbleib to the Planning Commission through May, 2024. Nickel moved to approve the appointment of Tom Halbleib to the Planning Commission through May, 2024. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14594).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Jeff Dennis to fill an unexpired term on the Planning Commission through May, 2023. Huddle moved to approve the appointment of Jeff Dennis fill an unexpired term on the Planning Commission through May, 2023. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14595).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Brianna Hutton to the Museum Board through May, 2025. Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Brianna Hutton to the Museum Board through May, 2025. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14596).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Dwight Abell to the Airport Authority through May, 2023. Huddle moved to approve the appointment of Dwight Abell to the Airport Authority through May, 2023. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14597).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Joy Crandall to the Housing Authority Board through May, 2025. Nickel moved to approve the appointment of Joy Crandall to the Housing Authority Board through May, 2025. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14598).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Stacy Honeyman to the Housing Authority Board through May, 2025. Winger moved to approve the appointment of Stacy Honeyman to the Housing Authority Board through May, 2025. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14599).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Eli Winger as Commissioner of Cemetery, Museum, and Parks. Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Eli Winger as Commissioner of Cemetery, Museum, and Parks. Huddle seconded. Motion carried. Huddle, Kahle, Nickel and Zerr voting yes; Winger abstaining. Action (#14600).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Ilene Nickel as Commissioner of Sanitation and Fire. Huddle moved to approve the appointment of Ilene Nickel as Commissioner of Sanitation and Fire. Wininger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14601).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Kile Zerr as Commissioner of Streets, Alleys, and Airport. Huddle moved to approve the appointment of Kile Zerr as Commissioner of Streets, Alleys, and Airport. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14602).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Russ Kahle as Commissioner of Police. Wininger moved to approve the appointment of Russ Kahle as Commissioner of Police. Huddle seconded. Motion carried. Huddle, Nickel, Wininger, and Zerr voting yes; Kahle abstaining. Action (#14603).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Leasa Huddle as Commissioner of Water. Wininger moved to approve the appointment of Leasa Huddle as Commissioner of Water. Kahle seconded. Motion carried. Kahle, Nickel, Wininger, and Zerr voting yes; Huddle abstaining. Action (#14604).

Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel. Addressed later in the meeting.

#### UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Water Bill Dispute – Relax Inn. Administrator Pendergast reported the water meter reading for Relax Inn this month showed usage of 7,000 gallons, which is within the normal range of usage for this account. Therefore, the water meter has not been replaced since it appears to be reading correctly. Water/Wastewater Director Rodney Huffman noted a new meter would cost the City around \$3,000.00. Discussion followed. Kahle moved to decrease the Water and Sewer amounts on last month's utility bill for Relax Inn by fifty percent (50%) and offer them a payment plan, if they need it, to pay the amount due. Wininger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14605).

RF Water Meters. Nothing at this time.

Water Treatment. Nothing at this time.

Administrator Pendergast inquired of the Council if the RF Water Meters and Water Treatment could be removed from the agenda at this time since projects are being looked at. It was the consensus of the Council to remove these items for now.

Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel. Kahle moved to recess to Executive Session for personnel matters of nonelected personnel for fifteen (15) 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 8:23 P.M. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14606).

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

Mayor Stephenson announced, that, with regret, the City will accept the resignation of Bradley Pendergast as City Administrator, effective June 7, 2021, at 11:59. P.M.

Pendergast agreed to place an advertisement locally for the City Administrator position, for two weeks. The Mayor and Council will then evaluate and move forward.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Bradley Pendergast, City Administrator. Administrator Pendergast reported on several activities of the various departments of the City. He noted that the City has not received enough applicants to open the Pool at this point in time.

Council Member Zerr inquired about the time frame for something to be done with the building at 200 Center. Pendergast stated that if a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is awarded, it would likely be 2022 before it is completed.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. No Report.

#### MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Council Member Huddle reported she received a phone call from Linda Engel, who requested the minutes be corrected to state that she resigned instead of retiring. It was the consensus of the Council to note her request in the current minutes.

Mayor Stephenson stated he may not be present at the June 7, 2021, meeting.

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 (#14607). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:38 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 17, 2021, regular meeting.