

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on May 15, 2023, 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, Trevor Mader, Cheryl Stewart, and Kile Zerr were present; Russ Kahle was present by phone.

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

Others present. Don Rivera and Natalee Sibi.

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s). Zerr moved to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2023, regular meeting, as presented. Stewart seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15156).

Approval of AP Payment Register(s). Zerr moved to approve the May 12, 2023, AP Payment Register for checks dated May 15, 2023, in the amount of \$40,902.21 (Check Nos. 502-504; 50142-50144; and 50149-50185). Mader seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15157).

Huddle moved to approve the May 11, 2023, AP Payment Register for a check dated May 15, 2023, to be paid from the Drug Forfeiture Fund, in the amount of \$256.40 (Check No. 160). Stewart seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15158).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Stewart moved to approve the Time Entry Report for April 16, 2023 to April 29, 2023, dated May 2, 2023, for the May 5, 2023, payroll, in the amount of \$51,617.93 for 2,136.16 hours (Check Nos. 17593-17594; ACH Nos. 97799-97827; AP Check Nos. 50145-50148; Wire Nos. 870-873). Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15159).

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. None.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center Update – (WKCAC) Don Rivera. Don Rivera with the Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center (WKCAC) was present to share some organization information and statistics with the Council, including some of the numbers of children assisted by their agency in this area. He thanked the Council for their continued support and requested they consider another \$8,000.00 donation in the next budget. It was the consensus of the Council to include a contribution of \$8,000.00 to WKCAC in the 2024 budget.

Mayoral Appointments of Staff and Boards.

Mayor Stephenson appointed Brock Sloan as City Administrator. Stewart moved to approve the appointment of Brock Sloan as City Administrator. Mader seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15160).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Daniel Cooper as Police Chief. Mader moved to approve the appointment of Daniel Cooper as Police Chief. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15161).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Leann Hughes as City Clerk. Stewart moved to approve the appointment of Leann Hughes as City Clerk. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15162).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Barbara Kelly as Deputy City Clerk. Mader moved to approve the appointment of Barbara Kelly as Deputy City Clerk. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15163).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Anthony Haffner as Municipal Judge. Huddle moved to approve the appointment of Anthony Haffner as Municipal Judge. Mader seconded. Motion carried. Kahle, Huddle, Mader and Zerr voting yes; Stewart voting no. Action (#15164).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Jessica Masterson as Municipal Court Clerk. Stewart moved to approve the appointment of Jessica Masterson as Municipal Court Clerk. Mader seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15165).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Steve Hirsch of Hirsch Law Firm as City Attorney. Mader moved to approve the appointment of Steve Hirsch of Hirsch Law Firm as City Attorney. Huddle seconded. Motion carried. Kahle, Huddle, Mader and Zerr voting yes; Stewart voting no. Action (#15166).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Russell Moellering as Fire Chief. Zerr moved to approve the appointment of Russell Moellering as Fire Chief. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15167).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Murray Bean to the Planning Commission through May, 2026. Mader moved to approve the appointment of Murray Bean to the Planning Commission through May, 2026. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15168).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Glen Good to the Planning Commission through May, 2026. Stewart moved to approve the appointment of Glen Good to the Planning Commission through May, 2026. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15169).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Jeff Dennis to the Planning Commission through May, 2026. Zerr moved to approve the appointment of Jeff Dennis to the Planning Commission through May, 2026. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15170).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Curtis Larshus to the Board of Zoning Appeals through May, 2026. Zerr moved to approve the appointment of Curtis Larshus to the Board of Zoning Appeals through May, 2026. Mader seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15171).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Dee Siruta to the Board of Zoning Appeals through May, 2026. Stewart moved to approve the appointment of Dee Siruta to the Board of Zoning Appeals through May, 2026. Mader seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15172).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Donna Corbett to the Library Board through May, 2027. Stewart moved to approve the appointment of Donna Corbett to the Library Board through May, 2027. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15173).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Ray Manning to the Museum Board through May, 2027. Huddle moved to approve the appointment of Ray Manning to the Museum Board through May, 2027. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15174).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Kraig Siruta to the Museum Board through May, 2027. Zerr moved to approve the appointment of Kraig Siruta to the Museum Board through May, 2027. Stewart seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15175).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Keith Corbett to the Housing Authority through May, 2027. Huddle moved to approve the appointment of Keith Corbett to the Housing Authority through May, 2027. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15176).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Trevor Mader as Commissioner of Cemetery, Museum, and Parks. Zerr moved to approve the appointment of Trevor Mader as Commissioner of Cemetery, Museum, and Parks. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15177).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Cheryl Stewart as Commissioner of Sanitation and Fire. Zerr moved to approve the appointment of Cheryl Stewart as Commissioner of Sanitation and Fire. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15178).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Leasa Huddle as Commissioner of Streets, Alleys, and Airport. Zerr moved to approve the appointment of Leasa Huddle as Commissioner of Streets, Alleys, and Airport. Stewart seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15179).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Russ Kahle as Commissioner of Police. Stewart moved to approve the appointment of Russ Kahle as Commissioner of Police. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15180).

Mayor Stephenson appointed Kile Zerr as Commissioner of Water. Mader moved to approve the appointment of Kile Zerr as Commissioner of Water. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15181).

Chickens. Council Member Kahle reported he has received numerous inquiries about allowing chickens within the City limits. Council Member Stewart was in favor of this. Council Member Zerr noted if there are any issues with stray dogs or dogs at large, it may create an issue with dogs killing chickens. Council Member Mader noted chickens might bring more wild animals to town. Administrator Sloan provided a sample ordinance in the Council packets and Council Member Stewart volunteered to find Ordinances from other cities as well so the Council could compare them as they consider this request. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to table this matter for reconsideration at the second meeting in June, 2023.

Jim Glassman – Pasture Lease – Landfill. Administrator Sloan reported he discovered the pasture lease with Jim Glassman and Brett Glassman, which has existed for multiple years, expired April 1, 2022, but they have already paid for the 2023-2024 term. This lease is to allow them to place cattle on 30 acres near the landfill. Council Member Zerr noted the \$80 per year is low for 30 acres, stating that he believed the drought deferral program is paying around \$18/acre to not have cattle on grassland. Discussion followed. Stewart moved to approve allowing Jim Glassman and Brett Glassman to continue their pasture lease to April 1, 2024. Mader seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15182). It was the consensus of the Council to have Administrator Sloan research this further so it may be discussed at renewal time. The Council inquired if this would have to be put out for bid; Administrator Sloan noted that Glassmans have the first right to renew, per the contract in place.

UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

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

- The Street crew have been putting up brackets for the Veteran's Banners.
- The Tribute Wall will be in Bertrand Park May 19, 2023 through May 21, 2023.
- Run for the Wall will take place Sunday, May 21, 2023.
- Spring Cleanup was well utilized
- Laurie Millensifer provided a recap of the chicken lek viewings, which was handed out to the Council.
- Midwest Energy, Inc., (MWE), has a franchise agreement with the City that expires in 2026; they have asked to move up the renewal to this year. Sloan asked if the Council would like to have a representative from MWE attend an upcoming meeting; the Council responded that yes, they would like to have a representative attend a meeting to discuss this.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. No report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Mayor Stephenson apologized for missing the last two meetings

Adjourn. Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15183). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:39 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 June 5, 2023, regular meeting.