

The Oakley City Council met in special session on June 1, 2021, in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2nd Street, at 7:00 P.M., for the object and purpose of Reviewing the Parks Improvement Group Plans and Bid Documents, Discussion of 717 Cornell, Discussion of the City Pay Plan, and an Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel. Mayor Shane Stephenson presided.

Council members present. Leasa Huddle, Russ Kahle, Eli Winger, and Kile Zerr; Ilene Nickel was absent.

City staff present. City Administrator Bradley Pendergast, City Clerk Leann Hughes, Parks/Cemetery Director Russell Moellering, Water/Wastewater Director Rodney Huffman, and Streets Director Edwin Burris.

Others present. Kezia Uhrich and Mark Hubert.

Call to order. Mayor Stephenson called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

Clerk Hughes read a request for a special meeting, as follows: We, the undersigned Council Members of the City of Oakley, Kansas, hereby respectfully request you to call a special meeting of the City Council to be held at 7:00 PM, on June 1, 2021, in the City Council Room at 415 W. 2nd Street, for the object and purpose Reviewing the Parks Improvement Group Plans and Bid Documents, Discussion of 717 Cornell, Discussion of the City Pay Plan, and an Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel. Dated this 1st day of June, 2021. Signed by Kile Zerr, Eli Winger, and Leasa Huddle, Council Members.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Review of Parks Improvement Group Plans and Bid Documents. Mark Hubert and Kezia Uhrich, representing the Parks Improvement Group, were present to review proposed engineering plans for improvements at the Annie Oakley Park. Hubert went over the plans with the Council and asked for Council approval to put the project out for bid through EBH Engineering. Moellering noted he would prefer the project be done at the end of summer due to the work needing to be done with the sprinkler system and disruption to the grass. Discussion followed. Mayor Stephenson stated he would like to have Russell Moellering, Parks/Cemetery Director, act as the point of contact for this project during the interim between City Administrators and for him to coordinate with the new Administrator when he arrives. Hubert and Uhrich both agreed to make sure Moellering is informed of all plans and/or changes. Kahle moved to approve the Parks Improvement Group Plans for improvements to Annie Oakley Park, as presented, and to authorize the letting of bids for the project. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14624).

717 Cornell Discussion. Administrator Pendergast reported he was contacted by the owner of the property at 717 Cornell, about the possibility of the city demolishing the house structure. Pendergast stated he informed her the city no longer demolishes structures for citizens so she inquired if the city would be interested in purchasing the property. Discussion followed. Kahle moved to approve having Administrator Pendergast enter into negotiations for the purchase of the property at 717 Cornell Avenue, Oakley, Kansas, for the amount of the assessed value of \$4,370.00, less the cost of demolition. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14625).

City Pay Plan Discussion. Administrator Pendergast discussed a draft Pay Plan he provided to the Council. He explained he compared the current wages to the market and developed a Step & Grade Matrix. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to have Pendergast meet with Department Heads to discuss the draft and to bring back a final document for approval.

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 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. 2nd Street, at 7:55 P.M. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14626).

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

Adjourn. Kahle moved to adjourn the meeting. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14627). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:00 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 7, 2021, regular meeting.