

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on June 7, 2021, in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, at 7:00 P.M. Council President Leasa Huddle presided.

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

City staff present. City Administrator Bradley Pendergast, City Clerk Leann Hughes, Water/Wastewater Director Rodney Huffman, Police Chief Daniel Cooper; Police Officer Danny Shanks, Deputy City Clerk Barbara Kelly, Refuse Director Marc Burris, Chief Communications Officer Sara McDonald, Parks/Cemetery Director Russell Moellering, Streets Director Edwin Burris, Communications Officer Valerie Beesley, and Communications Officer Teresa Schroeder; City Attorney Steve Hirsch was present by telephone.

Others present. Brock Sloan.

Call to order. Council President Huddle 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 May 17, 2021, regular meeting, as presented. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14628).

Zerr moved to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2021, special meeting, as presented. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14629).

Winger moved to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2021, special meeting, as presented. Kahle seconded. Motion carried. Kahle, Winger and Zerr voting yes; Nickel abstaining. Action (#14630).

Approval of AP Payment Register. Kahle moved to approve the June 4, 2021, AP Payment Register, for checks dated May 28, 2021, in the amount of \$78,542.81 (Check Nos. 355-356; 47751; 47757-47762; 47769-47814). Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14631).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Zerr moved to approve the Time Entry Report for May 2, 2021, to May 15, 2021, dated May 19, 2021, for the May 21, 2021, payroll, in the amount of \$52,170.80 for 2,421.15 hours (Check Nos. 17386-17389; ACH Nos. 95886-95918; AP Check Nos. 47752-47756; Wire Nos. 667-670). Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14632).

Zerr moved to approve the Time Entry Report for May 16, 2021, to May 29, 2021, dated June 3, 2021, for the June 4, 2021, payroll, in the amount of \$54,347.77 for 2,982.01 hours (Check Nos. 17390-17394; ACH Nos. 95919-95965; AP Check Nos. 47763-47768; Wire Nos. 671-674). Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14633).

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. None.

#### NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Lift Station Pump Bids. Administrator Pendergast reported the pump at Lift Station No. 6 went down and the back-up pump was installed. The pump that went down cannot be repaired because the pump is obsolete and parts are not available. Water/Wastewater Director Rodney Huffman solicited bids for a new pump so the city would retain a back-up pump for future needs, as follows:

MEM Industrial – Barmesa 5HP 1750 RPM UL - \$7,553.00, plus freight

Salina Supply Company – Hydromatic S4PXP500FC 5HP 460V 3PH - \$9,858.75, plus \$200 freight

Kahle moved to approve the bid from MEM Industrial for the purchase of a Barmesa 5HP 1750 RPM UL pump for Lift Station No. 6, in the amount of \$7,553.00, plus freight. Nickel seconded. Kahle amended his motion to add that the pump will be purchased from the Sanitation Reserve Fund. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14634).

200 Center Avenue Discussion. Administrator Pendergast reported that Council Members Kahle and Zerr requested this topic be placed on the agenda for discussion. Pendergast noted he contacted Raelene Keller to see if she had received a confirmation on the cost of the thermal blanket; she had not received a response yet. There was discussion of the options of waiting until January 1, 2022, to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds; to look into a grant for taking the building down in November, if funding is available; or taking the building down without grant funds. There was discussion that many residents would like to see something done. Pendergast noted the unavailability of CDBG funds at this time was by no fault of the Logan County Community Foundation; the Council acknowledged this. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to table the matter and possibly check to see if cost estimates have changed to have the building taken down.

City Pay Plan Discussion. Administrator Pendergast noted the Council received a draft of a new employee pay plan, which contained a few changes from the original draft, following discussions with Department Heads. Parks/Cemetery Director Moellering inquired what happens to employees when they reach Step 15. Pendergast stated the employee could be moved to the next grade or given a bonus; he recommended the Department Head meet with the City Administrator for those situations. Chief Cooper stated the section of the draft that covers the police department does not reflect what was discussed previously. Zerr moved to recess to Executive Session for personnel matters of nonelected personnel for five (5) minutes with the Mayor, Council, Chief Cooper 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 415 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street at 7:35 PM. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14635).

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

It was the consensus of the Council to table the City Pay Plan discussion.

Purchase of 717 Cornell. Administrator Pendergast reported that, per the Council's direction, he negotiated the price of the 717 Cornell property with the owner, Tammy Woodman. He stated they came to a verbal agreement in the amount of \$2,500.00 and Woodman requested 30 days to remove items from the property. Kahle moved to approve the purchase of the property at 717 Cornell Avenue, Oakley, Kansas, in the amount of \$2,500.00. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (Action #14636). It was the consensus of the Council to allow the 30 days for removal of items from the property. Pendergast advised the Mayor will need to contact Woodman and City Attorney Steve Hirsch to draw up the necessary paperwork.

Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel. Kahle moved to recess to Executive Session for personnel matters of nonelected personnel for ten (10) 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 7:51 PM. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14637).

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

Nickel moved to recess to Executive Session for personnel matters of nonelected personnel for ten (10) 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 8:04 PM. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14638).

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

Zerr moved to recess to Executive Session for personnel matters of nonelected personnel for ten (10) minutes with the Mayor, Council, City Administrator Pendergast, and City Attorney Steve Hirsch, by telephone, 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 8:16 PM. Wininger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14639).

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

Wininger moved to recess to Executive Session for personnel matters of nonelected personnel for ten (10) minutes with the Mayor, Council, City Administrator Pendergast and City Attorney Steve Hirsh, by telephone, 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 8:27 PM. Wininger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14640).

Council President Huddle 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 five (5) minutes with the Mayor, Council, City Administrator Pendergast, City Attorney Steve Hirsh, by telephone, Street Director Edwin Burris and City Clerk Hughes 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 8:35 PM. Wininger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14641).

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

UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS: None.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Bradley Pendergast, City Administrator. City Administrator Pendergast reported on activities of the various city departments and thanked the Council, staff and Oakley residents for the opportunity to fill the City Administrator position.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. Clerk Hughes discussed payment to Westhusings for the dispenser at the airport. The invoices to date are \$861.43 more than what was approved. It was the consensus of the Council to void the previous check and pay what was approved. Hughes also noted Art Martin stopped by the City Office concerning the deadline of June 30, 2021, for the demolition of the church structure at 227 Edgerton. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting and to ask Martin to be present to answer questions and give an update on the project. The decision to void the check and pay the lower amount was reversed at the June 21, 2021, regular meeting.

Clerk Hughes inquired of Pendergast if it was correct that he would be taking the City's surface pro laptop to work on the 2022 budget. Pendergast confirmed this, stating he cleared this through Mayor Stephenson and at the Mayor's direction, he ordered another surface pro from G&H Computers. Clerk

Hughes asked about keys, etc.; Pendergast stated he probably wouldn't need keys but he would keep the City's cell phone for awhile to answer questions. Hughes asked if he was going to forward city emails to the Mayor or herself; he stated he planned to set-up the email to forward to Hughes.

Council Member Zerr discussed the cost to take down the structure at 200 Center Avenue and stated he would talk to the local contractor who expressed interest to see if he could get an updated quote. Pendergast noted the Council may want to open this up for bids due to the size of the project if it is decided not to pursue grant funds to renovate the property.

Council Member Nickel noted she was in agreement with Zerr that something needs to be done with the building at 200 Center Avenue.

Council Member Winger reported he attended the last Museum Board Meeting, and noted the purchase of the new computer, as Pendergast had included in his report. He said things are going well at the Museum.

Adjourn. Winger moved to adjourn the meeting. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14642). Council President Huddle adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:54 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 21, 2021, regular meeting. However, the decision to void the check and pay the lower amount to Westhusings was reversed at the June 21, 2021, regular meeting.