

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on July 19, 2021, in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2nd Street, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Stephenson presided.

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

City staff present. City Administrator Brock Sloan, Clerk Leann Hughes, Police Chief Daniel Cooper, Landfill Director Marc Burris, and Parks/Cemetery Director Russell Moellering.

Others present. Dawn Gable.

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s). Nickel moved to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021, regular meeting, as presented. Wininger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14673).

Huddle moved to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2021, special meeting, as presented. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14674).

Approval of AP Payment Register. Nickel moved to approve the July 16, 2021, AP Payment Register, for checks dated July 15, 2021, in the amount of \$174,211.82 (Check Nos. 361-363; 47918-47919; and 47925-47968). Wininger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14675).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Nickel moved to approve the Time Entry Report for June 27, 2021, to July 10, 2021, dated July 14, 2021, for the July 16, 2021, payroll, in the amount of \$67,085.42 for 3,724.58 hours (Check Nos. 17411-17418; ACH Nos. 96076-96128; AP Check Nos. 47920-47924; Wire Nos. 683-686). Wininger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14676).

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. Police and Dispatch Reports were distributed to the Mayor and Council.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Resolution 2021-02, Revenue Neutral Rate – Logan Co. Huddle moved to approve Resolution 2021-02, regarding the governing body's intent to levy a property tax exceeding the revenue neutral rate. Wininger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14677).

Options Domestic & Sexual Violence Services, Inc. Dawn Gable, Development Director, MS, with Options Domestic & Sexual Violence Services, out of Hays, Kansas, was present to review the services provided to the Oakley area and some of their statistics. Gable thanked the Mayor and Council for their support with the approval of the funding request at the previous meeting.

Request for Partial Refund, Liquor Store License – Uptown Liquor. City Administrator, Brock Sloan, reported that Mike Chrisler, owner of Uptown Liquor, contacted the City Office, asking if he would receive a refund since the Uptown Liquor business shut their doors before the end of the license period. Clerk Hughes stated that Chrisler explained that the State agreed to refund 1 year of his 2-year State license, less any processing fees. Wininger moved to approve a partial refund for one-half the licensing period, or 1 year, in the amount of \$300.00 to Mike Chrisler of Uptown Liquor. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14678). Mayor Stephenson requested Administrator Sloan look at bringing the City policy/Ordinance in line with the State's policy.

22-acre City Tract – Lease Termination. Administrator Sloan reported the City signed a lease for a 22-acre City tract with Joseph Stephenson on July 1, 2020, with a termination date of July 1, 2021, if not automatically renewed. The lease was for \$1,000.00, of which only \$200.00 was received. Huddle moved to terminate the lease with Joseph Stephenson for a 22-acre City tract, dated July 1, 2020 and signed July 2, 2020. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14679). Sloan also noted that he has been contacted by an individual who is interested in purchasing this property.

Landfill Monitoring Well Quotes. Administrator Sloan reported that Landfill Director, Marc Burris, received two quotes for a monitoring well at the landfill, as follows:

B&B Drilling, LLC - \$6,681.60

Woofter Pump and Well - \$6,580.00

Director Burris reported that B&B Drilling stated they will complete the well within 30 days, but he did not receive a call back from Woofter Pump and Well on a time frame. Burris noted the State is wanting this done as soon as possible, so he recommended B&B Drilling since the time frame for Woofter Pump and Well is unknown. Winger moved to approve the quote from B&B Drilling, LLC, in the amount of \$6,681.60, to drill a monitoring well at the Oakley Landfill. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14680).

ACH Authorized Signatures. Clerk Hughes reported the Council authorized signers for utility and payroll ACH transactions at Farmers State Bank in January, 2021; however, there has since been a change in staff. Therefore, Hughes requested the Council consider updating the signers to remove previous staff and add Jessica Houk since she is cross-training in payroll. Huddle moved to approve Leann Hughes, Barbara Kelly, and Jessica Houk as updated authorized signers for ACH transactions at Farmers State Bank. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14681).

Volunteer and Community Service – Workers Compensation. Administrator Sloan reported there has been discussion with Bruce Campbell of Campbell Insurance concerning whether or not the City should add Workers' Compensation coverage for volunteers and community service individuals, while working for the City. Sloan stated that Campbell is recommending coverage for both groups, but the Kansas Municipal Insurance Trust only recommends coverage for the Community Service individuals. Sloan asked for an opinion from City Attorney Steve Hirsch and he agrees with Campbell and recommends covering both groups. The premium is minimal. Discussion followed. Nickel moved to approve adding Workers' Compensation coverage for volunteers and community service individuals, while working for the City. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14682).

Executive Session for Non-elected Personnel. Huddle moved to recess to Executive Session for personnel matters of nonelected personnel for twenty (20) minutes with the Mayor, Council, City Administrator Sloan, City Clerk Hughes, and Parks/Cemetery Director Moellering 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 7:44 PM. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14683).

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

UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Rural Refuse Policy – Resolution 2019-14 and 2021-03 for consideration. City Administrator Brock Sloan reported that he and Landfill Director, Marc Burris, made revisions to Resolution 2019-14, as discussed at the last meeting. Sloan stated the revisions should remove the discrepancy in charges. Discussion followed. Winger moved to approve Resolution 2021-03, adopting refuse collection rates

for the City of Oakley, Kansas. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14684). The Council will review the Rural Refuse Policy at the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Brock Sloan, City Administrator. City Administrator, Brock Sloan, reported on several activities of the various City Departments and noted he and Water/Wastewater Director Rodney Huffman will be reviewing and updating the City's Conservation Plan as a requirement for the KDHE Loan Application for the Water Treatment Plan project. Sloan also reported a Council Member contacted him about further discussion of the demolition of the building at 200 Center Avenue. Discussion followed. Sloan agreed to check on the status of the thermal blanket.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. No report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Council Member Ilene Nickel inquired about the water treatment plant project. Sloan explained it has started, but it is in the design phase. Nickel also inquired if Jan Ackerman is still acting as Nuisance Abatement Officer for the City. Sloan confirmed that she is and has been in contact with him.

Administrator Sloan noted that he was contacted by a resident about the possible purchase of the property at 717 Cornell. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with the demolition of the house structure.

Mayor Stephenson passed on compliments from citizens to Parks/Cemetery Director Moellering for the way the cemetery and parks have been taken care of this year. Stephenson also requested that a large hopper be delivered for the Logan County Fair BBQ; Landfill Director Burriss will take care of this.

Adjourn. Huddle moved to adjourn the meeting. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14685). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:04 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 August 2, 2021, regular meeting.