

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

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

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

Others present. Melissa Romme, Bill Goetz and Rod Bates.

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting. Nickel moved to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2021, regular meeting, as presented. Winger seconded. Motion carried. Nickel, Winger, and Zerr voting yes; Kahle abstaining. Action (#14686).

Approval of AP Payment Register. Kahle moved to approve the July 30, 2021, AP Payment Register, for checks dated July 30, 2021, in the amount of \$102,833.37 (Check Nos. 364-365; 47969; and 47973-48013). Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14687).

Zerr moved to approve the July 30, 2021, AP Payment Register, for Prosecutor's Charitable Trust checks dated July 30, 2021, in the amount of \$780.00 (Check Nos. 1017-1019). Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14688).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Kahle moved to approve the Time Entry Report for July 11, 2021, to July 24, 2021, dated July 28, 2021, for the July 30, 2021, payroll, in the amount of \$64,149.01 for 3,672.14 hours (Check Nos. 17419-17424; ACH Nos. 96129-96176; AP Check Nos. 47970-47972; Wire Nos. 687-690). Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14689).

Citizen Request to Speak. Bill Goetz addressed the Council concerning the property at 717 Cornell Avenue. Goetz told the Council he would like to purchase the property for what the City paid for it and he explained he intends to repair and rebuild it to get it back on the tax rolls.

Rod Bates addressed the Council asking for support to stop the noise from truck exhaust on US Highway 40 and US Highway 83. Bates feels the noise is excessive. He noted that he spoke with Chief Cooper about this and Chief Cooper explained that only portions of US Highway 40 are in the City limits. He also stated he spoke with Sheriff Parsons. He would like to see someone act on this to put a stop to it.

Department Head Reports. Included in in City Administrator's Report.

#### NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2020 Audit Report – Melissa Romme with Adams, Brown, Beran, & Ball. Melissa Romme with Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball (now AdamsBrown, LLC) presented the 2020 Audit to the Council. Romme reviewed the financials and findings in the report, noting they made a recommendation on procedures for depositing Museum Funds. Romme stated the City will need to pay a filing fee for the audit to be filed with the State of Kansas and AdamsBrown, LLC, will take care of the actual filing for the City. Kahle moved to approve the 2020 Audit, as presented, and to authorize the payment of the audit filing fee of \$175.00 to the Division of Accounts and Reports. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14690).

Airport Rescue Plan Grant – Approve City Administrator to sign. Administrator Sloan reported the City needs to authorize himself or a representative from the Council to sign the necessary paperwork for an Airport Rescue Plan Grant in the amount of \$22,000.00. Zerr moved to authorize City Administrator,

Brock Sloan, to sign the Airport Rescue Plan Grant paperwork for funds in the amount of \$22,000.00. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14691).

Executive Session for Preliminary Discussion Relating to the Purchase of Real Property. Kahle moved to recess to Executive Session for preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property for fifteen (15) minutes with the Mayor, Council, City Administrator Sloan and City Clerk Hughes present, pursuant to the acquisition of real property exemption under K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(6). The meeting will resume in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, at 7:55 PM. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14692).

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

Municipal Pool Closing Date. Administrator Sloan reported the Oakley Municipal Pool will be closed for the season on August 8, 2021, due to a lack of staff with students returning to school. Mayor Stephenson stated he received a request from a citizen that the City host a dog swim before draining the pool for the season. Administrator Sloan will check with Parks/Cemetery Director, Russell, Moellering, to make sure there are no issues with doing this before anything is scheduled. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed if there are no issues.

#### UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Rural Refuse Policy. Administrator Sloan reported he included another draft of the Rural Refuse Policy in the Council packets, which was put together by Landfill Director, Marc Burris, for consideration. Discussion followed. Kahle moved to approve the Rural Refuse Policy, as presented. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14693).

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Brock Sloan, City Administrator. City Administrator, Brock Sloan, reported on several activities of the various City Departments, as follows:

- The Water Department repaired a water line break in the alley behind Oakley Farm and Home, which is the alley south of E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between Center Avenue and Hudson Avenue. There was some water in the basement of the Oakley Farm and Home north building, but he believes it was minor.
- Water/Wastewater employee Michelle Jennings has resigned, effective August 6, 2021.
- The Parks/Cemetery Department is cleaning up after the fair.
- Streets on the south side of town were sealed by B&H and city staff today.
- One of the Landfill employees is on quarantine for 14 days after his wife tested positive for COVID.
- The Police Department has hired a new dispatcher.
- Administrator Sloan is looking into having a Fall & Spring Newsletter to inform the public of existing and upcoming projects, as well as other City functions and news.
- Administrator Sloan is working with Museum Director, Jodee Reed, on a grant to repair the sign at Center Avenue and Third Street.
- The thermal blanket for the building at 200 Center Avenue is in, but the anchor required to attach it will not be here until approximately August 12, 2021.
- Administrator Sloan granted the property owner at 717 Cornell Avenue a one-time extension to August 15, 2021, to remove belongings. The extension was granted due to difficulty by the property owner to find a U-Haul.

Administrator Sloan requested an executive session for a matter deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. Zerr moved to recess to Executive Session for a matter deemed privileged in the attorney-

client relationship for ten (10) minutes with the Mayor, Council, City Administrator Sloan and City Clerk Hughes present, pursuant to the privileged attorney-client relationship exemption under K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(2). The meeting will resume in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, at 8:19 PM. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14694).

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

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. No report.

#### MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Council Member Ilene Nickel stated, for the record, she is against tearing down the structure at 717 Cornell Avenue since someone is wanting to fix it and get it back on the tax roll.

Mayor Stephenson commented on the building at 200 Center Avenue, with regard of how to proceed. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to have this on the agenda for the discussion at the next meeting. Mayor Stephenson also reported he was contacted by Jan Ackerman, Code Enforcement Officer, regarding the property east of the City Office. There has been a concern about vehicles parked on two of the properties. Administrator Sloan inquired how strict the Council would like to be with abatements. Discussion followed. Council Member Winger noted he would just like to see enforcement be consistent. Mayor Stephenson noted the council had intended earlier in the year for Ackerman to focus on weed abatements and not on structures, unless she came across something major.

Mayor Stephenson encouraged the citizens of Oakley to get vaccinated to help fight the pandemic.

Adjourn. Zerr moved to adjourn the meeting. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14695). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:32 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 16, 2021, regular meeting.