

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on August 16, 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 Kile Zerr; Russ Kahle and Eli Winnerger were absent.

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

Others present. None.

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 August 2, 2021, regular meeting, as presented. Zerr seconded. Motion carried. Nickel and Zerr voting yes; Huddle abstaining. Action (#14696).

Approval of AP Payment Register. Huddle moved to approve the August 13, 2021, AP Payment Register, for checks dated August 15, 2021, in the amount of \$193,374.57 (Check Nos. 366-368; 48014-48019; and 48025-48064). Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14697).

Huddle moved to approve the August 13, 2021, AP Payment Register, for a Prosecutor's Charitable Trust check dated August 15, 2021, in the amount of \$220.00 (Check No. 1020). Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14698).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Zerr moved to approve the Time Entry Report for July 25, 2021, to August 7, 2021, dated August 11, 2021, for the August 13, 2021, payroll, in the amount of \$60,851.09 for 3,366.02 hours (Check Nos. 17425-17428; ACH Nos. 96177-96222; AP Check Nos. 48020-48024; Wire Nos. 691-694). Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14699).

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. Police and Chief Communications report was included in Council packet.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Hearing Notice – Intent to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget 2022. Administrator Sloan reminded the Council that two hearings have been planned for the September 7, 2021, Council Meeting, with a hearing on the Notice to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate at 7:05 P.M., and a hearing for the 2022 Budget at 7:10 P.M. Sloan asked if the Council wanted to move forward with the hearings and publicize them in the August 25th edition of the Graphic. Huddle moved to proceed with hearing notices in the August 25, 2021, edition of the Oakley Graphic, for the Notice to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate at 7:05 P.M. and the 2022 Budget Hearing at 7:10 P.M., with both hearings taking place at the September 7, 2021, Council Meeting. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14700).

22 Acre Tract in the E/2 of the SW/4 of Sec 2, T11D, T32W, Logan Co. Administrator Sloan shared an aerial map showing a tract of land located behind the NAPPA business on US Highway 40, which is owned by the City. Sloan explained that a citizen inquired if the City was interested in selling the property. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to table this matter and not offer it for sale at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Brock Sloan, City Administrator. City Administrator, Brock Sloan, reported the updated Water Conservation Plan has been approved by the State and he reported on several activities of the various City Departments. He also noted:

- A City employee's spouse recently was diagnosed with COVID, so the employee quarantined for 14 days, following the guidelines of the Logan County Health Department. There are no COVID requirements in place for employers at this point in time, so the employee used leave time while in quarantine.
- Landfill Director, Marc Burris, reported to Sloan that the landfill pit is getting full and he asked if he should solicit quotes for a new cell. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed getting quotes. Burris was also contacted by a truck salesman who indicated he would like to bid on a refuse truck and would lock in a price, even though it may be 1-1/2 years before delivery. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with obtaining pricing for a refuse truck.
- The demolition for the structure at 717 Cornell Avenue is scheduled for Tuesday, August 17, 2021. Sloan reported he was contacted by a neighboring property owner who is interested in the fence. It was the consensus of the Council to remove and stack the fence sections and put them up for bid.
- Sloan reported he received word that the installer's main helper for the thermal blanket on the building at 200 Center Avenue lost his mother, so the schedule has moved back to August 19, 2021.
- Sloan reported the Federal Fiscal Year for airport improvements begins in October and the City's current Master Plan shows a new access road. If the City proceeds with this project, bids will have to be let for consultants and the DBE program will need to be upgraded. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed.

Administrator Sloan requested an Executive Session for discussions relating to the acquisition of real property for ten (10) minutes. Huddle moved to recess to Executive Session for preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property for ten (10) 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. 2nd Street, at 7:31 PM. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14701).

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 Zerr requested the project at 200 Center Avenue be put on the agenda for the next meeting if nothing has moved forward with the thermal blanket by meeting time.

Council Member Nickel asked that some property on the West side of Royal Avenue be abated for tall weeds and she noted the property around the sewer lift station on Royal Avenue also needs attention. In addition, she voiced a concern about demo cars being parked in yards and she feels the owners should be required to move them. She inquired about repairs to the street in front of the Midwest Energy building. Administrator Sloan stated that Eberle Construction will be working on that around mid-September. Nickel requested something be put up to alert motorists of the holes since some of them are pretty large.

Adjourn. Huddle moved to adjourn the meeting. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14702). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:35 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 September 7, 2021, regular meeting.