

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on September 19, 2022, in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2nd Street, at 7:00 P.M. Council President Leasa Huddle presided.

Council members present. Russ Kahle, Trevor Mader, and Kile Zerr were present; Cheryl Stewart was present by phone. Mayor Stephenson was absent.

City staff present. City Administrator Brock Sloan and City Clerk Leann Hughes.

Others present. Dan Steffan.

Call to order. Council President Huddle called the regular meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s). Zerr moved to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2022, regular meeting, as presented. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14995). **This motion was rescinded at the October 3, 2022, regular meeting, and a new motion was made to approve these minutes with a correction to the reference to Logan County Development Corporation to correct it to Logan County Community Foundation in the discussion item “Scott Sproul, Raelene Keller – Rural Champions – Housing.”**

Approval of AP Payment Register. Mader moved to approve the September 16, 2022, AP Payment Register, for checks dated September 15, 2022, in the amount of \$39,429.73 (Check Nos. 445-446; 49329-49332; and 49353-49383; 49338-49352 Voided – printer issue). Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14996).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Kahle moved to approve the Time Entry Report for August 21, 2022, to September 3, 2022, dated September 6, 2022, for the September 9, 2022, payroll, in the amount of \$49,508.48 for 2,087.07 hours (Check Nos. 17543-17544; ACH Nos. 97221-97249; AP Check Nos. 49333-49337; Wire Nos. 802-805). Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14997).

Council President Huddle skipped over the public meeting and hearing until the designated time.

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. None.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

KDOT Aviation Grant – Rotation Beacon and Monopole. Administrator Sloan presented information on costs to replace the rotating beacon and tower at the Oakley Municipal Airport. He stated that he has been working with Darin Neufeld of EBH Engineering, and Neufeld recommended applying for a 90% KDOT, 10% City share grant, noting the city is also responsible for the design engineering. The total cost to the City would be approximately \$13,500.00. Kahle moved to approve applying for a KDOT Aviation grant to replace the beacon and tower at the Oakley Municipal Airport. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14998).

Emergency Snow Routes. Administrator Sloan reported this is the annual review of snow removal and winter storm operations, as required by City Ordinance. A map of the current emergency snow route was included in the Council packet and no changes are recommended by staff. Sloan noted that if the Council has no changes, no action is needed. There were no changes.

UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

City Donations – 200 Center. Administrator Sloan corrected the amount noted in the Council packets for what the City pledged for the 200 Center project from \$30,000.00 to \$25,000.00, noting there is still a little less than \$2,000.00 left of the original \$25,000.00 that has not been spent. He noted the City also approved free

utilities on the property, but there have not been any utilities until recently. Sloan inquired if the Council wanted to begin charging for utilities or wait until the building is operational. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to wait until the building is operational to begin charging utilities. Council Member Zerr inquired of an estimated time frame of when the building would be operational; Administrator Sloan will check on this.

Council President Huddle recessed the regular meeting and opened the Public Meeting and Public Hearing at 7:10 P.M.

HEARINGS:

7:10 P.M. – Public Meeting – KDHE Water Loan Application and 7:20 P.M. Public Hearing – KDHE Water Loan Application. This public meeting/hearing was held to consider an application for a loan administered by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to finance modifications and improvements to the City's water supply and distribution system. A meeting/hearing notice was published in the Oakley Graphic on August 10, 2022. Dan Steffan with Northwest Kansas Planning and Development was present to answer any questions about the KDHE Water Loan and the process. Steffan reviewed why the Water Treatment Plant project is necessary, citing high nitrates and he explained the process of the proposed solution. He also explained each one of the components of the project and noted the total project is \$6,860,886.42 (not to exceed \$6,860,887.00). The application is due October 14, 2022, but there may still be loan forgiveness if the application is not submitted by that date. Steffan also explained the budget aspect of the project, noting the engineers have been working on rate information. Their preliminary numbers indicate the need for an increase in water rates of \$26.65 per month over the next 20 years, which works out to roughly \$1.32 increase per month, every year, over the next 20 years. He noted they hope Community Development Block Grants will again be available next year for this type of project.

Resolution 2022-10 – Water Treatment Facility Loan Application and Supporting Documentation. Zerr moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-10, authorizing the completion of an application to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment regarding a loan from the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14999). Mader moved to approve the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Application to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15000).

Council President Huddle adjourned the meeting and hearing at approximately 7:22 P.M. and reconvened the regular meeting.

2023 City Budget Workbook – Final. – Administrator Sloan stated a final copy of the 2023 City Budget Workbook was included in the packet, which gives a detailed outlook on the budget and proposed expenditures for 2023.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Brock Sloan, City Administrator. Administrator Sloan reported on several items, including:

- B&H Paving, Inc., will start sealing streets tomorrow; they experienced a breakdown at the asphalt plant, so they had to delay a day. They plan to finish on Friday, due to the forecast of rain on Wednesday and Thursday.
- The Cost Share Application for the Freeman Avenue project has been submitted to the Kansas Department of Transportation. It will probably be 30 days or more before a response is received.
- Sloan reminded the Council of the Fall Festival at the Buffalo Bill Cultural Center on Saturday, October 1, 2022.
- A copy of the newsletter that will go out with utility bills at the end of September was included in the Council packets.

- The City received a letter from KDHE on the trust fund testing of the monitoring wells around the water tower. No action is needed unless the City is unhappy with GSI Engineering, Inc., the firm doing the testing, The State of Kansas pays for the testing from the Storage Tanks Release Trust Fund.
- The City needs to appoint a voting delegate for the League of Kansas Municipalities Conference in October, 2022. Zerr moved to approve Council Member Cheryl Stewart as the Voting Delegate at the League of Kansas Municipalities Conference to be held in October, 2022. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15001).
- Sloan reported the curb and gutter work has been completed by Ottley Construction and they had some additional work along the edges of some projects to tie in to existing curb and gutter. He presented an invoice in the amount \$3,586.25, to be paid in addition to the quote that was previously approved. Mader moved to approve an invoice to Ottley Construction, in the amount of \$3,586.25, for extra work on the curb and gutter project, which is in addition to the original quote that was approved previously. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15002).

Council Member Zerr reminded everyone of Fall Clean-up scheduled for October 17, 2022. Sloan noted that residents need to call the City Office by noon on the Friday before, which is October 14, 2022, to be placed on the list for items to be picked up.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. No Report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Adjourn. Zerr moved to adjourn the meeting. Mader seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15003). Council President Huddle adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:32 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 with corrections at the October 3, 2022, regular meeting. At the October 3, 2022, regular meeting, Stewart moved to rescind Action (#14995), approving the minutes of the September 6, 2022, regular meeting as presented, at the September 19, 2022, regular meeting. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Huddle moved to approve the amended minutes of the September 6, 2022, regular meeting, with a correction in the reference to Logan County Development Corporation, which should read Logan County Community Foundation. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.