

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on October 16, 2023, in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2nd Street, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Shane Stephenson presided.

Council members present. Leasa Huddle, Russ Kahle and Trevor Mader; Cheryl Stewart and Kile Zerr were absent.

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

Others present. Dee Siruta, Linda Shoemaker, Lori Sporer and Barbara Kelly.

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s). Mader moved to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2023, regular meeting, as presented. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15272).

Approval of AP Payment Register(s). Mader moved to approve the October 13, 2023, AP Payment Register for checks dated October 13, 2023, in the amount of \$65,721.03 (Check Nos. 551-554; 50628-50629; and 50634-50680). Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15273).

Kahle moved to approve the October 12, 2023, AP Payment Register for a check dated October 13, 2023, in the amount of \$256.80 (Check No. 165), to be paid out of Drug Forfeiture. Mader seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15274).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Kahle moved to approve the Time Entry Report for September 17, 2023, to September 30, 2023, dated October 3, 2023, for the October 6, 2023, payroll, in the amount of \$60,718.97 for 2,484.78 hours (Check Nos. 17643-17648; ACH Nos. 98325-98371; AP Check Nos. 50630-50633; and Wire Nos. 914-917). Mader seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15275).

Correction Court Receipt. Clerk Hughes explained this was just a bookkeeping correction to move money from one revenue line item to another; it did not affect the bottom line on cash. The Council was good with this.

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. None.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Santa Village – Dee Siruta, Lori Sporer, Jodee Reed. Dee Siruta explained to the Council they would like to propose a Santa Village at the Municipal Pool during the holidays. She said they understand the north doors need to be kept locked to keep citizens out of the actual pool area, but wanted to use the bathhouse. She also stated they would like to have a lighted lane and blow-ups in the fenced in pool area to reduce the chance of vandalism. Discussion followed. Administrator Sloan noted ladders, etc., are stored in the bathhouse, which would have to be relocated; and the restrooms have been winterized, so they would not be available. Sloan stated he did not believe citizens should be allowed in the pool area for liability reasons. Mader moved to allow a Santa Village at the Oakley Municipal Pool this holiday season. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15276). Mayor Stephenson asked Siruta to work with Administrator Sloan on the details and for Sloan to come back to the Council if any concerns arise.

Jacey McDaniel – Oakley Vet Services – Stray Dogs. Jacey McDaniel with Oakley Veterinarian Service, LLC, met with the Council to discuss how stray dogs are currently handled and to propose some

changes in the policy. McDaniel handed out an outline of changes she is asking the City to implement and she discussed each item with the Council. Following considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to pay any boarding feeds for stray dogs until the Ordinance can be reviewed and new policies developed. Mayor Stephenson asked Administrator Sloan to have copies of the Ordinance pertaining to stray dogs, as well as any other information on this topic, available for discussion at the next meeting.

FSA City Contribution. Mayor Stephenson noted the City has contributed \$500 to a Flexible Spending Account for each employee who qualifies for health insurance, for several years. Administrator Sloan stated the Council will need to decide if they wish to continue this for 2024, noting it was included in the 2024 Budget. Huddle moved to approve continuing to pay \$500.00 to qualified employees Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) for 2024. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15277).

East South 6th and South Freeman Avenue Intersection. Administrator Sloan reported Council Member Kile Zerr has been receiving complaints on how rough the street intersection is at East South 6th Street and South Freeman Avenue. Sloan stated this should be taken care of with the South Freeman Avenue project, but he will check to see if some temporary repairs can be done in the meantime.

Sewer Pipe Patch Quote. Administrator Sloan reported Rodney Huffman, Water/Wastewater Director, has obtained a quote to repair three sections of sewer pipe with an internal pipe patch, 8"x48", performed by Mayer Specialty Services, in the amount of \$17,975.00. Kahle moved to approve having Mayer Specialty Services, LLC, install three (3) 8"x48" internal sewer pipe patches, in the amount of \$17,975.00, to be paid from Sanitation, Capital Outlay. Mader seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15278)

UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

KDOT Cost Share Agreement. Administrator Sloan reviewed the KDOT Cost Share Program details with the Council. He anticipated this will be a mid-Spring project. Kahle moved to approve the KDOT Cost Share Agreement, Project No. U-2488-01 for the South Freeman Avenue Project. Mader seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15279).

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

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

- Fall Clean-up was today and was well utilized.
- Sloan attended the League of Kansas Municipalities Conference and reported there were many good sessions with current topics.
- Sloan presented information he received today from ACCESS Public Transportation asking for support of their application to the State for assistance in purchasing equipment and facilities to provide transportation service to the public, elderly and disabled in Northwest Kansas. It was the consensus of the Council to have the Mayor sign a letter of support.
- Sloan reported he is working on a 5-year plan for the Landfill, explaining this is a joint effort with the County.
- Museum Director, Jodee Reed, will organize "Boo at the Businesses" again this year from 4-5 PM on October 31, 2023.
- The annual light parade will be November 23, 2023.
- Little Kid's Wrestling will be December 9, 2023.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. No report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Adjourn. Huddle moved to adjourn the meeting. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15280). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:44 PM.

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 November 6, 2023, regular meeting.