

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on October 17, 2022, 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, Trevor Mader and Kile Zerr were present; Leasa Huddle and Cheryl Stewart were absent.

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

Others present. Misty Mildenerger, Josh Lowrie, David Hubert, Lori Sporer and Aaron Dardis.

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s). Kahle moved to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2022, regular meeting, as presented. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15014).

Approval of AP Payment Register. Mader moved to approve the October 14, 2022, AP Payment Register, for checks dated October 14, 2022, in the amount of \$225,121.07 (Check Nos. 450-453; 49436-49439; and 49446-49490). Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15015).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Zerr moved to approve the Time Entry Report for September 18, 2022, to October 1, 2022, dated October 4, 2022, for the October 7, 2022, payroll, in the amount of \$54,086.99 for 2,268.53 hours (Check Nos. 17548-17551; ACH Nos. 97284-97325; AP Check Nos. 49440-49445; Wire Nos. 810-813). Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15016).

Approval of Treasurer Check Register. Mader moved to approve the Treasurer Check Register to move a deposit from the City's Checking Account to the Prosecutor's Charitable Trust Account, in the amount of \$100.00. (Check No. 49393). Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15017).

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. None.

#### NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Logan County Building Committee. Postponed to a later time in the meeting.

No U-Turn Sign, 7<sup>th</sup> and Price. Administrator Sloan reported a homeowner in this area has requested a "No U-Turn" sign be placed at the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Price Avenue. The homeowner recently poured a new sidewalk and some vehicles are making U-Turns and driving on the sidewalk. Zerr moved to approve the placement of a "No U-Turn" sign to be placed at the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Price Avenue. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15018).

#### UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Shipping Containers. Postponed to a later time in the meeting.

Galvanized 2" Water Main – Replacement. Administrator Sloan reported the City has experienced several water line breaks over the years in the 2" galvanized water mains on Colby Avenue, Radloff Avenue and West 7<sup>th</sup> Street. He stated there is roughly 3,000 feet of line that needs to be replaced. He also noted the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds can be used for such a project and the City currently has \$318,000 in ARPA funds. He added that there has been discussion of using the ARPA funds for radio read meters, but this is included in the water treatment plant project. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to proceed with getting costs to bid a project to replace these lines.

Logan County Building Committee. Lori Sporer, Misty Mildenerger and Josh Lowrie were present to discuss the possibility of constructing a Community Building. David Hubert, Logan County Commissioner, was also

present for the discussion. The group explained some of the history of the committee and the history of the present 4-H Building. They noted that a structural engineer was hired several years ago to inspect the current 4-H building and his recommendation was to start new because he did not feel it was safe to remodel. The group stated that Logan County has pledged monetary support for the project and they asked the City to consider being part of the project as well. They provided copies of preliminary plans and emphasized these plans are not final, so they welcomed any suggestions for changes. They stated they also plan to visit with the USD #274 School Board to ask for their participation in the project. The proposed site for the building is north of the Gateway Fellowship Church, facing Hope Street. Following discussion, the Council agreed to consider the project and meet with the committee again at a future meeting.

Shipping Containers. Council Member Zerr stated he had driven around town and found a couple of shipping containers in residential areas that appeared to have been put in prior to the passing of Ordinance No. 1135, which imposes restrictions on storage/shipping container units in the City of Oakley. The Council discussed the fact that the current request to be allowed to have a shipping container in a residential area involves a container that is not a problem; however, they noted if the ordinance was changed, then all shipping containers would be allowed and some might not look as nice, especially after a few years. Discussion followed. Aaron Dardis arrived at approximately 7:42 PM. Mayor Stephenson acknowledged Dardis and explained the council discussion of the possible consequences of allowing shipping containers in residential areas. It was the consensus of the Council not to change the Ordinance to allow shipping containers in residential areas at this time, and they reminded Dardis that containers are allowed in the City limits in commercial and industrial zoned areas. Dardis will meet with Administrator Sloan to discuss which areas are zoned properly for the containers.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

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

- Fall Clean-up was today, with just a few items to be picked up tomorrow.
- The League of Kansas Municipalities will host a Legislative Dinner in Colby on October 25, 2022. Sloan stated the deadline to register is October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Sloan noted he will be out of the office from October 26, 2022 to November 2, 2022.

Mayor Stephenson noted he had contacted Sloan about the status of the lights along the walking trail at Bertrand Park. Sloan stated staff will work on the project this winter, as they have time.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. No Report.

#### MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Council Member Mader noted he spoke with Administrator Sloan about the KDOT cost-share application for Freeman Avenue and the City should know the status by October 21, 2022. Administrator Sloan stated the Governor will be making an announcement on October 21, 2022, of all project awards.

Adjourn. Zerr moved to adjourn the meeting. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15019). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:51 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 November 7, 2022, regular meeting.