

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on October 18, 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 were present; Leasa Huddle was absent.

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

Others present. Raelene Keller and Justin Wieland.

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting. Zerr moved to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021, regular meeting, as presented. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14734).

Approval of AP Payment Register. Kahle moved to approve the October 6, 2021, AP Payment Register, for checks dated October 7, 2021, in the amount of \$57,338.85 (Check Nos. 375-376; and 48218-48235). Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14735).

Winger moved to approve the October 15, 2021, AP Payment Register, in the amount of \$66,300.77 (Check No. 377; and 48236-48261). Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14736).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Zerr moved to approve the Time Entry Report for September 19, 2021, to October 2, 2021, dated October 5, 2021, for the October 8, 2021, payroll, in the amount of \$50,617.44 for 2,234.14 hours (Check Nos. 17440-17447; ACH Nos. 96325-96361; AP Check Nos. 48213-48217; Wire Nos. 707-710). Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14737).

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. Police and Communications reports were distributed to the Council.

#### NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Raelene Keller – Logan County Foundation. Raelene Keller shared information from a recent Zoom conference for Foundations across the country, with the Council, and she emphasized that she felt communication was important between the Foundation, the Council, and the Community. Keller outlined some of the projects funded in 2020 and 2021 and thanked the Council for their support. Keller also noted the architect and the renovation firms she has been in touch with regarding the building at 200 Center Avenue have both recommended Styrofoam be placed in the windows on the upper level of the building to keep weather/moisture out. There are seven windows total and she asked the Council to pay for the materials and have City staff do this. Discussion followed. Kahle moved to approve the purchase of Styrofoam to be placed in the seven upper windows of the building at 200 Center Avenue, to be paid out of funds already obligated for this project, and for City staff to do this. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14738).

Keller also reported the Foundation has hired Justin Wieland to build a website and they asked the Council to consider a joint effort to help tie the Foundation's website, the VisitOakleyKS website and the DiscoverOakley website together and make sure they all complement each other. Wieland distributed a proposal for consideration. Discussion followed but no decision was made at this time.

Airport Consultant Selection. Administrator Sloan reported the process of selecting an Airport Consultant is required by FAA to receive funding. He noted that seven Statements of Qualifications were solicited, but only two were returned; EBH Engineering and H.W. Lochner, Inc. Sloan discussed that the FAA is

strict about this selection and have emphasized this selection should be based on qualifications, not cost. The Council inquired if the Airport Board made a selection. Sloan stated the board selected EBH Engineering as their choice. Discussion followed and Sloan noted that both are quality firms and both have great qualifications. Zerr moved to approve EBH Engineering as the Airport Design Consultant for the Municipal Airport. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14739).

Dispatch Agreement – Logan County. Administrator Sloan reported he met with the Logan County Commissioners this morning and they approved the Dispatch Agreement included in the Council packets. Kahle moved to approve a Dispatch Agreement between the City of Oakley and Logan County, dated October 18, 2021, for a term of three years from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2024. Wininger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14740).

#### UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

22 Acre Lease Bids. Administrator Sloan reported that one bid was received to lease the 22.4-acre tract in Section Two (2), Township Eleven (11) South, Range Thirty-two (32) West, Logan County, Kansas, owned by the City. The bid was from Kile Zerr in the amount of \$560.00, for farming and hay production. Discussion followed. Mayor Stephenson asked if this was advertised. Administrator Sloan stated it was advertised in the Oakley Graphic and on DiscoverOakley.com. Kahle moved to approve a lease with Kile Zerr, for farming and hay production, in the amount of \$560.00 per year on the 22.4-acre tract owned by the City in Section Two (2), Township Eleven (11) South, Range Thirty-two (32) West, Logan County, Kansas, effective January 1, 2022. Wininger seconded. Motion carried. Kahle, Nickel and Wininger voting yes; Zerr abstaining. Action (#14741).

0.7 Acre Land Use Agreement – Test Well Site North of 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Administrator Sloan presented a proposed Land Use Agreement between the City and Darren Goetz for a 0.7-acre tract in the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Thirty-six (36), Township Ten (10) South, Range Thirty-two (32) West, Thomas County, Kansas, near the test well site on 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Discussion followed. Kahle moved to approve a Land Use Agreement between the City and Darren Goetz for a 0.7-acre tract owned by the City, in the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Thirty-six (36), Township Ten (10) South, Range Thirty-two (32) West, Thomas County, Kansas, near the test well site on 8<sup>th</sup> Street, with item 8 of the agreement to reflect a payment of \$100.00 per year. Wininger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14742).

Executive Session – Disposition of Real Estate. Kahle moved to recess to Executive Session for discussion of disposition of real estate for ten (10) minutes with the Mayor, Council and City Administrator Sloan present. The meeting will resume in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street at 8:00 PM. Wininger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14743).

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

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Brock Sloan, City Administrator. Administrator Sloan reported Eberle Construction plans to begin work Tuesday or Wednesday this week on Colby Avenue and Ottley Construction is working on valley gutters on Third Street and Colby Avenue. Sloan will post a notice that Colby Avenue will be closed from Second Street to Fourth Street.

Sloan also reported a Dispatcher has been hired, but a Police Officer has resigned. The City is also still trying to fill the floater position for Water/Wastewater and the Landfill position.

Sloan noted Jodee Reed, Museum Director, helped with the Corn Cook-off and there were 12 entries. She is also helping organize the Halloween Trunk-or-Treat which is scheduled for Friday, October 29, 2021, since there is no school that day.

In addition, Sloan reported he spoke briefly with the Logan County Commissioners about a joint effort in hiring an Economic Development Director. They indicated they would be willing to schedule a joint meeting with the Council for further discussion; he will work with them to organize a meeting.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. No report.

#### MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Mayor Stephenson asked the Council to review the website proposal presented by Justin Wieland earlier in the meeting and he asked Administrator Sloan to look at the terms of the website with VisitOakleyKS.

Mayor Stephenson also noted he has had numerous questions/comments about the shrub/bush at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Radloff Avenue. Discussion followed. He asked that Administrator Sloan and Chief Cooper look at the site and evaluate whether a stop sign or yield sign might be warranted going westbound on 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

Adjourn. Winger moved to adjourn the meeting. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14744). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:19 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 1, 2021, regular meeting.