

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on May 18, 2020, via Zoom Video Conferencing, and streamed live at <https://www.facebook.com/discoveroakley/live> at 7:00 PM. Mayor Whyte presided.

Council members present. Jordan Burris, Chris Dorman, Leasa Huddle, Ilene Nickel, and Shane Stephenson were present.

City staff present. City Administrator Bradley Pendergast, City Clerk Leann Hughes, and Water/Wastewater Director Rodney Huffman.

Others present. Eric Sperber.

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

Minutes Nickel moved to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2020, regular meeting, as presented. Stephenson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11320).

Stephenson moved to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2020, special meeting, as presented. Dorman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11321).

AP Payment Registers. Stephenson moved to approve the May 15, 2020, AP Payment Register, in the amount of \$92,524.82 (Check Nos. 297-298; 46534-46535; and 46540-46571). Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11322).

Time Entry Report. Dorman moved to approve the Time Entry Report for April 19, 2020, to May 2, 2020, dated May 5, 2020, for the May 8, 2020, payroll, in the amount of \$34,000.88 for 1,602.40 hours (ACH Nos. 94883-94904; AP Check Nos. 46536-46539; Wire Nos. 557-560). Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11323).

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

COVID-19 Update. Administrator Pendergast provided a COVID-19 update with regard to City facilities and parks. It was the consensus of the Council to open City Park Equipment with signs reminding residents to practice safety during the pandemic, to open City Hall Wednesday, May 20, 2020, following the installation of Plexiglass at the front counter, and to open the Landfill. Administrator Pendergast discussed the opening of the pool with regard to Phase 2 being pushed back. It was the consensus of the Council to continue with a target date of June 6, 2020, for opening the pool, and to work around any restrictions still in place.

CDBG-CV Discussion/Schedule Hearing. Administrator Pendergast reported the Federal Government has implemented a program called CDBG-CV, which uses CDGB framework to distribute some of the COVID-19 relief funding for businesses. Cities and Counties can apply for funding for businesses to cover payroll expenses, bills, reopening efforts, and the purchase of additional inventory. A maximum of \$300,000 is available, but the Kansas Department of Commerce is asking Cities and Counties to only apply for what they feel businesses will need. Pendergast has estimated that need at \$100,000.00 for Oakley after sending a survey to local businesses. Discussion followed. Stephenson moved to hold a public hearing on May 27, 2020, at 7:00 PM, at 215 Hudson Avenue, Oakley, Kansas, for the purpose of considering an application to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce for CDBG-CV Economic Development Program. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11324).

Logan County Fair Board – Sonya Cooksey. Administrator Pendergast reported Logan County and the Logan County Fair Board are still working out some details on this so the matter needs to be tabled at this time.

Well #9 & Oakley Municipal Golf Course. Administrator Pendergast noted there was some discussion at the last meeting whether or not the Country Club should be responsible for paying for the water that was pumped from the municipal supply to water the golf course. Pendergast consulted the City Attorney and Hirsch felt it was fine to ask for the Country Club to pay for the water, if that is what the Council wants to do. Water/Wastewater Director, Rodney Huffman, reported he read the well again today and they have used another 1.1 million gallons of water, which, Pendergast noted, would be around \$2,900.00, if billed. Discussion followed. Council Member Dorman asked Eric Sperber, Country Club Board Member, what the position of the Club is if they were presented a bill for the water use. Sperber stated the Club has been negatively affected by the pandemic, just like many other businesses, noting they have already lost 4 tournaments, which has reduced revenue significantly. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council not to bill the Oakley Country Club for the water use due to the circumstances of the pandemic.

UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Mayor Whyte had an appointment to make that was not on the agenda. Whyte appointed Al Van Sickler to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a 3 year term through May, 2023. Stephenson moved to approve the appointment of Al Van Sickler to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a 3 year term through May, 2023. Burris seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11325).

200 Center Avenue Building Discussion. Mayor Whyte reported he had two companies meet with him about repairs to the building at 200 Center Avenue; one company proposed tin and the other was a brick mason. Administrator Pendergast stated he had contacted two firms in Wichita and one responded earlier today that they would come onsite and offer pricing and recommendations. Considerable discussion followed, including ideas to open the street in the 100 Block of East Second Street to at least one lane/one-way traffic; and thoughts on repairs versus demolition of the structure.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Bradley Pendergast, City Administrator. Administrator Pendergast inquired when the Council plans to go back to in-person meetings. It was the consensus of the Council to do this when Phase 2 of the Governor's Plan is implemented. Several Council Members noted they have received positive comments about the live streaming of the meetings and asked Pendergast to check into continuing the live streaming once in-person meetings are resumed.

Pendergast reported on activities of City Departments and noted a business dumped crushed oil drums at the Landfill. Pendergast stated he directed Landfill Director, Marc Burris, to self-report to KDHE and ask for guidelines for cleanup while they investigate who did this. Pendergast also noted he will be meeting with Brice Myers of WesTech to discuss a timeline for moving forward with the pilot program. And, he reported Prairie States will be checking the tornado sirens in Bertrand Park for repairs this week.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. No report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Council Member Dorman brought up the possibility of opening the 100 Block of East Second Street to at least one lane/one-way traffic again. Discussion followed. Dorman moved to establish a single lane for one-way traffic in the 100 Block of East Second Street, open to East bound traffic. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11326).

Council Member Nickel inquired of the status of the property on the bend on Eighth Street. Pendergast stated he is waiting on courts to re-open and he has been taking photos and documenting what is being done there.

Council Member Burris inquired about the plan for taking care of weeds and tall grass since the Council decided not to have Jan Ackerman continue with abatements. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council that the intent was for Ackerman to cease the abatements during the furlough but not to cease entirely. The Council agreed to have Ackerman limit her scope to weeds and not cite structures at this time unless there is something major.

Council Member Burris proposed the Council suspend their pay for the remainder of 2020. Burris moved to suspend all Council pay for the remainder of fiscal year 2020. Motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor Whyte read a statement, wherein he submitted his resignation as Mayor of the City of Oakley, effective at 11:59 PM on this day, May 18, 2020.

Adjourn. Stephenson moved to adjourn the meeting. Dorman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11327). Mayor Whyte adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:04 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 June 1, 2020, meeting.