

Oakley City Council

The Oakley City Council met in regular session in the meeting room at the Oakley Fire Station at 215 Hudson Avenue at 7:00 PM. Mayor Jerry Robben presided.

Council members present. Charles Beamer, Roger Boyd and Shawna Allison.

Council members absent. Cody Finlay and Kevin Uhrich.

City staff present. City Administrator Brandon Buchanan, City Clerk Rose Wessel and Police Chief Danny Shanks.

Others present. Barbara Kelly, Linda Engel, Logan County Development Board Members Matt Mildenberger and Frank Munk.

Call to order. Mayor Robben called the meeting to order.

Minutes. Beamer moved to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2009 regular meeting as presented. Boyd seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

Boyd moved to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2009 special meeting as corrected. Allison seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

Warrant Register. Beamer moved to approve the September 4, 2009 Warrant Register in the amount of \$65,357.38 (Check Nos. 33256-33312). Allison seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

Employee Exception Report. Shawna moved to approve the August 28, 2009 Employee Exception Report for 2,851.05 regular hours and 86.00 overtime hours (ACH Nos. 5158-5199, Check Nos. 14114-14128). Boyd seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

Department Head Report. Chief Shanks reported the new dispatcher they hired is Shirley Fogarty and started today.

Executive session for personnel matters for non-elected personnel. Allison moved to recess to executive session for personnel matters for non-elected personnel for ten (10) minutes with the Mayor, Council, Administrator Buchanan and Logan County Development Board Members Matt Mildenberger and Frank Munk. Boyd seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

No action taken following executive session.

Temporary Use of City Property. Administrator Buchanan stated this had been discussed at a previous meeting and the questions and concerns have been addressed in the revised lease. Discussion followed on the amount to charge for the monthly lease of this property. Beamer moved to approve the amount of \$130.00 per month for use of this lot. Allison seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

Beamer moved to revise Section 2-a, to read that this is a month-to-month lease. Allison seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

Sewer Plant.

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Sewer Utility Rate. Buchanan stated that Steve Hanson discussed the need for the City Council to approve an ordinance to increase the sewer rates to maximize the points for the CDBG application. Buchanan recommended the sewer rate be effective April 1, 2010 and discussed a new ordinance be approved to lower the rates, since the 1999 GO Bond will be paid off by then. Allison moved to approve Ordinance No. 1065, An Ordinance Relating to and Fixing Charges to be Paid the City of Oakley, Kansas for a Sewer Fee. Beamer seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

BWR Engineering Contract. Buchanan discussed the two (2) separate contracts with BWR, one for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Design and the other for Effluent Reuse. Discussion followed on the fact that CDBG money will not cover effluent water projects. Following discussion, Beamer moved to approve the contract with BWR for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Design in the amount of \$265,250.00. Boyd seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

The Council discussed the contract for the effluent water and the possibility of using the water from Well #9 to water the golf course and it was the consensus of the Council to hold off on signing the contract at this time.

Land Acquisition for Sewer Plant. Buchanan discussed the first appraisal coming in at \$34,200.00 and stated he is waiting on the second appraisal. Discussion followed on setting up a meeting with the landowner. Beamer moved to proceed with the offer of \$34,200.00 for the acquisition of land for the new sewer plant and to schedule a meeting with the landowner and present the letter and real estate contract. Boyd seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

Possible Land Donation. Mayor Robben reported he was contacted by J L Evins of Pioneer Inc, about donating to the City the property located just to the east of the Econo Lodge. Discussion followed on what the City would do with it and following discussion, Beamer moved to accept the donation of this parcel. Boyd seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

GAAP Waiver. Clerk Wessel reported that this resolution has to be approved each year. Following discussion, Allison moved to approve Resolution No. 2009-12. Boyd seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#).

Staff Training Request. Chief Shanks asked permission to attend the Kansas Police Chief's Fall Conference in Hutchinson from September 20-23, 2009, with the cost to be approximately \$425.00 for registration, motel, fuel and meals. The Council discussed the budgeted amounts for conferences and following discussion, Boyd moved to approve that Chief Shanks attend the KS Police Chief's Conference in Hutchinson from September 20-23 at an approximate cost of \$425.00. Allison seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

LKM Voting Delegates. Buchanan discussed the need for the Council to appoint a voting delegate and alternate delegate for the League Conference in October. Allison moved to appoint Brandon Buchanan as the voting delegate and Rose Wessel as the alternate delegate for the League Conference. Boyd seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

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Boyd stated that he will not be able to attend the League Conference and Allison stated that she may be able to attend.

Bad Debt Policy. Clerk Wessel stated the Auditor has recommended the City establish a formal Bad Debt Policy and discussed the procedures now followed and the draft included in the packet. Following discussion on completing the time frame periods, Allison moved to approve the Bad Debt Policy, as per the discussion, for the City of Oakley. Boyd seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

List for Kansas Set-off Program. Wessel stated a list of unpaid utility accounts is included for the review of the Council to be submitted to the Set-off Program. Following discussion. Beamer moved to approve the amount of \$1,119.47 be submitted to the Kansas Set-off Program. Boyd seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

Administrative Reports. Buchanan reported the replacing of the electric utility line to the Buffalo Bill Statue was discussed at a previous meeting. Following a meeting with Midwest Energy and a provision in the Bill of Sale with them, MWE has agreed that they are responsible for this project and the City is no longer involved in this.

Wessel discussed the letters concerning the Variance Requests that have been scheduled and discussion followed on the notification letters sent to anyone owning property within 200 feet of the property when the landowner files a Variance Request.

Mayor and Council Reports. Boyd discussed abatement issues regarding weeds and the signage for the fair grounds at Front and Freeman.

Adjourn. Boyd moved to adjourn the meeting. Allison seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#) Mayor Robben declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:27 PM.

Rose Wessel
City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ATTEST: _____ MAYOR: _____