

## 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, Cody Finlay and Shawna Allison.

Council members absent. Roger Boyd.

City staff present. City Administrator Brandon Buchanan and City Clerk Rose Wessel.

Others present. Barb Glover, Don Kennedy, Dan Kennedy, Barbara Kelly, Danny Lockhart, Jason Baalman, Delores Lockhart, Frank Munk and Linda Engel.

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

Minutes. Beamer moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2009 regular meeting as presented. Allison seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# )

Warrant Register. Allison moved to approve the September 18, 2009 Warrant Register in the amount of \$52,032.68 (Check Nos. 33313-33361, Voided Check No. 33295). Finlay seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# )

Employee Exception Report. Beamer moved to approve the September 11, 2009 Employee Exception Report for 2,129.25 regular hours and 38.25 overtime hours (ACH Nos. 5200-5231, Check Nos. 14129-14144). Finlay seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# )

Finlay moved to approve the September 14, 2009 Employee Exception Report for 8.00 overtime hours (Check Nos. 14145-14147). Allison seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# )

Department Head Report. Administrator Buchanan reported that Chief Shanks asked him to let the Council know that one of the new dispatcher's hired recently has left employment.

Buchanan reported the individuals responsible for the thefts from vehicles have been apprehended.

Funeral Home. Jason Baalman asked the Council to consider annexing in an area approximately one (1) acre to the north of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and east of Thomas County Road 30 and extending water and sewer services to that location. Buchanan stated that according to the City Attorney, the procedure to follow to annex property into the City is a request from owner to annex and an ordinance approved by the Council. Discussion followed on cost of boring under 8<sup>th</sup> Street and cost of water and sewer pipe. Finlay discussed the transferring of water rights and possible location of new well north of 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

Council member Uhrich arrived at approximately 7:10 PM.

Finlay discussed the current landowner and the possibility of future development in this area and discussion followed on the requirements of the City Code Book regarding extension of water and sewer lines. Mayor Robben asked about developing streets and Buchanan reported that would be done by special assessments against the properties.

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Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to talk with contractors and get a more definite cost estimate for the extension of water and sewer lines to this location.

City Assistance/Equipment Request. Chris Robben discussed with the Council the schedule for the bonfire and homecoming parade. Robben requested assistance from the Fire Department for the bonfire and the Police Department for an escort for the parade.

Robben reported they have scheduled Mud Volleyball for October 4 at Logan County Fairgrounds, and depending on the weather, would like to ask the Fire Department to be available to assist with this.

Allison moved to approve the request for the Homecoming activities and Mud Volleyball tournament. Uhrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# )

Recycling Funding. Linda Engel reported that in the summer, a request was made to the City Council to consider an additional \$1.50 per capita to be paid to NW KS Recycling, the Council approved an additional \$.75 per capita and would revisit it in September. Engel asked them to consider the additional \$.75 at this time. Discussion followed on the E waste collection next scheduled for November 8 from 2-6:00 PM. Following discussion, Finlay moved to approve the additional \$.75 per capita to finish out this year. Uhrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# )

Accounts for Write Off. Clerk Wessel asked the Council to consider writing off unpaid utility accounts in the amount of \$6,281.56 from Book 99. Allison moved to approve the amount of \$6,281.56 be written off as bad debt. Finlay seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# )

Wessel stated that accounts in the amount of \$414.00 would be transferred to Book 99.

Staff Training Request. Buchanan discussed a training course for Landfill operators or supervisors, scheduled in Salina on November 4-5. Discussion followed on the estimated cost of \$500 to send two persons to this training. Beamer moved to approve sending Marc Burriss to this training in Salina. Finlay seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# )

Sewer Plant Land Acquisition. Buchanan reported that he received the appraisal back after the initial appraisal and review, and the land has been appraised at \$45,000. Buchanan stated that he and Mayor Robben met with the landowner and she has indicated that she will accept \$54,000 for the thirty-six (36) acres, per the attached letter. Discussion followed on the easements and the request the landowner had of the City returning the ground to grade. Following discussion, Finlay moved to proceed with the value of not to exceed \$54,000.00 in the option to purchase contract for the land. Uhrich seconded. Allison, Finlay and Uhrich voting yes. Beamer voting no. Motion carried. Action (# )

Executive session for Financial Affairs of Corporation. Finlay moved to recess to executive session for ten (10) minutes for financial affairs of corporation with the Mayor, Council and Buchanan present. Uhrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# )

Following executive session, Finlay moved to offer for sale approximately five (5) acres of City property at Industrial Park II to Consolidated Oil Well LLC for \$2,000.00 an acre. Allison seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# )

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Next Council Meeting Date. Buchanan discussed re-scheduling the next Council meeting to Tuesday, October 6, since he, Clerk Wessel and Council member Allison will be attending the League Conference. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to leave it scheduled for Monday, November 5.

Administrative Report. Buchanan discussed the issue of not being in compliance with KDHE regulations at the City Landfill following inspections. Buchanan stated there may be a fine in regards to the non-compliance issues and he will meet with KDHE when in Topeka attending the League Conference.

Buchanan reported that City Staff met with representatives of Midwest Energy regarding the contract with the City to generate electricity when required. Buchanan stated that MWE agreed to renew the contract for an additional three years and reimburse the City \$2,600 per MW hour generation capacity. Buchanan reported that the engines were tested last week and were able to produce about 4.3 MW.

Wessel discussed the Kansas Health Policy Authority meeting she attended and discussed some of the changes to the health insurance plan. Wessel reported that a meeting will be scheduled with the employees to inform them of the changes to the plan.

Mayor and Council Reports. Beamer inquired if Warren Park had agreed to the agreement to lease the vacant lot on Center Avenue and Mayor Robben stated that he was not going to lease it.

Beamer inquired about the road at the Cemetery and discussion followed on the possibility of having it done before winter sets in.

Finlay discussed the issue of Council meetings and making timely decisions as Council members.

Finlay reported he was contacted concerning the vacant lot on Center Avenue and the possibility of adding another City park to promote the downtown.

Uhrich discussed the issue of the City allowing work-site utility vehicles by ordinance and discussion followed on this issue concerning safety, being insurable and getting Chief Shank's thoughts on this.

Mayor Robben discussed the culverts that need to be cleaned out in front of the sale barn.

Robben reported on the possibility of moving directional signs closer to the street and discussion followed.

Robben discussed the land donated to the City from Pioneer Inc and Buchanan stated he had the Quick Claim Deed on his desk for signature.

Adjourn. Uhrich moved to adjourn the meeting. Finlay seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# ) Mayor Robben declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.

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Rose Wessel  
City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ MAYOR: \_\_\_\_\_