

OAKLEY CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting  
October 5, 2009

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 Kevin Uhrich.

City Staff Present. Police Chief Danny Shanks, Parks and Cemetery Director Russell Moellering, Public Works Director Jim Glassman and Deputy City Clerk Barbara Kelly.

Others Present. Barb Glover.

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

Minutes. Finlay moved to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2009 regular meeting as presented. Uhrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

Warrant Register. Following questions Beamer moved to approve the October 2, 2009 Warrant Register in the amount of \$48,130.09 (Check Nos. 33362-33405) Finlay seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

Employee Exception Report. Beamer moved to approve the September 25, 2009 Employee Exception Report for 2,067.00 regular hours and 102.75 overtime hours (ACH Nos. 5232-5259, Check Nos. 14148-14162) Uhrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

Department Head Report. Chief Shanks distributed the monthly Police Department Reports for August and September. Public Works Director Glassman reported on the crack sealing done at Willow and Elm Avenues and the landfill issues that have been resolved with the changes of burn pit requirements. He discussed future work planned for the cleaning of the culverts to allow proper drainage on South Freeman, the mowing on Union Pacific right of way, fall clean up during the weeks of October 26 to November 6, and the street loader that would need repair before the winter season. It was the consensus of the council to have Glassman check into local bids for the repair of the street loader.

Rural Refuse Request. Beamer moved to approve the application for rural refuse for J.L. Evins at 239 HWY 83. Uhrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

Tree Program. Parks and Cemetery Director Russell Moellering discussed restarting the tree purchasing program since interest has been shown from the public. Following discussion the council decided to have Moellering develop a list of possible trees that would be available for purchase at the beginning of next year and then provide that list to the people interested before ordering trees in the fall if enough people were interested.

Ordinance for Impoundment of Animals. Discussion followed on the proposed ordinance raising the impound fee from \$25.00 to \$35.00 for the reclaiming of an impounded animal. Finlay moved to approve Ordinance No. 1066 increasing the impound fee from \$25.00 to \$35.00. Uhrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

Ordinance for Work-site Utility Vehicles. Discussion followed on the proposed ordinance of allowing work-site utility vehicles in the city and clarification of windshield standards and the license plate placement. Following discussion Uhrich made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1067 authorizing the operation of worksite utility vehicles within the corporate limits of the City of Oakley. Finlay seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

Street Repairs. Mayor Robben read a letter he had received from the Sunset Acres Neighborhood Association, Inc. This letter indicated the growing concern for the condition of the city streets. Discussion ensued regarding the sealing of cracks in the streets, the past schedule of sealing streets, future

schedules depending upon available funds, and the need to have the burner for the sealant machine repaired. It was the consensus of the council to have Public Works Director Glassman contact Babe Arnberger in regard to having the burner repaired.

Drainage in Industrial Park. Mayor Robben discussed the issue of poor drainage in the industrial park east of Oakley Livestock corrals that was discovered during the process of draining the water tower for repair. After discussion it was the consensus of the council to look at various options to find a solution to the problem before next spring and to have Glassman remove asphalt that was discovered blocking a culvert. Also discussed was the water drainage concerns on the north 100 block of Center Avenue.

Executive session for personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Uhrich moved to recess to executive session for personnel matters of non elected personnel for fifteen (15) minutes with the Mayor and Council present. Finlay seconded. Action carried unanimously. Action (#)

No action taken following executive session.

Administrative Reports. Administrator Buchanan was absent due to the League of Kansas Municipalities Conference, his report was read and discussed.

#### Mayor and Council Reports

Beamer stated he had been contacted in regards to Rottweiler dogs allowed within the City of Oakley. Discussion ensued about different breeds of dogs that are not allowed per the dangerous animal ordinance. (Ordinance No. 1001) It was the consensus of the council to keep the ordinance as it was and not allow any Rottweiler dogs within the City of Oakley.

Finlay discussed meeting with Administrator Buchanan and Department Heads to discuss what equipment and repairs need to be made within the city and then creating a five to ten year business plan of replacing equipment and making needed repairs. This would include setting goals and finding ways to fund the needed projects.

Uhrich discussed painting the water tower. He also discussed if the new water meters have been installed and if there has been any changes in the recorded usage with the new meters.

Mayor Robben informed the council of two resignations from board positions. Bille Eberle resigned from the Oakley Public Library Board and Jim Smith from the tourism board. He discussed the issue of the Fick Fossil Museum signs that had fallen down and the repair of them; one having damaged a fence when falling.

Adjourn. Finlay made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Uhrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Robben adjourned the meeting at 9:08 P.M.

Barbara Kelly  
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_