

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. Roger Boyd, Charles Beamer, Cody Finlay and Shawna Allison.

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

Others present. Cora Lee Park, Frank Munk, Pam Kahle, Barbara Kelly, Danny Lockhart, Delores Lockhart, Jason Baalman, Don Kennedy, Dan Kennedy, Kevin Stoppel and Mark Campbell.

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

Minutes. Finlay moved to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2009 regular meeting as presented. Beamer seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

Warrant Register. Following questions, Beamer moved to approve the October 16, 2009 Warrant Register in the amount of \$52,057.10 (Check Nos. 33406-33407, 33409-33451; Check No. 33408-voided as damaged). Boyd seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

Employee Exception Report. Allison moved to approve the October 9, 2009 Employee Exception Report for 2,054.91 regular hours and 43.00 overtime hours (ACH Nos. 5260-5290, Check Nos. 14165-14190). Boyd seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

Citizen Request to Speak. Pam Kahle asked the Council to consider placing signs in the area of the Independent Living area at the hospital. Kahle stated the residents walk around the courthouse and walking trail at Bertrand Park. Discussion followed on the cost of signs of approximately \$320.00 and possibly crosswalks in this area. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to talk with hospital staff concerning the route taken by these residents for the placement of these signs and look into ordering signs.

Cora Lee Park inquired about the sign at the location of 8th Street before Center Avenue and discussed the possibility of placing a sign for downtown Oakley in this location. Buchanan stated that the sign there was done through a program with Kansas Department of Transportation and paid for by Annie Oakley Motel.

Cora Lee Park stated the issue of building a Cultural Center has been discussed several times and reported the Wild West Foundation will apply again this year for a grant to assist with funding this project. Park reported the grant is an 80/20 grant this year and is due by the end of November and asked the Council for assistance from Administrator Buchanan. Park stated they had talked with the Logan County Commissioners and they are considering assisting with funding for this project and asked the City Council to consider helping fund through the Tourism Fund. Park reported if they are awarded this grant, that it will have to be funneled through the City or County. The Council considered and discussed these requests and stated this item will be placed on the agenda for the November 2, 2009 Council meeting.

Council member Uhrich arrived at approximately 7:20 PM.

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The Council asked for exact figures from Park as to what amount they were requesting and hard numbers from City staff regarding the Tourism Fund before a decision is made. It was the consensus of the Council that Buchanan will assist as time allows.

Funeral Home.

Extension of Utilities. Jason Baalman reported he has presented two quotes for the extension of sewer services and a map showing the location of his business. Buchanan discussed the map showing the location of the property, the extension of the sewer and water lines and discussed the two quotes in the amounts of \$5,120 and \$9,145.45. Buchanan reported that the approximate cost to extend water services to the property line will be about \$1,000.00, plus additional cost for labor. Discussion followed on the depth of the sewer line and offering tax abatements. Following discussion, Finlay moved to approve the extension of water and sewer services to the property line for Jason Baalman, not to exceed \$6,200.00. Uhrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

Annexation of Property. Brandon discussed the timeline regarding the annexation and re-zoning of this property and reported a Public Meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2009 at 7:00 PM for the Planning Commission to consider the re-zoning. Brandon stated that following the Planning Commission's recommendation, the Council will consider this at the Council meeting on November 2, 2009. Boyd discussed the location of the tree row in reference to the location of the building and the number of entrances and exits. Following discussion, Uhrich moved to approve Ordinance No. 1068, An Ordinance Annexing Land into the City of Oakley, Kansas. Finlay seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

Water Rights-Transfer. Buchanan gave a brief synopsis as to what has transpired in the process of transferring the water rights from the Hemmert well and Well # 11 to a location north of 8th Street. Buchanan reported the application is set to be denied because transferring the rights from the Hemmert well would be outside the ½-mile radius as allowed. Buchanan stated the City has been given an extension until December 1, to come up with additional evidence to prove this is the same local source of water.

Buchanan reported he has contacted a company that can help us prove this is the same local source, which is a requirement of Division of Water Resources to continue with transferring of these water rights. Discussion followed on the length of time the City has to complete this process, the pumping of the well on the Hemmert property and water rights that Charlie Hullet has in the water reserve.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have Buchanan request an extension of the deadline and to get a quote from Groundwater Associates of Wichita and place this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

Kevin Stoppel stated he would not charge the City, until the project for the new well is started.

City Assistance Request. Boyd moved to approve the City Assistance Request for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Halloween Parade on October 31, 2009. Allison seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

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Utility Rates. Buchanan stated the issue of increasing water and refuse rates was discussed when the 2010 Budget was prepared and presented the result of a study by Ranson Financial on the City's water rates. Buchanan stated the sewer rate will be revisited in January when the CGBD grants are awarded. The Council discussed budgeted expenses and revenue for water for 2010. Following discussion, Uhrich moved to approve Ordinance No. 1069, An Ordinance Relating to and Fixing Charges to be Paid to the City of Oakley for Water Services, to be effective on January 1, 2010. Boyd seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

Buchanan presented the result of a study by Ranson Financial regarding the City's refuse rates and following discussion by the Council, Finlay moved to approve Resolution No. 2009-13, A Resolution Adopting refuse Collection Rates for the City of Oakley, Kansas. Uhrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

Employee Retirement Investment Options. Wessel discussed the request from Benjamin Maser of Solid Financial in WaKeeney to present other options to City employee's for retirement options and following discussion by the Council, it was the consensus to not allow this.

Update to Aeronautical Weather Observation System. Wessel stated that George Laliberte of KDOT-Division of Aviation had contacted her and stated the grant in the amount of \$4,000.00 was still available to the City if they wanted to update the AWOS system. Wessel stated that following the update, there will be monthly charges for internet service for approximately \$40.00 and \$25.00 a month to Stanwyck Aviation to keep the site up and running. Following discussion by the Council, it was the consensus to bring this to the Airport Authority Board to get their feedback on this.

Employee Appreciation Banquet. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that they would plan the banquet this year.

Executive session for matters of non-elected personnel. Allison moved to recess to executive session for matters of non-elected personnel for ten (10) minutes with the Mayor and Council present. Boyd seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#)

No action taken following executive session and Mayor Robben requested this be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mayoral Appointments. Mayor Robben stated he did not have any appointments at this time.

Administrator's Report. Administrator Buchanan discussed the issue of access to the newly acquired site for the new sewer plant. Buchanan stated that KDOT would not allow the City to have our own driveway because of the close proximity to the existing driveway, but they would allow the existing driveway to be moved to the north, at the expense of the City; or to work with the owner of the existing driveway to make it a shared driveway. Buchanan stated that Elmer Zerr is preparing a legal description for this and Attorney Mason will prepare an easement agreement with the owner of the driveway.

Buchanan stated that City staff worked on the existing sewer plant regarding an issue with the second clarifier.

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Mayor and Council Reports. Allison stated she was not present at the last meeting and thanked the City for allowing her to attend the League Conference.

Allison discussed the issue of re-doing City streets and the possibility of proposing a City sales tax to be used for this purpose. Discussion followed on this and Buchanan reported he has scheduled a conference call with John Haas of Ranson Financial on Friday at 10:00 AM to discuss this issue.

Beamer asked Buchanan about his meeting with KDHE regarding the Landfill and Buchanan stated the City has two options concerning the fine, one being to pay the fine in the amount of \$6,000; and the other being to pay more, approximately \$7,500, and use this for proposed improvements. Buchanan stated that KDHE is reviewing his proposed list of improvements.

Beamer discussed the Regional Suppers put on by the League and discussion followed on this issue.

Boyd discussed a water leak at the Cemetery, the tornado siren at the ball diamonds. Buchanan reported that Don's Electric picked up the receiver from the siren to be repaired.

Mayor Robben discussed the proposed water well north of 8th Street.

Adjourn. Boyd moved to adjourn the meeting. Finlay seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#) Mayor Robben declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:10 PM.

Rose Wessel
City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ATTEST: _____ MAYOR: _____