

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.

Members present. Kevin Uhrich, Roger Boyd, Charles Beamer, Shawna Allison and Cody Finlay.

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

Others present. Barbara Kelly, Mark Temaat and Charlie Wieland.

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

Minutes. Finlay moved to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2009 regular meeting as presented. Uhrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 8425)

Warrant Register. Following questions on the Warrant Register, Beamer moved to approve the December 4, 2009 Warrant Register in the amount of \$755,748.02 (Checks No. 33541-33593). Allison seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 8426)

Employee Exception Reports. Allison moved to approve the November 21, 2009 Employee Exception Report for 2,068.44 regular hours and 105.25 overtime hours (ACH Nos. 5336-5360, Check Nos. 14224-14239). Finlay seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 8427)

Allison moved to approve the December 4, 2009 Employee Exception Report for 2,136.25 regular hours and 88.25 overtime hours (ACH Nos. 5361-5379, Check Nos. 14240-14255). Boyd seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 8428)

Citizen Request to Speak. Mark Temaat stated that Anthony Haffner has been the Municipal Court Judge here in Oakley for 18 years. Temaat is requesting the City Council to consider him for this position. Discussion followed on the appointments in May of each year, the agreement with Hoxie for Judge Haffner and wages for this position.

Resolution of Support for Historic Byway. Buchanan discussed the Resolution of Support for the Historic Byway. Buchanan stated that new billboards cannot be put up along the route designated and discussed a revision to the section, by deleting the City limits of Oakley. Following discussion of this section, Finlay moved to approve Resolution No. 2009-15, Resolution of Support for Historic Byway, as amended by removing the wording that deletes the City limits of Oakley. Boyd seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 8430)

Livestock Restrictions. Buchanan discussed the summary of the results he received concerning livestock restrictions. Buchanan reported those entities that allow it have experienced problems. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to leave it as is.

Annual Appropriation and Waiver for Oakley Housing Authority. Discussion followed on the Waiver of Payment in Lieu of Taxes and the \$4,000 appropriation for the Westview Recreational Center. Beamer moved to approve the request to waive the Payment in Lieu of Taxes for Oakley Housing Authority for fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. Allison seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 8431)

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Beamer moved to approve the request for the appropriation payment in 2010 in the amount of \$4,000.00 for the Westview Recreational Center. Allison seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 8432)

Enforcement of Lease at Airport. Buchanan stated he received a letter from the City Attorney regarding the issue of the eviction of Mr. Hemmert from the airport. Buchanan inquired of the Council if they wished to continue with the eviction process and following discussion it was the consensus of the Council that the City Attorney continue with the eviction process.

Runway Protection Zone Acquisition for Airport. Buchanan discussed the acquisition of parcels along the runway for protection zones. Buchanan stated the letter included in the packet shows the appraisals for these parcels and the City needs to approve these amounts. Following discussion, Beamer moved to approve the amount of compensation to be offered for the Runway Protection Zones, based on the recommendations by the review appraiser. Finlay seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 8433)

Sales Tax for Road Improvements. Buchanan reported this issue had been discussed several meetings ago and he discussed a rough estimate to redo one average block. Discussion followed on a special election, the issue of a 1/2 cent or 1-cent sales tax, regular or mail ballots, Logan County considering a sales tax for the hospital, replacing water lines and whether to sunset the sales tax. Buchanan reported he would discuss this further with John Haas and place on the agenda for the next meeting.

Landfill Improvements. Buchanan discussed the trip to the Gove County Landfill to research their use of a spray-on cover system. Buchanan stated this cover is cellulose insulation that water is added to and sprayed on to cover the trash, with one person operating the machine. Buchanan reported that this would save space in the pit by not having to cover with six (6) inches of dirt every time. Buchanan reported the cost of a new machine is \$15,000 with a used one costing \$9,000 - \$10,000. Buchanan stated that KDHE is asking for more information as to what improvements the City will be spending the \$12,000 on. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to get prices on the equipment and send a letter to KDHE detailing the City's proposal.

Police Department Equipment. Chief Shanks discussed the acquisition of another vehicle to replace Unit #2 and presented a handout of the current inventory of Police Department vehicles. Discussion followed on cars versus SUVs', estimated costs of a 2007 CV's for \$12,950 and 2008 CV's for \$14,200 and 2008 Dodge Charger for \$14,950. Shanks reported the cost for additional equipment such as light bar & control, siren speaker, console, mobile radio and graphics would cost between \$2500 - \$2900. Discussion followed on what fund to expense this from, researching what is available from the Kansas Highway Patrol and bringing this information back to the next Council meeting.

Codification of Ordinances. Buchanan stated one project that needs to be considered is the updating, revising and modernization of the Municipal Code Book. Buchanan reviewed the two proposals, one costing \$3,800 - which would entail adding the new ordinances to the book; the other proposal for \$5,775 - would add the new ordinances, update old ordinances and reorganization of the codebook. Buchanan stated that he and the City Clerk use this book on a daily basis and recommended the option for \$5,775 and the Council discussed this project.

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Administrative Reports. Buchanan discussed the transfer of water rights issue and reported he was contacted by a company that would research the City's records at the expense of \$95.00 an hour. Buchanan stated a company in Wichita is looking at the records now to determine if the proposed site of the new well is on the same plume as the wells the water rights are being transferred from. Buchanan discussed several different scenarios on the transferring of water rights and following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to wait to hear from the company in Wichita.

Buchanan reported he has given a rough draft of a revision of the employee handbook to department heads for their review and will then give to other levels of staff and the City Council for their review. Buchanan inquired about continuing with the pay plan or developing a different scenario.

Buchanan stated the sales and use tax the City has received so far has reached the budgeted revenue for sales tax for 2009, the City will receive one more check at the end of December.

Buchanan discussed a call he received concerning the water pressure in Bertrand Addition and discussion followed.

Mayor and Council Reports. Allison discussed the Employee Appreciation Banquet scheduled for January 16, 2010.

Allison reported the Fick Museum has scheduled Christmas Open House on December 21 during regular business hours.

Beamer discussed the year-end transfers and inquired about the renewal of the lease with the Oakley Country Club. Buchanan stated they are waiting to see what the City does with the effluent water.

Beamer moved to allow the City employee's to leave at noon on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Allison seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 8434)

Uhrich discussed the painting of street signs and inquired about the possibility of having the FFA or other school groups paint the signs and discussion followed.

Mayor Robben inquired about the situation with the water meter at Kansas Kountry Inn, Buchanan stated the City had to re-order a different meter because the one that was ordered would not fit.

Adjourn. Finlay moved to adjourn the meeting. Boyd seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (# 8435) Mayor Robben declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 PM.

Rose Wessel
City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ATTEST: _____ MAYOR: _____