

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on January 17, 2023, in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2nd Street, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Stephenson presided.

Council members present. Leasa Huddle, Russ Kahle, Cheryl Stewart, and Kile Zerr were present; Trevor Mader was absent

City staff present. City Administrator Brock Sloan, Police Chief Daniel Cooper, Police Officer Cory Sager and K-9 Asia, and City Clerk Leann Hughes.

Others present. Tom Brenneman.

Call to order. Mayor Stephenson called the regular meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

Approval of Amended Minutes of October 3, 2022 Meeting. Administrator Sloan asked for a motion to be clarified for the K-9 expenses, noting the discussion at the time, on October 3, 2022, included authorization to pay expenses from funds other than Drug Forfeiture funds, as appropriate. Kahle moved to rescind Action (#15014), approving the minutes of the October 3, 2022, regular meeting as presented at the October 17, 2022 regular meeting. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15086).

Kahle moved to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2022, regular meeting, with the addition of “and other funds as appropriate” to the end of the K-9 grant motion, Action (#15011). Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15087).

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s). Zerr moved to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2023, regular meeting, as presented. Stewart seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15088).

Approval of AP Payment Register. Stewart moved to approve the January 13, 2023, AP Payment Register in the amount of \$61,022.01 (Check Nos. 49725; 49731; and 49736-49750), for 2022 expenses. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15089).

Kahle moved to approve the January 13, 2023, AP Payment Register in the amount of \$181,580.49 (Check Nos. 472-475; 49724; 49726-49730; and 49751-49792), for 2023 expenses. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15090).

Stewart moved to approve the January 13, 2023, AP Payment Register in the amount of \$13,500.00 (Check No. 155), for a 2022 expense, to be paid out of the Drug Forfeiture Fund. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15091).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Zerr moved to approve the Time Entry Report for December 25, 2022, to January 7, 2023, dated January 10, 2023, for the January 13, 2023, payroll, in the amount of \$53,544.22 for 2,124.63 hours (Check Nos. 17570-17571; ACH Nos. 97531-97557; AP Check Nos. 49732-49735; Wire Nos. 838-841). Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15092).

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. Police Chief, Daniel Cooper, introduced Tom Brenneman to the Mayor and Council. Brenneman, who has been onsite since the middle of last week, is the provider of the City’s K-9, Asia, and is also the trainer for Officer Sager, who will be Asia’s handler. Brenneman reviewed his background with the Council, which includes extensive experience in law enforcement and dog training/handling. He has trained in Germany and Holland. The City’s K-9 came from Italy and trained for several weeks before coming to Oakley. Officer Sager was present with K-9 Asia and he explained some of the handler training he has been experiencing.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Resolution 2023-01 – GAAP Waiver. Stewart moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-01, GAAP Waiver, as they apply to the City of Oakley for the year ending December 31, 2023. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15093).

Water Utility Hardship Rate. Administrator Sloan reminded the Council the City has offered water utility hardship rates for the past three years and he reviewed how the program works. He noted that, currently, no utility customers have applied for these rates. Council Member Stewart stated she feels it would be good to continue the program because someone might apply in the future. Stewart moved to continue offering Water utility hardship rates to qualifying customers and to re-visit the program next year. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15094).

UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Brock Sloan, City Administrator. Administrator Sloan reported on several items, including:

- Sloan reported Ryan Leitner has agreed to help the City with refuse pick-up until the vacant Refuse Truck Driver position is filled.
- Sloan expressed thanks to Midwest Energy, Inc., and all others who helped with putting up the downtown Christmas Lights and taking them down.
- Sloan reminded the Council the Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, January 29, 2023, at the Bowling Alley. He asked that all members RSVP by tomorrow to either Jodee Reed, Museum Director, or himself.
- Winter Snow Routes will be put into effect from Midnight tonight through the day tomorrow with the forecasted possibility of a winter storm.
- The new refuse truck will arrive next week. The invoice came in at \$227,808.00.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. Clerk Hughes reported that Benefit Letters will be provided to all employees and provided a sample to the Council.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Mayor Stephenson presented a Thank-you from St. Joseph School.

Council Member Zerr inquired if the City is going to sell the oldest refuse truck. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to keep the oldest truck until the new one is in operation and the next truck in line has had any needed repairs.

Adjourn. Huddle moved to adjourn the meeting. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#15095). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:30 P.M.

Leann M. Hughes, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The members of the Council acknowledged receipt of a copy of the minutes; said minutes were approved as presented at the February 6, 2023, regular meeting.