

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on February 1, 2021, in the meeting room at the Oakley Fire Station, 215 Hudson Avenue, and streamed live at <https://www.facebook.com/discoveroakley/live> at 7:00 PM. Mayor Stephenson presided.

Council members present. Leasa Huddle, Russ Kahle, Ilene Nickel, Eli Winger and Kile Zerr.

City staff present. City Administrator Bradley Pendergast, City Clerk Leann Hughes, Chief Communications Officer Sara McDonald and Police Chief Daniel Cooper.

Others present. Donnette Ellegood, Peggy Golden, Steve Golden, Tracie Ottley, and Brian Ottley.

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s). Nickel made a correction to the January 28, 2021, minutes to show that she was present at the meeting. Nickel moved to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2021, regular meeting, as corrected to show that Council Member Nickel was present at the meeting. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14509).

Approval of AP Payment Registers. Nickel moved to approve the January 29, 2021, AP Payment Register, for checks dated January 29, 2021, for 2020 expenses, in the amount of \$8,444.56. (Check Nos. 339; 47354-47357). Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14510).

Kahle moved to approve the January 29, 2021 AP Payment Register, for checks dated January 29, 2021, for 2021 expenses, in the amount of \$96,263.65. (Check Nos. 47347; 47350-47353; and 47358-47382). Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14511).

Huddle moved to approve the January 12, 2021 AP Payment Register, for checks dated January 18, 2021, for gift cards processed through payroll, in the amount of \$2,400.00 (Check No.47333-47345). Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14512).

Nickel moved to approve Treasurer's Check Number 47346, in the amount of \$100.00, dated January 21, 2021, from the checking account to the Prosecutor's Charitable Trust account to transfer diversion funds. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14513).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Kahle moved to approve the Time Entry Report for January 10, 2021, to January 23, 2021, dated January 27, 2021, for the January 29, 2021, payroll, in the amount of \$48,353.12, for 2,076.50 hours (Check Nos. 17360; ACH Nos. 95647-95671; AP Check Nos.47348-47349; Wire Nos. 635-638). Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14514).

Nickel moved to approve the Time Entry Report, dated January 18, 2021, for gift cards processed through payroll, in the amount of \$2,599.18 (Check No.47332; Wire No.634). Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14515).

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. Included in Administrator's Report.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Rezoning Ordinance – 3532 US 40. Administrator Pendergast reported the Planning Commission held a hearing on January 6, 2021, to consider this zoning change, and they unanimously recommended the Council approve the rezoning. Discussion followed. Pendergast noted that C-S Commercial Service District does require a fence around property abutting residential properties and the parties purchasing the property have agreed to put up a fence. Kahle moved to approve Ordinance No. 1170, adopting the

recommendation of the planning commission and changing the zoning from C-S, Commercial Service Highway District to R-2, Two-Family Dwelling District, for the following property: Plug Hat, S02, T11, R32, PT SW4 Beg 1131' E and 50' N of SW Cor SW4 Th N 115' Th E 83' Th S 115' Th w 83' to POB. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14516).

Vicious/Dangerous Dog Ordinance. Administrator Pendergast noted the Council reviewed a draft of the vicious/dangerous dog ordinance that removed breed specific bans at the last Council meeting. Discussion followed. Zerr moved to approve Ordinance No. 1171, concerning vicious or dangerous animals within the corporate limits of the City of Oakley, Kansas, repealing any Ordinances in conflict herewith. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14517).

Authorized Signatures – Non-Interest Bearing Project Fund. Administrator Pendergast noted that the Council designated authorized signers for the Non-Interest Bearing Project Fund at the last meeting and after the meeting, it was discovered that Council Member Huddle was also on the signature card; her signature was on another page. Pendergast stated the Council could add Huddle back on as an authorized signer, if desired. Kahle moved to add Council Member Leasa Huddle as an authorized signer on the Non-Interest Bearing Project Fund bank account. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14518).

Office Staffing Discussion. Administrator Pendergast noted that a draft of a job description for an Office Clerk position in the City Office was included in the packets along with cost estimates based on a range of wages. Discussion followed.

Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel. Kahle moved to recess to Executive Session for personnel matters of nonelected personnel for fifteen (15) minutes with the Mayor, Council, Administrator Pendergast, and Clerk Hughes present, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exemption under K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1). The meeting will resume in the meeting room at the Oakley Fire Station at 215 Hudson Avenue at 7:34 PM. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14519).

Mayor Stephenson re-convened the meeting and no action was taken following the executive session.

Discussion continued concerning the Office Clerk position in the City Office. It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with advertising the position and they encouraged any current City employee interested to submit their application for consideration.

Museum Reopening. Pendergast reported he has had a few citizens and part-time staff ask when the Museum will be reopening. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to reopen Fick Fossil Museum and the City Office, with the exact date at Pendergast's discretion.

Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel. Huddle moved to recess to Executive Session for personnel matters of nonelected personnel for ten (10) minutes with the Mayor and Council present, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exemption under K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1). The meeting will resume in the meeting room at the Oakley Fire Station at 215 Hudson Avenue at 7:49 PM. Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14520).

Mayor Stephenson re-convened the meeting and no action was taken following the executive session.

UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

RF Water Meters. Nothing at this time.

Water Treatment. Nothing at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Bradley Pendergast, City Administrator. Administrator Pendergast reported on several activities of the various departments of the City. He noted he is working with Department Heads on an equipment replacement plan and he plans to schedule a tour of the pilot facility in the near future.

Mayor Stephenson inquired if the Landfill is due for an inspection any time soon. Pendergast noted the inspections are normally not scheduled, that State personnel just show up. However, he said that with COVID, they have done some calling and checking in with Landfill Director Burris.

Pendergast also noted the next Council meeting falls on February 15, 2021, which is the President's Day Holiday. He asked if the Council would like to move the meeting to Tuesday, February 16, 2021. It was the consensus of the Council to move the next meeting to Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. No report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Council Member Huddle expressed her appreciation to all the volunteers who helped with the food distribution and expressed a special thank you to Donnette Ellegood for all of her efforts.

Council Member Kahle encouraged citizens to contact Council Members with any concerns or questions they have concerning the City or the agenda, and asked that they try to make contact in advance so Council Members have time to research any matters prior to meetings.

Mayor Stephenson again encouraged the public to be cautious, wear masks, social distance, and for those who are comfortable with being vaccinated, to please do so, as the community continues to fight COVID.

Adjourn. Zerr moved to adjourn the meeting. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14521). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:59 PM

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 16, 2021, regular meeting.