

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on March 7, 2022, in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2nd Street, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Shane Stephenson presided.

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

City staff present. City Administrator Brock Sloan, Police Chief Daniel Cooper, and City Clerk Leann Hughes.

Others present. None.

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting. Zerr moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022, regular meeting, as presented. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14844). **This motion was rescinded and corrected at the April 4, 2022, regular meeting. Huddle moved to rescind Action (#14853), approving the minutes of the March 7, 2022, regular meeting, as presented. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14865). Huddle moved to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2022, regular meeting, with a correction to the reference to 100 Center Avenue in the 2nd to the last paragraph of the minutes, to 200 Center Avenue. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14866).**

Approval of AP Payment Register. Kahle moved to approve the March 2, 2022, AP Payment Register, in the amount of \$160.26, for a check dated February 28, 2022, for 2021 expenses (Check No. 48675). Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14845).

Mader moved to approve the March 2, 2022, AP Payment Register, for checks dated February 28, 2022, in the amount of \$64,458.70, for 2022 expenses (Check Nos. 400-403; 48666-48668; 48674; 48676-48706). Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14846).

Kahle moved to approve the March 7, 2022, AP Payment Register, for checks dated March 4, 2022, in the amount of \$10,885.14, for 2022 expenses (Check Nos. 404-406; 48707-48721). Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14847).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Mader moved to approve the Time Entry Report for February 6, 2022, to February 19, 2022, dated February 23, 2022, for the February 25, 2022, payroll, in the amount of \$49,903.75 for 2,166.89 hours (Check Nos. 17481-17483; ACH Nos. 96634-96667; AP Check Nos. 48669-48673; Wire Nos. 746-749). Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14848).

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. None.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Mayoral Appointment – Charlotte Baalman – Museum Board. Mayor Stephenson appointed Charlotte Baalman to the Museum Board to fill Brianna Hutton's unexpired term through May, 2025. Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Charlotte Baalman to the Museum Board to fill a currently vacant position. This appointment will end in May, 2025. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14849).

Conrade Insurance – Coverage Review. Administrator Sloan reported he had been contacted by Brandon Giesick, with Conrade Insurance, to see if the City of Oakley would be interested in a coverage review of the City's insurance policy. Sloan stated the City currently has EMC Insurance with Campbell Insurance, in Oakley, as the agent. Sloan noted that EMC is the major carrier in Kansas for Municipalities. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to table this topic for now and re-visit it when budget discussions begin.

ARPA – Employee Bonuses. Administrator Sloan reported the Logan County Commissioners approved a one-time premium pay to all full-time and part-time employees that qualified. The full-time employees will receive \$6,000.00 and part-time employees will receive \$3,000.00 to show appreciation to essential workers during COVID-19. The bonuses will be paid out of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds received by the County. Sloan noted the initial guidelines for ARPA expenditures did not allow the funds to be used for wages, but there have been revisions made for entities receiving less than \$10,000,000.00 in ARPA funds. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council not to approve any bonuses out of the City's ARPA funding at this time, since the City has two major projects ahead with the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade and the construction of a Water Treatment Plant. The Council noted Logan County has a significant amount of money in reserves and no immediate projects planned, that they know of. They also stressed they want the employees to know they do appreciate everyone and they will revisit this topic at a later date if there are ARPA funds remaining.

Annie Oakley Park – Basketball Goals. Administrator Sloan reported the Annie Oakley Park Committee had plans for four (4) basketball gooseneck post, backboard and goals for the improvements at Annie Oakley Park; however, only two (2) goals were ordered in 2020 and have been stored by the City. The Logan County Community Foundation reimbursed the City for the cost of these in the amount of \$5,028.00. The Committee would like to order the other two (2) goals and the Logan County Foundation will reimburse the City. Huddle moved to approve the purchase of two (2) PK6040 "5-9/16" O.D. Braced Gooseneck Posts with 6' extensions, BB72A38 Backboard, and 5500 goals from Commercial Recreation Group. Kahle seconded. The Logan County Community Foundation will reimburse the City for this expenditure. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14850).

UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

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

- Eberle Construction should finish the new Landfill Cell this week, weather permitting.
- Russ Moellering, Parks Director, installed a sample light at Bertrand Park for the Council to consider for replacements. It was the consensus of the Council to have Sloan and Moellering obtain a quote for the next meeting and to include the purchase of extra lights for replacements in the event of damage.
- Sloan reported he was contacted by a resident interested in purchasing the vacant lots owned by the City at the corner of 7th Street and Cornell Avenue, for the construction of a garage. The Council inquired if this person is an adjacent property owner; Brock stated he is not. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council not to sell the lot at this time for the construction of a garage, since it was intended to be used for housing when the condemnation took place and the old structure was removed.
- Sloan reported the Council approved a draft Consent Agreement with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) in October, 2021, which is needed because of the nitrate violations the City has been experiencing. He received a Final Order for the Mayor's signature today. Huddle moved to approve KDHE Consent Agreement and Final Order, KDHE Case #21-E-037 BOW, and to approve the execution of the document by Mayor Stephenson. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14851).

- Sloan reported he was invited to take part in a conference call on Tuesday with George (Pappy) Lies, Emergency Management Director for Logan County, Kansas, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in regard to possible FEMA assistance for a damaged fence at the Landfill.
- Sloan stated he has had an inquiry about streaming Council Meetings and asked for the Council's thoughts. He noted he spoke with G&H Computer Services, Oakley, and they have suggested YouTube; they are putting together information and pricing. It was the consensus of the Council to go forward with pricing for audio only and to include pricing for a permanent microphone system.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. No report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Council Member Kahle commented on the progress of the building at ~~100~~ Center Avenue and how nice it is looking. 200

Adjourn. Huddle moved to adjourn the meeting. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14852). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:36 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 March 21, 2022, regular meeting.

The motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2022, regular meeting, was rescinded and corrected at the April 4, 2022, regular meeting. Huddle moved to rescind Action (#14853), approving the minutes of the March 7, 2022, regular meeting, as presented. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14865). Huddle moved to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2022, regular meeting, with a correction to the reference to 100 Center Avenue in the 2nd to the last paragraph of the minutes, to 200 Center Avenue. Zerr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14866).