

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on October 19, 2020, 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. Chris Dorman, Leasa Huddle, Russ Kahle, and Ilene Nickel.

City staff present. City Administrator Bradley Pendergast, City Clerk Leann Hughes, Facilities Director Russell Moellering and Police Chief Daniel Cooper; Refuse Director Marc Burris was present via Zoom.

Others present. Nickolas Zerr.

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

Minutes. Dorman moved to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2020, regular meeting, as presented. Huddle seconded. Motion carried. Dorman, Huddle and Kahle voting yes; Nickel abstaining. Action (#11418).

AP Payment Registers. Dorman moved to approve the October 16, 2020, AP Payment Register, for checks dated October 15, 2020, in the amount of \$101,936.10 (Check Nos. 317-320; 46998-47002; and 47009-47059). Dorman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11419).

Nickel moved to approve the October 16, 2020, AP Payment Register, for checks dated October 15, 2020, to be paid out of the Drug Forfeiture Fund, in the amount of \$5,214.51 (Check Nos. 141-142). Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11420).

Huddle moved to approve the October 16, 2020, AP Payment Register, for checks dated October 15, 2020, to be paid out of the Non-Interest Bearing Project Fund (SPARK), in the amount of \$8,361.89 (Check Nos. 1001-1003). Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11421).

Time Entry Report. Dorman moved to approve the Time Entry Report for September 20, 2020, to October 3, 2020, dated October 7, 2020, for the October 9, 2020, payroll, in the amount of \$46,763.89, for 2,485.62 hours (Check Nos. 17286-17291; ACH Nos. 95398-95435; AP Check Nos. 47003-47008; Wire Nos. 601-604). Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11422).

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. Included in Administrator's Report.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Executive Session for the Preliminary Acquisition of Real Property. Huddle moved to recess to Executive Session for preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property, for five (5) minutes with the Mayor, Council, City Administrator Pendergast, and Nickolas Zerr present, pursuant to the exemption under K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6). The meeting will resume in the meeting room at the Oakley Fire Station at 215 Hudson Avenue at 7:12 PM. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11423).

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

Dorman moved to recess to Executive Session for preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property, for ten (10) minutes with the Mayor, Council, and City Administrator Pendergast, present, pursuant to the exemption under K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6). The meeting will resume in the meeting room at the Oakley Fire Station at 215 Hudson Avenue at 7:23 PM. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11424).

Mayor Stephenson re-convened the meeting.

Dorman moved to authorize City Administrator, Bradley Pendergast, to enter into negotiations for the purchase of real property. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11425).

2021 Health Insurance Renewal. Administrator Pendergast discussed 2021 health insurance options with the Council, noting there is a 7.25% increase in premiums. He discussed the cost difference from Plan B to Plan A and noted the 2021 Budget is more than the cost for Plan A. Discussion followed. Kahle moved to approve continuing with the same insurance coverage with Blue Cross and Blue Shield for 2021, with the City paying the cost for Plan B and the employees to be given the option to buy-up to Plan A. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11426). Pendergast noted the rates remained the same for Delta Dental. Dorman moved to approve renewing Dental Insurance with Delta Dental for 2021, with the City continuing to pay for the same percentage of the premium as 2020. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11427). Pendergast noted the VSP Vision Insurance rates remained the same and is optional for employees, with the employee paying the full premium.

COVID Leave Policy. Administrator Pendergast discussed the Family's First Coronavirus Response Act which requires the City to give 80 hours of emergency sick leave to employees. The act exempted "emergency responders", which Pendergast identified as himself, Police Officers, Dispatchers, City Clerk, Department Heads (except Museum Director), Certified Water Operator and Refuse Truck Driver. Pendergast reported he received some questions from exempt employees as to whether there would be any sort of leave for them in the event they contract COVID or need to take care of a family member. Discussion followed. Dorman moved to direct Administrator Pendergast to remove the exempt status for employees so they qualify for the 80 hours of emergency sick leave for COVID. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11428).

Refuse Department Modified Quarantine Policy. Administrator Pendergast and Refuse Director Marc Burris, via Zoom, shared a proposed Modified Quarantine Policy for the Refuse Department that Burris created. Discussion followed. Kahle moved to approve the Modified Quarantine Plan for the Refuse Department, as presented. Nickel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11429). Pendergast noted he will be addressing the possibility of modified quarantine plans with other departments.

Landfill Compactor. Administrator Pendergast and Refuse Director Marc Burris, via Zoom, discussed multiple repairs to the Landfill Compactor. Considerable discussion followed. Pendergast agreed to check local finance rates and what the finance schedule would be for a new compactor versus a used one.

UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Paperless Council Packets. Pendergast reported the chrome books have arrived and he is in the process of getting them set up for the Mayor and Council to start using them for the November 2, 2020, Council meeting. He offered to review how the chrome books will work with any Council members that wish to do that.

RF Water Meters. Nothing at this time.

Water Treatment. Nothing at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Bradley Pendergast, City Administrator. Administrator Pendergast reported on activities of the various City Departments, including ordering the new vehicles for the Police Department, Household Hazardous Waste, and possible changes to consider on the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. No report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Council Member Dorman recommended the Council consider adding a full time position to the City Office staff.

Council Member Kahle asked that Pendergast look at several used compactor prices for comparison on replacing the landfill compactor.

Mayor Stephenson again appealed to the public to stay vigilant in keeping healthy during the pandemic and reminded everyone to stay home if they are not feeling well and to wear a mask when they can.

Adjourn. Dorman moved to adjourn the meeting. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11430). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:00 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 November 2, 2020, meeting.