

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

### CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

March 11th, 2024

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on March 11th, 2024 at the City Hall of Ozawkie, Kansas. The following Council members were present:

**Loren Lutes, Mayor**

**Kevin Klenklen**

**Malcolm Griffin**

**Chris Feuerborn**

**Rob Fisher**

**Laci Heller**

Also present were the following persons:

Public Works- Mark Tenpenny

Treasurer- Jamie Klenklen

Attorney- Lee Hendricks

Residents: Dana Gettel, Sharon Branson

**The Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Lutes led those present in the flag salute.

**Consent Agenda:** Mayor Lutes put forth the Consent Agenda with one change of adding Sewer Pond Issue as item C under New Business. A motion to approve the consent agenda as amended was made by Rob Fisher and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

**Regular Agenda:**

*Citizen Comments:* N/A

*Council Comments:* N/A

### **Old Business**

#### **a) BRIC Project Updates**

CEW Engineering is working on getting the information out for bids. The first project that will go to bid is the generator project.

## **New Business**

### **a) Utility Repair Guidelines**

Kevin Klenklen presented his guidelines for yard and driveway repairs following a utility break. Attorney Lee Hendricks confirmed no ordinance needed to be passed in order to adopt the guidelines but recommended striking the final sentence regarding erosion control. A motion to pass the guidelines as amended was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Rob Fisher the motion passed 4-1.

### **b) Water Tower**

City Clerk Mazi Barnes has contacted 3 companies requesting estimates for power washing and painting the water tower, 2 have been received. Current bids will be discussed in executive session.

### **c) Sewer Pond Issue**

Beavers have moved in creating tunnels. A gentleman has set traps to catch them at a charge of \$50 per beaver caught. Mark will fill the holes in with the tractor.

## **REPORTS**

### **a) Mayors Report**

Taxes have come in; property taxes have increased almost 12%. The mayor recommends looking at lowering the mill levy when it comes time to prepare the new budget. The Mayor, grant writer and public works officers will be attending the KRWA conference at the end of March.

### **b) Planning & Zoning**

Nothing to report.

### **c) Governmental Affairs**

Nothing to report.

### **d) Law Enforcement**

Nothing to report.

### **e) Parks**

Malcolm spoke with Gary Branson and they hope to have the restrooms open before the Easter Egg hunt on March 30<sup>th</sup>. The bolts for the airplane fell out and had to be replaced.

### **f) Streets**

There is a pothole on Timberlane Dr., patches will be bought to repair it.

### **g) Utilities**

Nortonville is negotiating the price for the snow pusher. If they do not make an offer it will be listed on purple wave.

A motion for a 15-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel and contracts that included the council and the attorney was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive session began at 7:30

A motion for 5 additional minutes was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn, the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session ended at 7:50

No action was taken

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm