

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

### CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

**July 8th, 2024**

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on July 8th, 2024 at the City Hall of Ozawkie, Kansas. The following Council members were present:

**Loren Lutes, Mayor**  
**Kevin Klenklen-Absent**  
**Malcolm Griffin**  
**Chris Feuerborn**  
**Rob Fisher**  
**Laci Heller**

Also present were the following persons:

City Clerk- Mazi Barnes  
Treasurer- Jamie Klenklen  
Attorney- Lee Hendricks  
Residents: Ellis Moses, Sharon Branson, Ken Miller

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

Mayor Loren Lutes led those present in the flag salute.

**Consent Agenda:** Mayor Lutes put forth the Consent Agenda with one change adding item F under New Business- Tree Trimming Quote. A motion to approve the consent agenda as amended was made by Malcolm Griffin and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

**Regular Agenda:**

*Citizen Comments:* NA

*Council Comments:* NA

### **Old Business**

#### **a) Water Tower Painting**

The siren has been disconnected and we will look at removing it completely as this one has been replaced by a newer one. Everygy will cover the line near the tower to limit incidents during painting. Tankspek will begin painting this week. An addendum in the amount of

\$794 to cover 2 color painting option was presented. A motion to approve the addendum was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

**b) Lead & Copper Inventory**

The city has completed the lead and copper water line inventory required by the state.

**c) Parking Ordinance 24-03**

Mayor Lutes reviewed the ordinance that will restrict parking on the following streets. Sunrise Ct., Grandview Ct., Sumac Ct., Leisure Lane, Lakeview Ct., Sunset Ct., Cottonwood Ct., Vista View Ct., Timber Lane Dr., and Pleasant Hill Ct. No Parking Signs will be placed at both ends of entrance to these streets and no parking will be allowed between the signs but parking will be allowed past the signs within the circle of the street. A motion to approve Ordinance 24-03 was made by Rob Fisher and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

**d) 2025 Budget**

The city will be dropping the mill levy by 1.5 mills. Transfer changes were made for 2024 and 2025 to cover the water tower project and prevent the water fund from being depleted by the start of 2025.

**New Business**

**a) Approve RNR Notice**

A motion to approve the Notice of Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate was made by Rob Fisher and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

**b) Approve Budget Publication Page**

The mill levy will be dropped by 1.5 mills lowering it from 25.548 to 24.1. A motion to approve the publication of the 2025 Budget Publication page was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Rob Fisher. The motion passed unanimously.

**c) 2024 LKM Conference**

The League of Kansas Municipalities Annual Conference will be in Wichita on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor would like for both he and the city clerk to attend. A motion to approve the Mayor and City Clerk to attend the conference was made by Rob Fisher and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

**d) Parking Lot**

There have been parking issues along Main Street. A proposed solution is to put in a 100ft gravel parking lot to hold roughly 10 cars on the empty lot between the empty store building and Casey's. A motion to proceed with the parking lot was made by Rob Fisher and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

**e) Consider Lot Purchases**

The county currently owns the lots located at 408 and 416 Sioux. The city could bid \$500 per lot plus a \$300 publication fee for a total of \$1300 so that they may take possession of the

lots from the county. A motion to approve the purchase of the lots was made by Malcolm Griffin and was seconded by Rob Fisher. The motion passed unanimously.

**f) Tree Trimming Bid**

A motion to approve the bid for \$1700 from Leprechaun Lawn to remove and or trim trees and branches in several agreed upon locations was made by Rob Fisher and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS**

**a) Mayors Report**

The Mayor announced that the Record Retention schedule will be reviewed. The generator project continues to move forward after another morning spent with CES. The sewer project continues to move forward as the city works with the corp land.

**b) Planning & Zoning**

Nothing to report.

**c) Governmental Affairs**

Nothing to report.

**d) Law Enforcement**

Nothing to report.

**e) Parks**

Nothing to report.

**f) Streets**

There are sections at the top of Lakeview Ct. and in front of 636 Kansa that are falling apart and will need to be repaired.

**g) Utilities**

Nothing to report.

The Mayor adds that everyone is very pleased with how the city work is being done. Jamie Klenklen adds that she would like to thank City Clerk Mazi Barnes for her help.

Lee Hendricks announced that July will be his last month as the City Attorney. He is hopeful to have a replacement from his office take over and that he will be able to help transition the new attorney.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rob Fisher and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

