

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

### CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

**August 12th, 2024**

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on August 12th, 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- Absent**

**Laci Heller-Absent**

Also present were the following persons:

City Clerk- Mazi Barnes

Treasurer- Jamie Klenklen

Residents: Tom Barnes II, Ellis Moses, Sharon Branson, Ken Miller, Donna Huffman, Dana Gettel, Lindsay Dobbs, Mike Whitefield

**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 no changes. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Malcolm Griffin and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

**Regular Agenda:**

*Citizen Comments:* Donna Huffman of 122 Vista View has some concerns that she is being unfairly charged in regards to the sewer debt fee associated with her shop building. "There are other residents with shops/ RV garages that are not being charged an extra debt fee and I am just asking to be treated fairly". The Mayor thanks her for sharing her concerns and they will take it under advisement and provide her a decision in writing as requested.

*Council Comments:* NA

**Old Business**

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

The stem has been blasted and primed and the bulb is roughly 2/3rds blasted. TankSpec has had a couple issues with equipment that has slowed progress. We have received one complaint of paint chips being blown into a house and TankSpec has handled it.

### **b) Lot Purchases**

We have not heard anything more regarding our bid on the 2 county owned lots within the city.

## **New Business**

### **a) Appoint Attorney**

Another firm did send a proposal for council services at \$300/hr for an unspecified description of services. Considering the cities long standing relationship with Stumbo Hanson Law and Lee Hendricks recommendation as well as the lesser cost a motion was made by Kevin Klenklen to appoint Tom Barnes II from Stumbo Hanson as the cities attorney, the motion was seconded by Malcolm Griffin. The motion passed unanimously.

### **b) Main St Parking**

Section 14-205 of the city code currently states that no parking is allowed on either side of main street. With the restaurant parking and the new parking lot being put in the city would like to pass an ordinance to revise the wording to fit this appropriately. Changing "no parking" to "no parking between designated signs". A motion to approve this ordinance change was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Malcolm Griffin. The motion passed unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

### **a) Mayors Report**

The Mayor received a call from the school superintendent who would like to come speak at Octobers meeting to give an update on their plans for the school.

Next Month's meeting will begin at 6:50 with the RNR hearing then move to the budget hearing at 6:55 and finally the regular meeting will open at 7pm.

The Mayor has talked to Mitch Frye and tree trimming is underway.

The generator project continues, there have been 3 meetings so far and the project is slated to be fully covered by Federal and State funds.

The Mayor handed out a print out from the city clerk regarding the cost to build a splash park for the council to review to see if it is a project they want to take on in the future.

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

- Mike Whitfield-106 Goldenrod-Gravel Driveway, privacy fence, shop. A motion to approve the application was made by Malcolm Griffin and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

- Mike Niccum-102 Cottonwood-Privacy Fence. A motion to approve the application was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.
- Mitch Frye-424 Delaware-Shop- A motion to approve the application was made by Malcolm Griffin and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.
- Anthony Aranda-401 Delaware-Wheelchair ramp and sidewalk. A motion to approve the application was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Malcolm Griffin. The motion passed unanimously.
- Dale Moses-118 Sunset-Deck Remodel. A motion to approve the application was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.
- Mary Getto-123 Sunset-Room Addition. A motion to approve the application was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **c) Governmental Affairs**

Nothing to report.

#### **d) Law Enforcement**

The Mayor read the report that included 2 code enforcements 1 has been fixed and one has been subpoenaed and will appear in City Court in September. 5 Safety Enforcements and 4 other reports including a domestic disturbance, a neighbor dispute and 2 welfare checks.

#### **e) Parks**

Nothing to report.

#### **f) Streets**

Nothing to report.

#### **g) Utilities**

The Mayor shares that we have purchased a new irrigation pump at a price of \$6800 and that the lift station on Kiowa is still having an issue tripping. Kevin Klenklen thanks the Maintenance Staff for the work they did on the hydrants both flushing and lubricating them and now the fire department will be able to flow test them and Grange can begin painting when ready.

A motion for a 5-minute executive session to include the council, mayor and attorney to discuss non-elected personnel was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

Session began at 7:31pm

Session ended at 7:35pm

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 7:36pm