

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

### **CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS**

**September 9, 2024**

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on September 9, 2024 at the City Hall of Ozawkie, Kansas. The following Council members were present:

**Loren Lutes, Mayor**

**Laci Heller**

**Malcolm Griffin**

**Rob Fisher, Via Phone**

**Kevin Klenklen**

Also present were the following persons:

Mazi Barnes, City Clerk

Jamie Klenklen, Treasurer

Tom Barnes, Attorney

Mark Tenpenny, Public Works

Residents: Sharon Branson, Susan Kramer, Don Lassiter, Dana Gettel

**The Public Hearing to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate was called to order at 6:50 P.M.**

Mayor Lutes informed those present of the cities intention to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate set forth by the county. The RNR is 22.621 and we have the intention of exceeding that to 24.1. Don Lassiter asked how the increase in Mills will affect taxes and Mayor Lutes informed him that it would raise taxes roughly \$16/a year per \$100,000.

**With no additional comments from the public or council the hearing to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate closed at 6:56 P.M.**

**The 2025 Budget Hearing opened at 6:56 P.M.**

Mayor Lutes reviewed the major changes to the budget regarding the water fund in order to pay for the new paint job the water tower received.

**With no additional comments from the public or council the 2025 Budget Hearing closed at 7:00 P.M.**

**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 no additional changes. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Malcolm Griffin and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

*Treasurer Comment:* No additional comments.

**Regular Agenda:**

*Citizen Comments:* At Susan Kramer's request the Mayor signed in a document proclaiming the week of September 17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> as Constitution week and asks that the citizens reaffirm the ideals and freedoms guaranteed through the original document. Susan Kramer also handed out copies of the Declaration of Independence.

*Council Comments:* No additional comments.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**a) Water Tower Update**

TankSpec worked over the past week to clean up a few items on the water tower including the letter "a" smoothing out the line between the dark and light blue as well as cleaning up and repainting the rough areas at the bottom of the tower. A few lines were knocked down during equipment removal and Tankspec will pay for the repairs when and if a bill is received by the city or residents. Tankspec is also working directly with a resident who had some overspray paint on his truck and boat otherwise all issues have been resolved.

**b) Lot Purchase Update**

The County Treasurer informed Mayor Lutes that the purchase for the 2 lots on Sioux was accepted and the city is now awaiting deeds.

**NEW BUSSINESS**

**a) RNR Resolution 24-3**

Mayor Lutes read resolution 24-3 in its entirety stating that the council after holding a public hearing still finds it necessary to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. A motion to approve the resolution was put forth by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously. City Clerk Mazi Barnes took down the Roll Call Vote with all present members voting "yes".

**b) 2025 Budget**

A motion to adopt the 2025 Budget was put forth by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Malcolm Griffin. The motion passed unanimously.

**c) Consider Giant Communications Franchise Ordinance**

Action on this will be deferred as there are a few changes that need to be discussed with the Giant Franchise Account Manager including the renewal portion of the franchise Ordinance.

#### **d) Consider Sewer Ordinance Change**

Mayor Lutes would like the council to consider how they may want to change or rephrase the wording in Ordinance 22-7 to better explain how monthly charges will be handled for new sewer hookups specifically the sewer debt fee.

### **REPORTS**

#### **a) Mayors Report**

Mayor Lutes shared multiple items in his report.

1. *Water Tower Interior:* TankSpec conducted a survey of the interior of the water tower and found that the following items will need to be considered for repairs or replacements in the near future. Some Ladder rungs need repaired or replaced, inlet pipe insulation needs redone along the entire 120ft length, lap joint above the water level in the tank is starting to rust the tower will need to be drained so that joint can have the rusted portion removed replaced and painted, finally the bypass needs to be opened to allow the old water and buildup so drain out and then refilled.
2. *Township Contract:* The contract between the city and township needs to be revisited, discussion will begin at tomorrow night's township meeting.
3. *Brightspeed Franchisee:* The Mayor and City Clerk will be reviewing the Brightspeed franchise agreement to consider appropriate changes.
4. *Sewer Line Leak:* A sewer line leak was identified along the line that runs from lift station 1 under Delaware Dr.
5. *Water Line Grant:* On behalf of the City Christy Crews submitted a grant proposal to the state to study and design a preliminary report regarding the water line leaks in the city. The grant amount is \$45000 and we will be notified in December if we are awarded the grant or not.
6. *Recodification:* The city will need to consider a recodification service that will update our 2007 code with all ordinances and other changes that have been passed since then therefore unifying the code and ordinances together the cost will be around \$3000. The Mayor will examine proposals from different companies before bringing anything to the council for action.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Mayor Lutes reads the report. The report included 2 code enforcements, 5 safety enforcements, 1 domestic disturbance, 1 neighbor disturbance, 7 building checks and 1 lewd and lascivious act (currently pending with district court).

**e) Parks**

Nothing to report.

**f) Streets**

The striping along Main St. was finally completed. Kevin Klenklen also received an email regarding the city having sealed over previous striping along Kansa but Kevin informed the company that their striping was done on top of the sealing and the city has not done anything additional since the striping was done.

**g) Utilities**

Kevin Klenklen reported that the Fire Dept. did not aid ABATE this year with any kind of water distribution as last year used far more than intended without any kind of payment or donation made to the Fire Dept. or City for said water usage.

A Motion for a 10-minute Executive session to include the mayor, council members and city attorney to discuss non-elected personnel under attorney-client privilege was made by Kevin Klenklen and was second by Malcolm Griffin. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session went into order at 7:29 P.M.

The meeting was called back to order at 7:39 P.M.

No action was taken.

A motion to adjourn was made by Malcolm Griffin and was seconded Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.