

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

October 14th, 2024

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on October 14th, 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:

City Clerk- Mazi Barnes

Treasurer- Jamie Klenklen

Attorney- Tom Barnes

Residents: Sharon Branson, Ken Miller, Dana Gettel, Lindsay Dobbs, Nikola and Bill Osburn, Jason Petty, Brad Neuenswander

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 4 additions under new business. Item C Halloween Request, item D Re-Codification, item E Dollar General and item F 2024 audit engagement letter. And 1 change to the previous meetings minutes to add Tom Barnes under present persons. A motion to approve the consent agenda as amended was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

Citizen Comments: Jan Stone of 102 sunflower Blvd. Shared her feelings regarding the renters across from her. They are a primary reason she is moving from Ozawkie as over the past year and a half they have caused a multitude of issues including code violations, all night noise, aggressive and disrespectful verbal abuse and threats. She urges the city to take some kind of action to alleviate this problem.

Council Comments: NA

Old Business

a) Consider Giant Franchise Ordinance 24-4

Giant has agreed to make the changes put forth during last month's meeting with the exception of the contract term which will remain at 15 years. A motion to approve ordinance 24-4 was made by Kevin Klenk and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

a) School Update

Jeff West School Superintendent Brad Neuenswander shared an update on the Keystone Learning Facilities located in Ozawie. Moving forward the John Dewey students will be moving to a building in Oskaloosa but the administrative offices will remain at Keystone. The remaining classrooms in Keystone will be renovated to provide early childhood care for special needs children as well as at risk families.

b) Consider Sewer Rebate Request

Donna Huffman has requested reimbursement for the money she has paid to the sewer debt fee since having her second connection put in. The council reviewed the numbers and discussion from the previous month's meeting and a motion to reimburse Mrs. Huffman a sum of \$975 was made by Kevin Klenk and was seconded by Malcolm Griffin. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Halloween Trail Request

Dana Gettel came before the council to address confusion and questions surrounding the Haunted Trail Event. She admitted that they did not previously obtain permission from the city council for the event as she believed that she only needed permission from the Army Corp of Engineers which she believed she had. She also admitted that after hearing some rumors Lindsay Dobbs did message a city workers cell phone believing it belonged to someone else using colorful language to describe the worker and mayor she later apologized. Back and forth discussion took place between OCC members and the Mayor in the following days over the phone in which arguments about the requirement for council approval did get heated and OCC members did make claim that the mayor had personal vengeance towards them: The Mayor made an executive decision to allow the event to go on for the first weekend on the condition that OCC come to the meeting and request permission for the second weekend. A representative from the CORP did send an email to both the city and OCC stating that permission from the City was required. Attorney Tom Barnes asked to speak and wanted to clarify that 1. OCC did not come before the council prior to today to seek permission for the event and that they must on an annual basis request permission for all events as a previous council cannot bind current council to any decisions. And 2. That OCC does not currently hold any insurance coverage for their events and that he holds concerns over this that in the event injury happened that both OCC and

the City would be held liable. A motion to approve one more weekend of the Haunted trail with insurance was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Rob Fisher. A motion to amend the motion to approve the event without insurance was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Laci Heller, the amendment failed 2-3. The original motion passed unanimously.

d) Re-Codification

Ranson Financial provided a quote of \$3750.00 for codification services and a yearly fee of \$1250 for always up to date service. A motion to approve the quote was made by Malcolm Griffin and was seconded by Rob Fisher. The motion passed unanimously.

e) Dollar General

The council discussed a purchase price for the 1.5-acre parcel Dollar General is seeking for a new building. A motion to propose a price of \$35000 was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Malcolm Griffin. The motion passed unanimously.

f) 2024 Audit Engagement Letter

Shiple LLC proposed services for the 2024 fiscal year audit at a price not to exceed \$7100 this is a \$1000 increase to last years \$6100. A motion to approve the contract was made by Rob Fisher and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

a) Mayors Report

The Mayor noted that the water leak located at Keystone Learning Facilities was fixed. The Mayor Reported that the Annual League of Kansas Municipalities was good, sessions were well attended, speakers were knowledgeable and much valuable information was learned perhaps most notably that beginning in 2027 cities will have to begin testing for PFAS in the water samples. City Clerk Mazi Barnes thanked the city for the opportunity to attend. She noted that among the information she learned one aspect of increased importance will be the need to update and extend the city code and personnel policies surround internet and technology use as with the multitude of technological updates rules surrounding KORA/KOMA have changed and the policy needs to reflect those changes.

b) Planning & Zoning

Nothing to report.

c) Governmental Affairs

Nothing to report.

d) Law Enforcement

Rob Fisher read the report that included 1 code enforcement that will appear in City Court in November. 6 Safety Enforcements and 5 other reports including 2 domestic disturbances 2 suspicious person calls and 1 suspicious vehicle, 8 building checks and extra patrolling will be done on Halloween night as well as November 4-6 for the election.

e) Parks

The Park restrooms will be winterized soon.

f) Streets

Nothing to report on streets but Laci reported her neighbor at 103 Cottonwood was having a water leak.

g) Utilities

Nothing to report.

A motion for a 10-minute executive session to include the Mayor Council and Attorney to discuss non-elected personnel and to return at 8:25 was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Rob Fisher.

The executive session began at 8:15

The Executive session ended at 8:25

A motion to employ David Metzger as a part time maintenance employee at the discussed rate was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Rob Fisher. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37

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