

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

November 11th, 2024

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on November 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:

City Clerk- Mazi Barnes

Maint. Supervisor- Mark Tenpenny

Attorney- Tom Barnes

Residents: Sharon Branson, Dana Gettel, Lindsay Dobbs

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 3 additions under new business. Item d) Office Renovation, item e) Ehrhart Contract and item f) Library Dropbox. And 1 change to the previous meetings minutes to fix typo (from to for) under Halloween Trail Request. 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: On behalf of OCC Dana Gettel and Lindsay Dobbs asked for permission to put up Christmas Decorations on Main Street as they have in previous years. There will be no Christmas Tree this year just lights, inflatables and a letterbox to Santa. This item was added as item g) under New Business.

Council Comments: NA

New Business

a) Consider Dog Care Home Business

Eric and Tatum Eck of 321 Sioux Dr. have sent a letter asking the Council for permission to open an in home dog daycare and boarding facility. They outlined their current working regulations that they would operate by, which is comparable to the outlines for an in home child care facility that the City has in its code book. Council member Rob Fisher asked if they had talked to their neighbors regarding this and asked if by allowing this are we setting a precedent for future in home businesses. A motion to have Attorney Tom Barnes draft an ordinance allowing an in Home Dog Care Business and the regulations for it was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Consider Dollar General Plan

Dollar General submitted an updated plan that flipped the current site plan that was approved at the October meeting. This change to the plan was to better avoid utility lines and is still within the acreage discussed at the last meeting. A motion to approve the plan as submitted was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Consider Generator Project Plan

General discussion regarding the placement of the generators took place. The mayor informed the council that if the plan was approved CES could have the bidding documents out before the 1st of the year. The Estimated cost is over \$400,000 and is completely covered by grants. A motion to approve the plan as presented was made by Rob Fisher and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

d) Office Renovation

Quotes for new flooring in the City Office were presented to council members. The Township has agreed to cover the cost of new carpet at a price of \$1662.30 and if the more expensive vinyl option was chosen the city would cover the price difference. A motion to approve the purchase of new vinyl flooring subject to quality and wear time being sufficient was made by Rob Fisher and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

e) Ehrhart Contract

The current contract with Ehrhart Excavating will end January 1st. The council reviewed the contract submitted that did contain a small increase on some of the equipment rates but other than that remained the same. After discussion the council did not act on this matter.

f) Library Dropbox

The Meriden Ozawkie Library would like to put a return drop box in the Ozawkie Park or outside the Ozawkie Township building. A motion to approve this return drop box was made Malcolm Griffin and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

g) OCC Christmas Decoration Request

OCC would like to decorate the main street lot for Christmas with lights, inflatables and a letterbox for letters to Santa. A motion to approve this request was made by Rob Fisher and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously

REPORTS

a) Mayors Report

The Mayor thanked the Pleasant View Grange for painting the fire hydrants and Council member Klenklen informed them that the fire department would flow test the hydrants and paint the tops with the according color.

b) Planning & Zoning

No plans were reviewed but discussion regarding the current planning and zoning app did take place. The committee agreed that the site plans seem to contain the most issues and recommended that uploading a utilities map to the website and reminding applicants to make use of Google maps could result in more adequate site plans.

c) Governmental Affairs

Nothing to report.

d) Law Enforcement

Nothing to report.

e) Parks

Nothing to report.

f) Streets

There are 2-3 large areas that need fixing at the north end of Sioux. The city will reach out to Approved Paving to have them quote the repairs needed.

g) Utilities

Nothing to report.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:39pm