

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

December 9th, 2024

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on December 9th, 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 (by zoom & phone)

Also present were the following persons:

City Clerk- Mazi Barnes
Attorney- Tom Barnes
Residents: Sharon and Gary Branson, Dana Gettel, Lindsay Dobbs, Niki Osburn, Tatum Eck, Dale Moses, Nick Ehrhart

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 Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Malcolm Griffin. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

Citizen Comments: Sharon Branson noted that the airplane teeter totter has become such a fan favorite that the wear and tear has caused permanent damage including one of the seats coming off and asks that the city consider purchasing a replacement. On behalf of OCC Dana Gettel announced that Ozawkie Connections would be dissolving due to low member numbers. Remaining Assets will be distributed to other 501C3's as per the bylaws.

Council Comments: NA

Old Business

a) Dog Care Business

Tatum Eck was present to explain the purpose of the business was to provide their son Donovan with a stimulating job to give him purpose now that school was completed. They do not intend to have more than 3-4 dogs ever at a time. The Mayor said the city is just working on finding a way to codify the business in a simple way for all parties and will continue to search for it for the next meeting.

b) Dollar General Contract

The Mayor briefly reviewed the current plan presented to the council and that they received a purchase agreement from Dollar General. Attorney Tom Barnes saw nothing worth noting in the agreement. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Malcolm Griffin. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Leak Repair Contract

The council was given 2 leak repair contracts, one from Ehrhart Excavating out of Hoyt and one from KNA Diggin out of Oskaloosa. Prices are very close the key differences are that KNA will not charge mileage or a monthly retainer fee. Councilmembers all agreed that Ehrhart has done a fine job thus far and that the work they have seen from KNA was also well done. A motion to approve the rates from KNA as set forth was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion carried 3-1.

New Business

a) KCE Discussion

Councilmember Klenklen would like to know if KCE programs have taken on splash pad/parks as projects and what kind of information or grants are available through KCE for these types of projects. Jaime Menon recommended searching the KCE website for a list of other cities who have taken on the project and you can find great information about it. Councilmember Rob Fisher asked about volunteer sourcing and if its restricted to city limits or how we can help membership grow. Jaime listed a variety of tools like community surveys that can help peek interest and get new volunteers.

b) Judge Replacement Plan

Judge Reiling will be retiring at the end of the year. The Mayor recommends selecting a new representative on an as needed basis and has received recommendations from both the City Attorney and City Police Chief. The candidates will be asked to send a letter stating why they would like to represent Ozawkie and outline additional details for the council to review at the next meeting.

c) Street Paving

Approved Paving submitted a bid of \$26,500 for 6 areas in need of repair. A motion to approve the bid with the notion that the work be done with the outside temperature being no lower than 50 during the day and 32 at night was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Rob Fisher. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

a) Mayors Report

Bids for the Generator project will go out this month. We will receive more details on the water line study grant next month.

b) Planning & Zoning

A plan for Dale Gant at 644 Delaware to replace his existing deck was reviewed and approved by Planning and Zoning. A motion to approve the permit application was made by Malcolm Griffin and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Governmental Affairs

Nothing to report.

d) Law Enforcement

Nothing to report.

e) Parks

A motion to approve the purchase of a new airplane teeter totter for the park not to exceed \$550 was made by Malcolm Griffin and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

f) Streets

Nothing top report.

g) Utilities

Nothing to report.

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

Executive Session began at 7:53

Executive session ended at 7:58

No business took place.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:59pm

