

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

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

**January 13th, 2025**

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on January 13th, 2025 at the City Hall of Ozawkie, Kansas. The following Council members were present:

**Loren Lutes, Mayor**  
**Kevin Klenklen**  
**Laci Heller**  
**Chris Feuerborn**  
**Rob Fisher**

Also present were the following persons:

City Clerk- Mazi Barnes  
Attorney- Tom Barnes  
Treasurer- Jamie Klenklen  
Maint. Supervisor- Mark Tenpenny

**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 three changes. Under New Business, item E Lago Vista Fire, item F 2025 Water Conference and item G Snow Removal Equipment. 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:* NA

*Council Comments:* Rob Fisher asked where we were with the recodification, Mazi has sent a follow up email and is waiting for a reply. Kevin Klenklen asks that the city keep the landline in service as those who still use a landline would be charged long distance to call the city cell phone. Chris Feuerborn thanks Mark for all his hard work clearing the streets.

**Old Business**

**a) Judge Replacement Plan**

The city has received a letter of interest from a candidate currently working for the county. A motion to move forwards with hiring negotiations was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

### **b) Pet Care**

Ordinances 25-01 and 25-02 were put forward with changes allowing for Pet Care Facilities within city limits. Facilities are not to allow more than 6 animals in addition to the 3 animals already allowed by City ordinance. A motion to approve Ordinance 25-01 was made by Rob Fisher and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously. A motion to approve ordinance 25-02 was made by Rob Fisher and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

## **New Business**

### **a) LRS Trash Price Increase**

LRS has requested a processing fee increase of 3% moving from \$17.37 to \$17.90 per residence, they did not have an increase in 2024. A motion to approve this rate increase and move the city utility charge from \$18.50 to \$19 was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Rob Fisher. The motion passed unanimously.

### **b) City Aid Contract**

The contract for 2025 budget prep was reviewed, the price remains the same at \$500. A motion to approve the contract was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Rob Fisher. The motion passed unanimously.

### **c) Hometown Grants Contract**

Christy Crews the current grant writer for the city has requested a contract retainer fee in the amount of \$2100 a month to remain on as the cities grant writer. She has gained a significant amount of business and wishes to remain working with the city. The monthly retainer fee was produced based on the average monthly hours billed. A motion to approve the contract was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Rob Fisher. The motion passed unanimously.

### **d) 2025 Water Conference**

The Mayor has requested the approval of employees Mazi Barnes, Mark Tenpenny and David Metzger as well as himself to attend the 2025 annual water conference in Wichita. Both Mazi and David will be able to take the first of their certification tests. A motion to approve the attendance of all 4 was made by Rob Fisher and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn.

### **e) Lago Vista Fire**

Kevin Klenklen proposed that due to the significant kitchen fire and damage to the restaurant that the city waive the city utility bill for the restaurant until they reopen. A motion to approve the waived bill was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Rob Fisher. The motion passed unanimously.

## **f) Snow Removal Equipment**

The city's current salt spreader is broken and not in a repairable state. The cost for a new one is \$9880.50. Kevin Klenklen recommends selling the current spreader, the red truck and the snow pusher. He also recommends looking into the replacement of the dump truck in order to get equipment that is more suitable to the cities needs. The mayor will call Oskaloosa to see if they can assist us with the spreading of sand while we get a replacement. A motion to approve the purchase of the new spreader was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

### **a) Mayors Report**

Bids for the generator will be received at the end of the month. The Mayor asks that the council be thinking about dates for the Easter Egg hunt and announces that the annual garage sales will go on as planned and they need only to decide how much they would like to charge to be placed on the map he suggested \$5 or \$10.

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

Nothing to report.

### **c) Governmental Affairs**

Nothing to report.

### **d) Law Enforcement**

Rob Fisher reads the police report that includes 7 building checks, 3 welfare checks, 1 domestic disturbance, 3 vehicle burglaries (currently under investigation) 1 equipment violation, 4 stop sign violations and 1 code enforcement update. 306 Kansa Dr. is now in compliance as the squatting tenant has been removed and the rightful owners have been working hard to clean up the property. Attorney Tom Barnes recommends dismissal of the case.

### **e) Parks**

Nothing to report.

### **f) Streets**

Nothing top report.

### **g) Utilities**

Nothing to report.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rob Fisher and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02pm

