

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

February 10th, 2025

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on February 10th, 2025 at the City Hall of Ozawkie, Kansas. The following Council members were present:

Loren Lutes, Mayor

Kevin Klenklen

Laci Heller

Chris Feuerborn

Malcolm Griffin

Also present were the following persons:

City Clerk- Mazi Barnes

Attorney- Tom Barnes

Treasurer- Jamie Klenklen

Maint. Supervisor- Mark Tenpenny

Resident- Merrill Jacob

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 two changes. Under New Business, item G) City Judge, item H) Investment. A motion to approve the consent agenda as amended was made by Malcolm Griffin and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

Citizen Comments: None

Council Comments: None

Old Business

a) Trash Ordinance

Ordinance 25-3 was reviewed approving the increased trash rates approved at last month's meeting. A poll vote was taken and the ordinance passed 4-0.

b) Resignation

The Mayor read aloud Jamie Durand's resignation letter. Jamie thanked the city for the opportunity but now that his business has picked up he no longer has the time to work for the city. A Motion to accept the resignation was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Generator Bids

The council and Mayor reviewed the bid sheet provided by CES engineering with the low bid coming in from S4 Electric at \$172,500. A motion to accept the bid from S4 Electric and empower the Mayor to sign the contract once it is ready was made by Malcolm Griffin and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

a) 2024 Mitigation Resolution

Resolution 25-1 adopts the most current Hazard Mitigation Plan from Homeland Security. A Motion to approve this resolution was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Community Activities

The Mayor would like the council to consider and come to a general consensus on the City holding 4 events for 2025 to include Easter, Annual Garage Sales, The Heritage Festival and a Holiday Activity. Currently Easter planning is underway with an approved date of April 19th and a working time of 1pm so as not to interfere with other city egg hunts. We currently have 5 volunteers secured including an Easter Bunny for photos. Donations or pledges have been made from multiple local businesses and families. Council member Klenklen asks why the City is getting into the "Activity Business" and the Mayor states that we are simply filling the current void. Council Members Feuerborn Heller and Griffin agree that they would like to see the city continue to put on these events. All council members agreed to proceed with activities for the year.

c) Police Equipment Request

A quote for from Axon Enterprises for new software and equipment at a payment price of \$4420 a year for 5 years was reviewed but the council has further questions regarding the quote and would like additional time to review before making a decision. A Quote for a new ticket printer for the police vehicle at a price of \$735 from Mooring Tech was reviewed. A motion to approve the printer was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Malcolm Griffin. The motion passed unanimously.

d) Grinder Pump Quote

A quote to replace the existing Fairbanks pump that is continuing to trip the lift station alarm with a Homa Grinder pump from C&B Equipment at a price of \$34,646 was reviewed. A motion to approve the quote was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

e) Giant Communications Quote

The council reviewed 2 quotes from Giant communications to replace existing phone service. The higher quote replaces the existing phone service and replaces the landline phone. The lower quote replaces the existing phone service and provides mobile app in place of the landline while still retaining the landline number A motion to approve the lower quote for \$21.80 was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

f) Park Request

The Meriden/Ozawkie Library has requested the use of the city park and park facilities for their summer Reading Kickoff Event to be held May 28th from 10:30-12:30 and will include yard games, face painting(tentative) and a foam party. The Library held their Summer reading Kickoff Event in the township hall last year with over 150 people in attendance and estimate between 100-200 to attend this year. A motion to approve the request was made by Malcolm Griffin and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

g) City Judge

At Police Chief Tim Bacons recommendation, the city contacted Miranda Cohen regarding taking over the current vacancy as the City Judge. She happily agreed to take over the position at a fee of \$150 per court session. A motion to approve the contracting between the city and Miranda Cohen was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously. Court will also be moved from the last Wednesday of the month in Meriden to the second Monday of the month at 6pm in the Ozawkie Community Center before the monthly Council meeting.

h) Investment

The city currently holds about \$550,000 between their two accounts. The Mayor talked to Denison State Bank and can get 4.21% interest on a 6-month CD. A motion to approve a \$300,000 CD investment was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

a) Mayors Report

The Mayor attended The Kansas Mayors Association Legislation Day at the state capitol on January 22nd where he spoke with several legislators. Multiple bills were discussed by legislature including one that will take a mill and a half from the 20mil school levy and make it up from general fund, this bill has officially passed but may not have yet been signed. Another proposed bill is one that may affect the City's say in zoning around the 3 miles outside of city limits. Currently the city can speak on zoning matters regarding this limit but some cities are trying to remove that, this bill is still being discussed.

b) Planning & Zoning

Merrill Jacob presented a plan to increase the square footage of Lago Vista from 1020 to 1508 expanding the building by 6ft on the south and east walls. Planning and Zoning reviewed and approved the plan at their meeting February 3rd and recommends it for council approval. A motion to approve this application was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Chris Feuerborn. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Governmental Affairs

Nothing to report.

d) Law Enforcement

The Mayor reads the police report that includes 2 building checks, 1 noise complaint, 1 theft report, 2 equipment violation, 1 stop sign violation, 1 speed violation and 1 code enforcement at 101 E Central.

e) Parks

The new airplane teeter totter has arrived and will be installed when the weather warms up a bit.

f) Streets

Nothing top report.

g) Utilities

Reviews the 3 water leaks that were fixed over the past week following the snow melting and mentions possible vehicle upgrades for the shop dump truck.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Malcolm Griffin. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.