

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

March 10th, 2025

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

Rob Fisher

Also present were the following persons:

Attorney- Tom Barnes

Treasurer- Jamie Klenklen

Maint. Supervisor- Mark Tenpenny

Residents- Sharon Branson, Jen Christie

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 one change. Under New Business, item B) Gap Waiver Resolution 25-2. A motion to approve the consent agenda as amended was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

Citizen Comments: Sharon Branson noted that she felt the town looked very nice when they returned after being away for several months.

Council Comments: None

Old Business

a) Police Equipment Request

Police Chief Tim Bacon was present to review his request for the lease of new software and equipment for the Ozawkie Police Department. He reviewed the 5-year lease from Axon Mobile

which covers new software as well as a new taser and body camera that will constantly be traded in for the latest upgrade during the life of the lease. The total lease price came in at a total of \$22,572.02 to be paid in yearly installments of \$4514.40 with the ability to cancel at any time if it is decided this system is not what Ozawkie needs. Tim answered the council member's questions regarding the price and quality comparison of the Axon program to the one currently used by the city and the program currently used by the county as well as questions regarding the trade in of the old equipment and the new equipment at the end of the lease. A motion to approve the purchase of the Axon Mobile lease was made by Rob Fisher and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously. The funds will be split between the police equipment reserve fund and the general police fund.

Police Chief Tim Bacon presented his security camera system quote from Amazon he has found a set of 8 cameras that can be installed both indoors and outdoors of the building for \$800. Tim is able to install these cameras himself and will only need some longer cable for a few of the outside ones. A motion to approve the purchase of the security camera package was made by Malcolm Griffin and was seconded by Rob Fisher. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

a) Lead and Copper Rule Improvements

The city met with JEO consultants on Thursday to review and prepare a set of Standard Operating Procedures regarding the upkeep of the lead and copper water line inventory. This is a document that the City Clerk will have to keep up to date as changes are made to either city owned or private side lines as well as private side plumbing if its obtainable. Mazi will work with the City Contractors KNA Diggin as well as Maint. Supervisor Mark Tenpenny to make sure these changes are noted and recorded promptly.

b) GAP Waiver Resolution 25-2

Every year the city must pass a resolution to exempt the use of GAAP Accounting and continue to use Cash Basis Accounting. A motion to approve resolution 25-2 was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Rob Fisher. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Lift Station Pump

A quote at 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.

REPORTS

a) Mayors Report

The Mayor has been speaking with several legislators regarding 4-5 bills currently in the Kansas Senate that could make things tougher on small rural towns like Ozawkie. At this time there has not been a call for signatures but several small town Mayors and other

government officials have been informing the state legislators regarding the difficulties caused.

The Mayor asked Mark tenpenny for his update. Mark noted that there has been a bit of a parking issue at 102 Central that caused some difficulties in snow removal but has since been resolved. He will also need some part time help mowing now that spring has hit mowing will likely begin within 3 weeks and last year it took 3 workers to keep up with the mowing.

The Mayor read an activities update from Mazi Barnes. The city has received a total of \$190 in monetary donations as well as the donation of candy and some volunteer time from Laci Heller. The request to the Meriden/Ozawkie Chamber of Commerce for the purchase of bikes as grand prizes was approved so 4 bikes will be purchased 1 for each age group. Mazi has also received word back on the city's code revision and they should receive a draft by the end of the week.

b) Planning & Zoning

Nothing to report.

c) Governmental Affairs

Nothing to report.

d) Law Enforcement

Rob Fisher reads the police report that includes 5 building checks, 2 Sheriff's Office Assists, 1 theft report, 1 stop sign violation, 2 speed violations, 1 code enforcement at 101 E Central (ongoing) and 1 special report of a Juvenile Fight at the City Park (charges pending with District Court).

e) Parks

The new airplane teeter totter has been assembled and will be installed tomorrow. Mark plans to open the park restrooms the 1st of April.

f) Streets

As the weather begins to warm up some cracks are appearing and may need sealed. There is a spot on Sioux that needs fixed and is on the quote approved last year from Approved Paving and the Mayor would like to add one additional spot on Vista View to the contract as well.

g) Utilities

The Fire Department has been talking about flow testing the hydrants within the next 2 months and after the flow testing is complete the tops of the lids will be spray painted with the corresponding color needed to indicate the flow amount. Within 3 years the department will have another ISO audit, currently the dept. holds the best rating available.

A motion for a 20-minute Executive Session to discuss Land Contracts and Non-Elected Personnel to include the council and legal rep. was made by Rob Fisher and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session began at 7:30

Executive Session ended at 7:50

No action was taken.

Council Member Klenklen asked if the city intended to allow outside vendors at the Annual Garage Sales. The general consensus was to not allow any outside vendors at the garage sales. The Mayor did recommend increasing the annual business license fee from \$10 to \$25 and have one day vendors obtain a business license like all other permanent and temporary businesses in town.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rob Fisher and was seconded by Malcolm Griffin. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.