

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF OZAWKIE, KANSAS

June 9th, 2025

A meeting of the City Council of Ozawkie, Kansas was held on June 9th, 2025 at the City Hall of Ozawkie, Kansas. The following Council members were present:

Loren Lutes, Mayor

Kevin Klenklen

Laci Heller

Malcolm Griffin

Rob Fisher

Chris Feuerborn

Also present were the following persons:

City Clerk- Mazi Barnes

Treasurer- Jamie Klenklen

Attorney- Tom Barnes

Maint. Supervisor- Mark Tenpenny

Residents/Guests- Sharon Branson, Erin Rider, Brandon Van Noy, Merrill Jacob, Phil

Birkinsha, Lisa Abramovitz

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 1 change. Under New Business, item A) Planning and Zoning Code Update. Mayor Lutes commented regarding the financials “you’ll notice a couple large checks these include the lift station repairs for roughly \$30,000 and the well pumps were replaced for wells 1 & 2 that cost just under \$20,000. Otherwise we are on track with budget and just need to keep an eye on the water budget as it continues to run tight”. 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: Erin Rider of 401 Kiowa is one of the new owners of the Just the Place Wedding Venue now under the umbrella company E & J Events and has a professional background in the arts. She came to ask the council if they would be interested in her providing her painting services to create a mural on the back of the township building to highlight the backdrop of the park and bring a beautiful

enhancement to the city. If they are interested she could put together an official quote and show some of her ideas for a design. Materials were passed out to show some of her past works and how they were able to enhance and beautify other cities. Kevin Klenklen informed her that since the building was owned by the township she would need to bring her request to them at the next board meeting. The Mayor told her the city is in favor of it and its just up to the township if they would approve the location.

Council Comments: Rob Fisher and other residents on Kansa Dr. north of central have seen several drainage issues after the last few rains. There is significant runoff and overflowing ditches and Rob just wants to know what can be done to alleviate some of that. The Mayor will review some of the past recommendations and research and follow up soon.

Old Business

a) Street Repairs

Phil Birkinshaw with Approved Paving passed out a few quote documents regarding the chip and seal options available to the city. The city has 80,622 sq. yds. of street, knowing this will help develop a plan for the city. What has been done in the past is a full overlay where 2 inches of street is removed but not always necessary. The comparison for Sioux Dr. alone is \$92,000 for edging and overlay vs. patching and chip seal comes in around \$42,000.

There are 2 different options for chip seal.

1 load of MC-800 oil and 220 tons of limestone would cover 18,000 sq. yds. for \$46,000 this would be a cost of \$207,000 to do the entire town.

1 load of RS1H an emulsified rapid set oil and 220 tons of limestone would cover 16,000 sq. yds. for \$46,000 this would be a cost of \$230,000 to do the entire town.

The lifespan of the chip seal runs around 6-10 years especially as we are going over existing asphalt as opposed to gravel. There is also an option to use Haydite instead of Limestone, this would produce less dust but would be a bit more expensive as the drive to get it would be further away. After more discussion it was determined that Phil would put together some additional quotes including one to encompass all of the patching needed and one that will provide update chip seal quotes using Haydite instead of Limestone.

b) A-Z Firework Stand Request

Lisa Abramovitz would like to request that she be allowed to set up her Fireworks stand in the same location next to Caseys as she has in previous years. She did ask that she be allowed to set up the building earlier than normal but no fireworks will be brought in or sold until the 27th of June as is the normal procedure. A motion to approve the sale of fireworks by A-Z Fireworks from June 27th-July 5th at a cost of \$500 and to allow the building to go up as early as June 15th was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Rob Fisher. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Platting Update

The Mayor provided copies of his idea for the platting of the main st. lot to council members and reviewed the measurements he put together. Kevin Klenklen spoke with the previous surveyor Stebbins LLC and although he was not paid for his concept work at the time he is willing to work with another surveyor and provide his concept numbers to them saving the city a bit of a fee if he can just retain some of the payment from his original contract. The city will attempt to get in contact with Mr. Stebbins and provide new quotes as soon as possible.

d) Lot Purchases

Branden Van Noy has been working with his contractor to find the ideal location for the coffee shop. An official logo has been created that he is excited to share with the council in the next update. They continue to work with the bank to secure the final funds as well as exploring different grocers for their stock.

Merrill Jacob shared that Lago Vista is very close to being done and ready to open it could even be this weekend. The sewer was updated and asphalt resurfaced. The sewer project at 108 Main St. has settled and Merrill will remedy that with some more top soil and grass seed. He suggested that the city split the back and the front of the Main St. lot a bit more evenly, this will make the business lots a bit deeper than initially proposed. He is also still willing to purchase the lot next to his Air B&B with some negotiations. Merrill suggested that if the city was still looking for quotes that they contact Kramer Engineering as they did the original platting. He wanted to give kudos to the residents that fixed up the cross in front of the Methodist Church.

e) 2024 Audit

The Council reviewed the 2024 audit draft provided by Russel Shipley. The Mayor commented that there were no issues and we had a good clean audit. A motion to approve the 2024 Audit was made by Chris Feuerborn and was seconded by Kevin Klenklen. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

a) Planning and Zoning Code Update

In 2015 ordinance 4-210 was passed making various changes to the planning and zoning codes but several of them are contradictory and the ordinance does not properly overwrite previous codes. In order to make things much clearer the Mayor proposed his idea for rewording this ordinance for the new code that is currently in review. The council reviewed his recommended changes and agreed the wording was more clear now and should be updated in the code accordingly.

REPORTS

a) Mayors Report

- The city approved a purchase price of up to \$600 to purchase the lot on Sioux between the 2 city owned ones but it sold for \$800 so the city did not get it.
- The Mayor thanks Merrill and Mark for getting the library box looking nice in its new place.
- The Mayor also thanked the residents who at this time are unknown that put in the time, effort and materials to fix up the cross.

b) Planning & Zoning

- An application for a fence addition at 204 Kansa was submitted and approved by Planning and Zoning. A motion to approve the application was made by Kevin Klenklen and was seconded by Rob Fisher. The motion passed unanimously
- An application for a fence addition at 628 Delaware was submitted and approved by Planning and Zoning. A motion to approve the 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

Rob Fisher reads the police report that included 3 stop sign safety enforcements, 2 speed safety enforcements, 3 suspicious person report (2 door to door sales, 1 at Casey's), 1 theft report and 5 building checks.

The Axon equipment is starting to arrive in Ozawkie the live date will be end of July and the first payment is due this month.

e) Parks

Nothing to report.

f) Streets

Nothing to report.

g) Utilities

The Mayor would like the council to consider ways to get more money into the Water Fund for the 2026 Budget. One option is to add \$1 to the water bill which would raise about \$3,000 additionally. Attorney Tom Barnes recommends contacting KRWA to do a rate study.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rob Fisher and was seconded by Laci Heller. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

