CITY OF OSKALOOSA, KS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

212 W WASHINGTON STREET

December 1, 2022 \* 7:00PM

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GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT

John Norman, Council President

Mike Smith, Council

John Metzger, Council

Aron Boyce, Council

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS ABSENT

Eric Hull, Mayor

Ken Newell, Council

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney

Patty Hamm, City Clerk

Paul Bolinger, Chief of Police

Nathaniel Copp, City Superintendent

PUBLIC PRESENT

Alan Bender, 1015 Elm Street

John Robbins, III, 415 Washington Street

Deanna Lyon, 707 Liberty Street

Wesley Cudney, Oskaloosa Independent

CALL TO ORDER

John Norman, Council President, called the regular meeting of the Oskaloosa City Council to order at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC

Mike Smith made a motion to extend approval to Alan Bender allowing him to reside in his camper during construction of his home at 1015 Elm Street by three months, to March 1, 2023. Aron Boyce seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

John Robbins, III, was present at the Council’s request to address the continued problem of code violations at his property. Mr. Robbins advised the Council that he recently completed the clean up and moved all but approximately thirty bicycles to the back of his property. John Metzger noted that Mr. Robbins was told not to replace bicycles as he sold them, however, there are more bikes now than the last time the issue came before the City Council. Mr. Robbins replied that people randomly drop the bicycles off at his house and he has no control over the amount of bicycles. Lee Hendricks stated that the issue is a clear nuisance according to the Code of the City. Council directed Mr. Robbins to go through the City process of obtaining a Home Occupation Permit.

Deanna Lyon requested law enforcement action on the drones that are flying above her home. Lee Hendricks advised Ms. Lyon that the City cannot enforce such laws due to the lack of manpower in the police department and the City’s ability to do so according to Federal laws. Ms. Lyon noted that she as an individual cannot take action without the assistance of law enforcement. Again, Lee advised that City action is bound to the City Ordinances, the Standard

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Traffic Offenses and the Uniform Public Offense Codes. Ms. Lyon reiterated that she feels as if her privacy is being violated and wants protection for now and in the future. Legal Counsel will research options available to the City and to the individuals who have concerns and report back to the Council at a later meeting.

UTILITIES

Nathaniel Copp reported on winter preparations being made and activity on the pool project. Nathaniel also reported that the meter lids have been received for the remote read meters.

(Nathaniel left the meeting).

POLICE / CODE ENFORCEMENT / ANIMAL CONTROL

Paul Bolinger reported on law enforcement activity for the month. Paul advised that the two individuals have completed all of the requirements to attend the part-time police academy and Paul has submitted their applications to KLETC.

Lee Hendricks distributed a listing of code enforcement activity. John Norman noted that there needs to be someone who is willing to take appliances for homeowners.

Mike Smith made a motion to approve Resolution No. 22-14, 819 Liberty Street. John Metzger seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried. John Metzger made a motion to approve Resolution No. 22-15, 1012 Union Street. Aron Boyce seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

Patty Hamm advised that an application has been submitted to the Kansas Traffic Engineering Assistance Program on behalf of the Mayor. Council tabled discussion until Eric Hull could be present.

Paul Bolinger reported that there is currently an issue of where to take dogs and cats when they are picked up by animal control. Paul noted that the monthly agreement with the Jefferson County Humane Society had been cancelled by the Mayor and changed to an “as-needed” basis. Council agreed to invite the Humane Society to the next Council meeting and to also call local shelters to see what options might be available.

PARK & POOL

John Metzger made a motion to approve Pay Application NO. 006 to Shirley Construction in the amount of $61,655.76 as submitted. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

John Norman noted that the installation of the kitchen cabinets, countertops, etc., is outside of the contract for services with Shirley Construction. John noted that the City’s maintenance staff can possibly construct those items.

Council agreed to move forward with the advertisement for a Pool Manager for the 2023 summer season.

CORRESPONDENCE

The City received a thank you card from Keystone Learning Center for use of the City Hall facility.

OLD BUSINESS

Aron Boyce made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 22-16-3.22 amending the tabulations of use for Airbnb properties. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

MEETING MINUTES

John Metzger made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2022 regular Council meeting as written. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

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FINANCE

John Metzger made a motion to approve the November financial statement and vouchers as presented. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Smith made a motion to proceed with the Christmas Lighting Contest as follows: 1st Place $100, 2nd Place $75, 3rd Place $50, and four honorable mentions at $25 each. John Metzger seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

Aron Boyce made a motion to approve gift cards for employees at $75 each. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

John Norman made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:00pm for 25 minutes for Personnel Exception to discuss employee evaluations. John Metzger seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried. Public Session resumed at 8:25pm. John Norman announced no binding action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, John Metzger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0 Motion Carried.

Eric Hull, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty A. Hamm, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: JANUARY 5, 2023