CITY OF OSKALOOSA, KS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

212 W WASHINGTON STREET

NOVEMBER 20, 2024 \* 7:00PM

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GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT

John Norman, Mayor

Ken Newell, Council President

Mike Smith, Council

John Metzger, Council

Aron Boyce, Council

Chauncey Young, Council

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Patty Hamm, City Clerk

Nathaniel Copp, City Superintendent

Paul Bolinger, Chief of Police

Todd Luckman, City Attorney

PUBLIC PRESENT

Suzie Norman, City Hall Cleaning

Shelly Snow, 512 Atchison Street

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC

City Hall Maintenance

Suzie Norman expressed her concern regarding the condition of the walls in the community room. Suzie noted that people are not using painter’s tape for decorations as instructed but are using scotch tape, command strips, etc., instead, which are taking the paint off of the walls. Council agreed to proceed with getting the room painted. Ken Newell made a motion to increase the hourly rental fee to $20 an hour and to raise the non-alcohol deposit fee to $150. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

512 Atchison Street

Shelly Snow was present to request another thirty (30) days to bring their property into compliance with Code Enforcement. John Metzger made a motion to extend the compliance deadline to December 18, 2024. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

POLICE / CODE ENFORCEMENT / ANIMAL CONTROL

Paul Bolinger reported that Erica Patz, Animal Control Officer and Code Enforcement Officer, has accepted a full-time position which will limit her hours available to the City.

Paul Bolinger reported the Animal Control pickup is going to need maintenance to see why the battery continues to drain. Paul noted the battery is good and is not the issue.

Paul Bolinger reported he has received complaints regarding kids riding mini bikes around town.

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Mobile Home Park

Todd Luckman presented the Council with Resolution No. 2024-14 for the Mobile Home Park. Todd advised that the Resolution gives the City full discretion to take whatever action they deem necessary against Lots #2, #5 and H. John Norman noted Lot #5 is being worked on, however, the other two have not had anything done to improve them. John directed the Council’s attention to Paul Crawford’s report on trailer #5. Ken Newell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-14. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

Council discussed code violations at 814 Delaware and 1001 Cherokee Street.

MAINTENANCE

Nathaniel Copp reported the street improvement project is complete. Nathaniel stated they have been doing sewer maintenance with the jetter and winterizing the park and pool.

Nathaniel Copp advised that Heritage Gardens is needing the water shut off at the facility to do maintenance on some internal plumbing. Nathaniel noted that several City blocks will need to be off during this project and recommended the Council consider installing an additional valve so the nursing home can be isolated when shutting the water off. Mike Smith made a motion to install a shutoff valve at Monroe Street and Delaware Street to isolate the nursing home water service. Ken Newell seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council read the letter from Evergy regarding community assistance. No action taken.

ZONING

Patty Hamm reported the Keystone Variance Hearing will take place before the Board of Zoning Appeals on Wednesday, December 11th at 6:00pm. Patty noted they are requesting a variance of no setbacks to the East, North and West sides.

NEW BUSINESS

Council reviewed the Jefferson County Zoning Permit applications PR2024-17/Z2024-17 (Kabus) and PR2024-18/Z2024-18 (Taylor). No action taken.

PARK / POOL

Erin Subelka gave a report on the 2024 summer season. Erin requested a training dummy, bar stools, and table umbrellas for the 2025 summer season. Council thanked her for her work with the staff and public. Mike Smith suggested installing a bar alarm on the south entrance gate to keep kids from opening it and allowing their friends to enter.

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Ken Newell made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2024 regular Council meeting as written. John Metzger seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

FINANCE

John Metzger made a motion to approve the financial report and vouchers as presented. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken Newell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-13 Courtyard Christmas. John Metzger seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

Ken Newell requested the December Council meeting be held at 6:00pm. Council agreed to the time change.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, John Metzger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Aron Boyce seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0 Motion Carried.

John Norman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty A. Hamm, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: DECEMBER 18, 2024