CITY OF OSKALOOSA, KS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

212 W WASHINGTON STREET

APRIL 17, 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

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney

Patty Hamm, City Clerk

Nathaniel Copp, City Superintendent

Paul Bolinger, Chief of Police

PUBLIC PRESENT

Doug Anderson & Justin Finley, Keystone Learning Services

Dana Newell, Oskaloosa Ball Association

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC

Oskaloosa Ball Association

Dana Newell was in attendance as a representative of the Oskaloosa Ball Association to discuss park improvements. Council members agreed to address the issues as much as possible as time and budget allows, noting some issues such as drainage might not have an feasible solution.

Keystone Learning Services

Doug Anderson and Justin Finley were present to discuss the purchase of the First Baptist Church property at 202 Walnut Street and 201 Cherokee Street. Mr. Finley advised it is their desire to vacate the alleys running east/west and north/south. Nathaniel Copp noted the utility easement running through the alley. Council agreed to legal working with Keystone to come up with a draft proposal on the property.

POLICE / CODE ENFORCEMENT / ANIMAL CONTROL

Paul Bolinger reported that 512 Atchison Street has been cleaned up by the City’s contractor. Lee Hendricks will send the bill to the homeowner for reimbursement along with the guidelines for a building permit.

Paul Bolinger reported that Christopher Petesch has taken a deputy job with Atchison County and will be absent while he attends the full-time academy.

Paul Bolinger reported that Katlynn Patterson has resigned from Animal Control. Patty Hamm will place an employment ad in the newspaper and on the website.

Paul Bolinger reported that Robert Poppa has moved his retirement date to May 3, 2024.

Lee Hendricks reported on several outstanding code enforcement cases including the trailer park to which the new owner has not responded to letters. Lee noted he will send a letter advising that the park is in violation due to not having a current permit.

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MAINTENANCE

Nathaniel Copp reported on the water tower inspection. Council agreed to set up a rotating schedule for inspections of the two towers.

Nathaniel Copp advised that weekly brush pickup has started again.

Nathaniel Copp stated he had to do some repair work on the uniloader and replace the tires on the backhoe.

Ken Newell made a motion to hire Jeremiah Copp and Preston New for part-time summer maintenance help at $12 per hour. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

PARK & POOL

Nathaniel Copp reported on several broken pipes at the pool from the winter weather. He also advised that he had to replace the two water heaters.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mike Smith made a motion to approve the donation of $250 as a sponsor to A Child’s World 5k run. Ken Newell seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

Ken Newell made a motion to donate ten daily passes to the Oskaloosa PTO for the PTO Block Party. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

Aron Boyce made a motion to donate 100 daily entrance passes to the Oskaloosa Public Library for their summer reading program pool party. John Metzger seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

MEETING MINUTES

Ken Newell made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2024 regular Council meeting as written. John Metzger seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

FINANCE

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

OLD BUSINESS

Ken Newell made a motion to hold a special Council meeting on Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:00pm for the Oskaloosa Foundation Committee. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

John Metzger made a motion to approve the contract agreement with ATC Accounting for the 2023 Audit in the amount of $4600 for the City and $1500 for the library. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

Ken Newell made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 General Liability Insurance Policy with Bolz Insurance in the amount of $40,288.00. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried. John Metzger asked Patty Hamm to inquire about an increase in the cybersolutions coverage.

Patty Hamm directed the Council’s attention to the Code Book updates.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, John Metzger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm. Ken Newell seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0 Motion Carried.

John Norman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty A. Hamm, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: MAY 15, 2024