CITY OF OSKALOOSA, KS

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

212 W WASHINGTON STREET

JUNE 12, 2023 \* 6:00PM

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GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT

John Norman, Mayor

Ken Newell. Council President

Aron Boyce, Council

Chauncey Young, Council

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Smith, Council

John Metzger, Council

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Patty Hamm, City Clerk

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney

PUBLIC PRESENT

Kari Kearney & Ashley Allen, Oskaloosa Ball Association

CALL TO ORDER

John Norman, Mayor, called the special meeting of the Oskaloosa City Council to order at 6:00pm; subject being to discuss all items that are generally discussed at a regular Council meeting to include, but not limited to, Law Enforcement Coverage

PARK BREAK-INS

John Norman reported there have been recent break-ins to the concession stands at the City Park and School softball and baseball fields. Kari Kearney and Ashley Allen were present to notify the City Council of the impact the break-ins have had on the ball association and the school cheerleaders.

Ms. Kearney stated her two important agenda items were to ensure that there are no future incidents and to request reimbursement for lost inventory. Lee Hendricks replied that the individuals who have already been arrested are under the jurisdiction of Jefferson County since they are the ones that responded to the initial call and the City has no authority to be involved with that particular case. Lee also advised that the City cannot provide any reimbursement. Ms. Kearney asked whose responsibility is it to secure the buildings and Lee replied it would be that of the ball association as they are the ones using the buildings. Ken Newell assured Ms. Kearney and Mr. Allen that the City would push for justice through Jefferson County for the City’s loss, just as the ball association must do for their loss. Ms. Kearney asked the Council how they are going to prevent any future incidents. Council replied they will provide what coverage they can with what limited staff and funding they have available to them. Lee reiterated the City will do what is within their capability to do.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ken Newell made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:30pm for fifteen minutes for Personnel Exception. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=3, No=0; Motion Carried. Ken Newell requested Patty Hamm remain for Executive Session. Public Session resumed at 6:45pm. John Norman announced no binding action taken.

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John Norman noted that the signs stipulating Park hours were removed during construction. Patty Hamm will have maintenance replace the signs.

Ken Newell made a motion to adopt a Curfew ordinance for those under the age of 18 between the hours of Midnight and 5:30am with the exception of City approved events, school events, etc. as prepared by legal counsel and signed by the Mayor. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=3, No=0; Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ken Newell made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:50pm for thirty minutes for Personnel Exception. Aron Boyce seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=3, No=0; Motion Carried. Ken Newell requested Patty Hamm remain for Executive Session. Public Session resumed at 7:20pm. John Norman announced no binding action taken.

WATER MAIN EXTENSION

Ken Newell made a motion to approve the bid proposal from KNA Digging in the amount of $10,337 for a water main extension in the 1000 block of Walnut Street intersection with Lawrence Street. Aron Boyce seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=3, No=0; Motion Carried.

2024 BUDGET

Council discussed projects for the upcoming budget year. Patty Hamm advised the swimming pool needs to be repainted.

Council discussed law enforcement staff doing more code enforcement instead of legal counsel.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Ken Newell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Aron Boyce seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=3, No=0 Motion Carried.

John Norman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty A. Hamm, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: JULY 19, 2023