CITY OF OSKALOOSA, KS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

212 W WASHINGTON STREET

DECEMBER 18, 2024 \* 6:00PM

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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

Kenny Titus, Senator-Elect District 18

Chris Snyder & Frank Piecukionis, LRS

Jason & Dorothy Malsbury, 904 Westview Street

Terry Ala, 523 Atchison Street (6:50am)

CALL TO ORDER

John Norman, Mayor, called the regular meeting of the Oskaloosa City Council to order at 6:00pm.

PUBLIC

Kenny Titus introduced himself and provided the City Council with his contact information. Mr. Titus advised he is available to assist the City with whatever concerns the City might have or assistance needed on any City issue.

Chris Snyder, LRS, presented the Council with contract renewal options. Mike Smith made a motion to approve Renewal Option No.2: 3-year renewal for a rate increase of 7% year one and 4% years two and three beginning 02/01/25. John Metzger seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

Jason & Dorothy Malsbury were present to voice a complaint regarding the condition of their neighboring property at 902 Westview. Ms. Malsbury stated there are numerous ducks, chickens, turkeys, rooster, dogs and cats living next door. She noted the animals are not staying contained, they are loud, and they smell bad. Terry Ala backed up the complaint as a neighbor. Both neighbors also complained about the loud music coming from the vehicles at 902 Westview. Ms. Malsbury also complained about the condition of the property at 512 Atchison Street. Council thanked them for their concerns and advised the City would address the issues as soon as possible. Council directed Paul Bolinger to proceed with citations for the issues at 902 Westview and instructed Nathaniel Copp to proceed with scheduling clean up at 512 Atchison Street. Todd Luckman stated he will provide the Council with an ordinance at the next Council meeting to restrict the number of fowl allowed at one residence.

POLICE / CODE ENFORCEMENT / ANIMAL CONTROL

Paul Bolinger reported Erica Patz had resigned the animal control officer and code enforcement officer position.

Paul Bolinger reported on an individual driving through and breaking the street barricade during the Hometown Christmas event. Council directed Paul to issue a citation for inattentive driving.

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Paul Bolinger reported he has received a complaint regarding the condition of 705 Hamilton Street. Paul stated that, although the property looks bad, there are not any open holes in the house or the roof. Todd Luckman replied the City is not able to prosecute for being an eyesore.

Paul Bolinger advised he has issued his last warning on the minibikes and go karts being driven around town. Any future violation will result in a citation.

John Norman requested a letter be sent to 814 Delaware Street for Code violations.

MAINTENANCE

Nathaniel Copp reported preparing for winter weather. He advised he had to have new tires put on the one-ton truck.

PARK & POOL

Nathaniel Copp reported the pool has been winterized, the electrical has been prepped for the new scoreboard, and the tube has been installed for parking at the west entrance. Ken Newell suggested extending the tube and adding more millings at the entrance.

LEGAL COUNSEL

John Norman asked about the status of 1001 Cherokee Street. Patty Hamm replied all action to this point has been through municipal court in which the owner has not been served due to absence. Patty noted there has not been a resolution by the Council for the City to proceed with cleanup. Todd Luckman stated he would review the file left by Lee Hendricks and bring a Resolution to the Council at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

John Norman noted a thank you from the Jefferson County Home Health and Hospice and one from the Hometown Christmas Committee.

John Norman stated he will sign a letter of support for the ORHD grant application.

ZONING

Patty Hamm reported the Board of Zoning Appeals approved the variance application by Keystone Learning Services in a vote of 4-1.

NEW BUSINESS

Patty Hamm reported the winners of the Christmas Lights Contest as follows: 1st Place Schwinn 1012 Elm Street, 2nd Place Stinnett 702 Union Street, 3rd Place Johnson 413 Washington Street, Honorable Mention Mitchell 303 Cherokee Street, Swoyer 10 Walnut Street and Faris 802 Union Street.

Ken Newell made a motion to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License Renewals for Casey’s General Store, Oskaloosa Thriftway and Oskie 92 Station. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

Patty Hamm advised she has been asked by the Mayor of the City of Meriden to assist their new City Clerk on an as needed basis. Council agreed to assist.

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John Metzger made a motion to approve the minutes of the 11/20/24 Council minutes as written. Aron Boyce seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

FINANCE

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

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OLD BUSINESS

John Norman requested a code enforcement report going forward advising the Council of action the City has taken and the status of each property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ken Newell made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for 25 minutes for Personnel Exception to discuss employee salaries beginning at 7:25pm. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried. Public Session resumed at 7:50pm. John Norman announced no binding action taken.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

John Norman stated Council will discuss Employee Salaries COLA at the next Council meeting after reviewing the new employee insurance premium. John advised employee evaluations will take place next week on Monday morning.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Ken Newell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0 Motion Carried.

John Norman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty A. Hamm, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: JANUARY 15, 2025