CITY OF OSKALOOSA, KS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

212 W WASHINGTON STREET

JUNE 19, 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

Keith Jeffers, Jefferson County Emergency Management

Samantha Herzberg & Douglas Bond, Oskaloosa Public Library

Mohummad Abubaker, Oskie 92 Station

Pam Ireland, 500 Monroe St Lot L

HEARING

John Norman, Mayor, called the hearing of the Keystone Learning Center Alley Vacation to order at 7:00pm. There were no public comments on the vacation. Hearing was closed at 7:01pm. Ken Newell made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 24-13-220 vacation as follows: The eastern one hundred thirty feet (130;) of the alley running between Cherokee Street and Walnut Street located on Section 32, Township 9, Range 19, Block J of the Fitzsimmons North Addition in Oskaloosa, Jefferson County, Kansas as measured from the centerlines of Cherokee Street and Walnut Street. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

CALL TO ORDER

John Norman, Mayor, called the regular meeting of the Oskaloosa City Council to order at 7:05pm.

PUBLIC

Everbridge Alert System

Keith Jeffers presented the City Council with information about a phone alert notification system that will allow the City staff to send notices out to the citizens of Oskaloosa. Mr. Jeffers noted there is no cost to the City and will require a brief training session with staff. Council agreed to implement the system.

Oskie 92 Station

Mr. Abubaker was present to introduce himself as the owner of the Oskie 92 Station. Mr. Abubaker advised that he needs permission to hang up additional signs on his building to remain in compliance with the contracts that he has with his vendors. Council replied they will take his request into consideration.

Oskaloosa Public Library

Samantha Herzberg presented the library’s 2025 budget to the City Council noting the City portion is $45,269.95. John Norman noted that the library has full ownership of the building, which was previously in question. Ken Newell recommended the library increase their maintenance budget since the City will no longer be providing any type of maintenance on the building. John advised the City will take the budget under advisement.

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POLICE / CODE ENFORCEMENT / ANIMAL CONTROL

Lee Hendricks reported the Monroe Street Trailer Park owner will be present on July 17th to do a walk-through of the park to review code enforcement violations.

Ken Newell requested code enforcement look at the duplexes on Warren Street and Columbia Street for building code violations, noting they appear to be in disrepair.

Paul Bolinger reported Erica Patz, Animal Control Officer, has requested more hours. Council agreed to increase the hours to 30 hours per month.

Paul Bolinger reported he has a couple of Jefferson County Sheriff’s officers that are willing to assist with patrol at the Old Settler’s Reunion Festival. John Metzger made a motion to pay the additional officers as independent contractors at $25 per hour. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

John Norman reported three juveniles have been apprehended for stealing a side-by-side belonging to the carnival staff.

Paul Bolinger reported he is assisting the Sheriff’s Department with video of the individual stealing gas from a county vehicle.

MAINTENANCE

Nathaniel Copp reported on Old Settler’s Reunion preparation.

Nathaniel Copp advised the price quote from Bettis Asphalt is pending.

Nathaniel Copp reported on the Department of Labor safety inspection.

Nathaniel Copp reported that Preston New quit coming to work. Council directed Nathaniel to proceed with hiring a replacement for part-time summer help.

PARK & POOL

Nathaniel Copp reported the pool robot is still on backorder.

Council recommended the purchase of two more trash containers from the Kansas Correctional Industries for the City Park.

Patty Hamm reported that Mammoth met with Nathaniel Copp and is preparing a price estimate on a pickleball court.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Lee Hendricks reported that the defendants scheduled for trial this month did not appear at court. Lee advised that he has prepared an Order to Show Cause for July court and if the defendants still do not appear there could be a warrant for their arrest for contempt of court.

John Norman asked for Council input on lack of a judge at municipal court. Lee Hendricks stated there are benefits of the judge outside of court for signing documents, etc. Patty Hamm suggested a monthly retainer fee payment with additional payment per court attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE

John Norman recommended something be placed in the newsletter regarding solicitation notices that citizens are receiving from a various companies. Lee Hendricks advised he will be sending a letter to Watson Pest Control as they have solicited many cities within the County.

ZONING

Council agreed to a Conditional Use Permit process for the signs at Oskie 92 Station.

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MEETING MINUTES

Ken Newell made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2024 regular Council meeting as written. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0, Abstain=1 (John Metzger); Motion Carried.

FINANCE

John Metzger made a motion to approve the Financial Statement and Vouchers as presented. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken Newell made a motion to authorize the Mayor’s signature on Resolution No. 24-06 deeming 512 Atchison unfit and to deny any building permit application until full compliance with Code Enforcement. John Metzger seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken Newell made a motion to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Brandon Woestman and Amanda Woestman to the Oskaloosa Tree Board. Aron Boyce seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

Council members reviewed the Jefferson County Rezoning Application by Miles Frye at 14054 90th Street. Council had no objection to the application.

Council reviewed draft Ordinance No. 24-14-210 Unconventional Vehicles. No action taken.

Council agreed to meet for budget discussion at 6:00pm on July 17th prior to the next City Council meeting. Items of discussion will be the police station garage and mower purchase.

John Norman suggested the Council consider a community improvement award.

Lee Hendricks expressed his agreement that the Community Committee should be the one to sign the Community Foundation Agreement; not the City Council.

Lee Hendricks submitted his resignation effective July 31, 2024. Lee advised he has a member of his firm that he is recommending take his place with Council consent.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Ken Newell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0 Motion Carried.

John Norman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty A. Hamm, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: JULY 17, 2024