CITY OF OSKALOOSA, KS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

212 W WASHINGTON STREET

JANUARY 17, 2024 \* 7:00PM

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GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT

John Norman, Mayor

Ken Newell, Council President

Mike Smith, Council

Aron Boyce, Council

Chauncey Young, Council

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS ABSENT:

John Metzger, Council

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney

Patty Hamm, City Clerk

Paul Bolinger, Chief of Police

PUBLIC PRESENT

Mary Smith, Willow Domestic Violence Agency

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC

Mary Smith presented the Proclamation declaring January as Human Trafficking Month. Ken Newell made a motion to approve the proclamation. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

POLICE / CODE ENFORCEMENT / ANIMAL CONTROL

Paul Bolinger reported that he will be submitting the application for Mr. Shepherd to sit for the challenge examination within the next thirty days.

Mike Smith made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-01, 512 Atchison Street. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

Lee Hendricks reported that Deanna Lyon has advised that she has someone prepared to remove the tree within the next week at 707 Liberty Street. Council agreed to give Ms. Lyon notice that the tree is to be removed by January 26th or the City will remove it at her expense.

Ken Newell made a motion to approve the purchase of an air compressor for the Police Department. Aron Boyce seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

MAINTENANCE

Ken Newell made a motion to purchase a new snow plow for the Backhoe not to exceed $5000. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

PARK & POOL

Repair of the ball field lights is pending.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Mike Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 24-15-211A; Meter Replacement. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

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Aron Boyce made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 24-17-209A; School Zone. Ken Newell seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

Lee Hendricks reported the contract with the new Police Officer is pending he recertification.

Ken Newell asked for the Code Enforcement status of 415 Washington Street and 1003 Walnut Street. Lee Hendricks will have this available at the next regular Council meeting.

Lee Hendricks reported that he has advised the new owner of Sunset Trailer Park that there will not be a permit issued until all code enforcement issues have been resolved to the satisfaction the City Council and Municipal Court.

CORRESPONDENCE

Amanda Tarwater, 102 W Washington Street, has submitted a request for the City’s determination on the status of the vacant lot located on the north side of her residence which she owns. Council agreed that both the setbacks and sewer line are such that a residence cannot be built according to the Code of the City of Oskaloosa 2018. Patty Hamm will notify Ms. Tarwater via letter for her records.

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Ken Newell made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2023 regular Council meeting as written. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=2, No=0, Abstain=2 (Aron Boyce and Mike Smith); Motion Carried.

FINANCE

Ken Newell made a motion to approve the Financial Statement and vouchers as presented. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No action taken regarding family coverage for employee health insurance.

Ken Newell discussed the relationship between the City and Jefferson County.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken Newell made a motion to purchase the medical cabinets and bags for the City buildings and police vehicles. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

John Norman reported that he has discussed with Mutual Savings about moving the City’s funds into Money Market accounts. Council members agreed to proceed.

Patty Hamm requested approval to change the City Hall hours to 7:30am to 4:00pm. Council agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mike Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0 Motion Carried.

John Norman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty A. Hamm, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: FEBRUARY 21, 2024