CITY OF OSKALOOSA, KS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

212 W WASHINGTON STREET

JULY 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

Chauncey Young, Council

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS ABSENT:

Aron Boyce, Council

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney

Patty Hamm, City Clerk

Nathaniel Copp, City Superintendent

Paul Bolinger, Chief of Police

PUBLIC PRESENT

Kami Hinnergardt, Steve Stephens, Laurie White: Pawsitively Jefferson County

Jimmy Johnson, Sunset Mobile Home Park

Brian Zachary, 305 Walnut Street

Eric Hull, 912 Union Street (7:15pm)

BUDGET WORK SESSION 6:00PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC

Pawsatively Jefferson County

Kami Hinnergardt presented the City Council with the specifics of their Trap, Neuter and Return program at Pawsatively. She expressed their concern that the City’s feral cats ordinance will not allow them to trap within the City due to the need to feed the colonies prior to trapping. Ms. Hinnergardt advised they plan to hold a trapping event within the City of Oskaloosa August 16th-18th plus trapping approximately five cats per month going forward as they are aware of three known colonies at this time. John Metzger asked how the City can encourage caregivers to not feed at locations that are not ideal, such as next to a restaurant. Ms. Hinnergardt replied the restaurant has to work with the caregiver and do their part to not draw the cats to their location. She further stated the goal is to help the community and control the feral cat population but it takes time to deplete the colonies. Steve Stephens noted the caregivers might need to move where they feed, however, there is nothing that can be done if the restaurants don’t secure their area to keep the cats out. Nathaniel Copp recommended cats not be returned to the down town square due to the smell and fecal matter that is being left behind by the cats. John Norman thanked the group for their presentation and stated the City would discuss the matter further.

Sunset Mobile Home Park

Jimmy Johnson presented the City Council with his plans to clean up the trailer park. Lee Hendricks, Paul Bolinger and John Norman all walked the park with Mr. Johnson and came up with a list of items needing to be addressed to bring the park into compliance with code enforcement. Mr. Johnson advised that there are three trailers where tenants were just evicted from this past week that his brother will be rehabilitating the week of August 3rd. Paul Bolinger asked how he has permission to discard the contents if he doesn’t own the trailers. Mr. Johnson replied the trailers were surrendered to the park upon the eviction. Lee Hendricks advised the City would like to do a walk-through of the specific trailers in Lot #2, Lot #5 and Lot H upon the

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completion of the rehabilitation during the week of August 3rd, noting that the City may proceed with condemnation of those trailers if they still do not meet City Code. Mr. Johnson agreed to that plan. Ken Newell clarified that all items on the list that have been presented today must be in compliance no later than August 21st. Mr. Johnson agreed that would not be a problem to meet that deadline.

POLICE / CODE ENFORCEMENT / ANIMAL CONTROL

Paul Bolinger reported he has hired Jim Varner to work part-time patrol for the City.

Paul Bolinger reported animal control has been busy the past couple of weeks. Ken Newell stated his preference is to utilize the City’s local animal control officer and maintain the current feral cat ordinance for now. John Metzger agreed as long as the City’s services are making progress there is no need at this time for the Pawsatively services. Patty Hamm will write a letter advising such.

Paul Bolinger noted there is no place to impound dogs at this time due to the shelter’s being full. John Norman replied for now the City has to return the animal home if at all possible.

MAINTENANCE

Nathaniel Copp reported the pool’s pump went down due to a power outage but he has it up and running again. Nathaniel stated the robotic vacuum is working great!

Ken Newell made a motion to approve the Bettis Asphalt price estimate in the amount of $40,933.60 for the 2024 Street Improvement Project. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

Mike Smith made a motion to approve the Complete Pavement Maintenance price estimate in the amount of $17,250 for the crack sealing. John Metzger seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

Mike Smith made a motion to purchase the ZXT 61 Wright lawnmower with Twill tires from Bishops in Perry for $16,767. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

Nathaniel Copp stated he would like to get a cost estimate from King’s Construction to maintain the curbs around the down town square. Council agreed to review the project at next month’s regular meeting.

PARK & POOL

Patty Hamm presented the Council with a cost estimate of $45,325 for a newly constructed Pickleball Court. Patty advised she will be researching possible grant opportunities for this project.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Lee Hendricks reported that 512 Atchison, Snow, has been given their notice by Resolution and Council can proceed as they see fit at the next Council meeting.

Lee Hendricks reported 415 Washington Street, Robbins, trial has been continued to September court date. Mr. Robbins has been sent photos with exact explanation of what needs to be done to bring the property into compliance.

Lee Hendricks reported 1001 Cherokee Street, Wood, trial has also been continued to September court date. Mr. Wood has made some progress but has been sent photos of the remaining items that need to be addressed in order to bring the property into compliance.

ZONING

Patty Hamm reported the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit for Eugene Zachary with no additional conditions. Ken Newell made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Conditional Use Permit for Eugene Zachary at 305 Walnut Street. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Patty Hamm directed the Council’s attention to the KDHE Lead & Copper correspondence which advised the City has been selected in the KDHE 2025 Intended Use Plan for a loan amount of $280,000 from the Kansas Public Water supply Loan Fund (KPWSLF) with an estimated $141,680 in loan forgiveness to be used for costs related to inventorying or replacing lead service lines.

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John Metzger made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2024 regular Council meeting as written. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

FINANCE

Ken Newell made a motion to approve the financial statement and vouchers as presented. John Metzger seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Council discussed the ordinance regarding the allowance of golf carts, low-speed vehicles, work-site utility vehicles, and micro utility trucks. Lee noted the ordinance does not allow for any vehicle that the rider is required to straddle. Council agreed on an age limit of eighteen and older (18+) with a full valid license. Lee will amend the ordinance for review at next month’s meeting. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Patty Hamm reported that Vickie Metzger has requested the closing of part of Cherokee Street on September 21st for a Touch-a-Truck Event hosted by the Presbyterian Church. Patty will prepare the resolution for the next Council meeting.

Ken Newell made a motion to accept the Mayor’s appointment of Laurie White to the Oskaloosa Health Board and Steve Stephens to the Oskaloosa Planning Commission. John Metzger seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

John Norman thanked Lee Hendricks for his years of service to the City of Oskaloosa. Council gave Lee some parting gifts for his next adventure in his law practice.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Ken Newell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0 Motion Carried.

John Norman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty A. Hamm, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: AUGUST 21, 2024