CITY OF OSKALOOSA, KS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

212 W WASHINGTON STREET

AUGUST 21, 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

Patty Hamm, City Clerk

Nathaniel Copp, City Superintendent

Paul Bolinger, Chief of Police

Todd Luckman, City Attorney

PUBLIC PRESENT

David Metzger, Oskaloosa Tree Board

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC

David Metzger was present as a representative of the Oskaloosa Tree Board. Mr. Metzger requested permission for the Tree Board to plant a tree in the City Park honoring past members of the Oskaloosa Tree Board, Art Johnson and Bob O’Shea. Mr. Metzger stated that the intention is the plant a Red Bud tree to replace the one that is currently in the park. Council agreed to allow the Tree Board to continue as planned with City maintenance removing the old tree.

POLICE / CODE ENFORCEMENT / ANIMAL CONTROL

Code Enforcement Officer

John Norman advised that Erica Patz, Animal Control Officer, is interested in providing Code Enforcement services for the City. John Metzger made a motion to hire Erica Patz as Code Enforcement Officer at a rate of $25 per hour. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

Mobile Home Park

Council discussed the continued non-compliance of code regulations in the trailer park. John Norman reported that he and the Health Board Officer toured the park and determined that the trailers in Lot 2, 5, and H are in disrepair and they recommend removal. Ken Newell made a motion to authorize the Mayor’s signature on Resolution No. 2024-08 proceeding with the removal of the trailers in lots 2, 5, and H of the Mobile Home Park due to the property being unfit for human use and habitation and Resolution No. 2024-09 citing lot 9 for various code enforcement violations . Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

MAINTENANCE

Mike Smith made a motion to approve the cost estimate by Complete Pavement Maintenance Inc for additional crack sealing throughout the City. Ken Newell seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

Nathaniel Copp reported the new mower has been put into service. Nathaniel reported they have also been flushing hydrants. Ken Newell recommended the City publish the rules regarding tree brush pickup noting entire trees are not part of the City’s service.

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PARK & POOL

Nathaniel Copp reported the pool has closed for the season and the vacuum robot was a really good purchase. John Norman recommended some repairs be made to the shelter house and the gutters to the concession stand be cleaned.

Council requested an updated price estimate on the lights for the City park and ball field.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Todd Luckman introduced himself and gave a brief description on his background.

MEETING MINUTES

Ken Newell made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2024 regular Council meeting as written. John Metzger 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. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken Newell made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 24-14-210 UTVs as written. John Metzger seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

Patty Hamm reported the library tax receipts must funnel through the City according to the County Clerk. Patty also advised if the City receives funds in excess of the budgeted expenditures then the remaining funds are to be distributed from the general fund.

Council members agreed to proceed with a community improvement recognition program.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken Newell made a motion to donate a 2025 family pool pass to the Jefferson County Home Health and Hospice program. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

The Giant Communiciations franchise agreement is tabled to allow legal counsel time to review the document.

Council requested that a warning notice be placed in the City newsletter regarding solicitors and possible scams.

Mike Smith requested the tree in front of Stinky’s Southside be trimmed and weeds removed.

John Norman informed the Council that although Judge Reiling is retiring from his seat at Jefferson County, he plans to continue working with the City for municipal court.

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: September 18, 2024