CITY OF OSKALOOSA, KS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

212 W WASHINGTON STREET

July 7, 2022 \* 7:00PM

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GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT

John Norman, Council President

Ken Newell, Council

Mike Smith, Council

John Metzger, Council

Aron Boyce, Council

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS ABSENT

Eric Hull, Mayor

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney

Patty Hamm, City Clerk

Paul Bolinger, Chief of Police

Nathaniel Copp, Utilities Operator

PUBLIC PRESENT

Ellis Moses and Daune Martz: American Legion Post #36

Rick Nichols: Oskaloosa Independent

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC

Ellis Moses and Duane Martz presented the City Council with an Appreciation Certificate for allowing the American Legion Post #36 to display the flags around the City square. Mr. Moses reported they currently have 136 flags and are looking at other areas around the City to display more. City Council thanked them for their contribution to the City.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Lee Hendricks presented the Council with an updated list of code enforcement actions within the City.

POLICE

Paul Bolinger reported on the Old Settler’s Reunion event; noting no major issues.

Paul Bolinger reported that one of the radios broke and has been sent in for repairs.

Paul Bolinger advised that he has two individuals that are interested in working part-time for the City, however, they would need to be sent to the part-time academy. Paul noted that the academy is two weeks long and the City would need to pay their wages while they are in training and also pay for the psychological evaluation. Ken Newell asked about a commitment agreement following the academy. Lee Hendricks replied he can draft one up for Council review. Council requested Paul submit the cost estimate for their review.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Paul Bolinger reported that Christopher Petesch has returned to work.

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UTILITIES

Nathaniel Copp reported that the schedule for the street project is still pending as he has not heard a timeframe from the contractor.

Nathaniel Copp reported picking up a lot of brush and has had to fix a couple of water leaks.

PARK & POOL

Nathaniel Copp stated he has had to be at the pool on a daily basis to make sure the plumbing, electrical, etc., are being installed correctly. Nathaniel also noted that they have had to empty the trash on a daily basis because the ball association is not keeping up with the trash.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Ken Newell made a motion to notify the Jefferson County Clerk that the City intends to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2023 budget. John Metzger seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

Lee Hendricks asked for direction on the cleanup of the Helms property at 307 West Jefferson Street in the alley. Lee reported that Mrs. Helms has advised that in the early 1990’s the Council approved them to use the camper for storage. Lee informed Mrs. Helms that the current Council cannot be held to an agreement made by past Council action. Council agreed all must be treated equal and the camper needs to be brought into compliance as other campers around town are being required to do. Lee will send a letter to Mr. & Mrs. Helms.

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John Metzger made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2022 regular Council meeting as written. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

FINANCE

Patty Hamm reported the second half of the ARPA funds have been received in the amount of $80,653.94. Patty also reported that the City has received a credit in the amount of $1470 for the deletion of the old dump truck from the insurance policy along with $4156.40 refund as a result of the premium audit.

Patty Hamm directed the Council’s attention to an invoice received from USD #341 for half of the cost of the retaining wall in the parking lot. John Metzger made a motion to approve the invoice as presented. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

Patty Hamm informed the Council that Pay Application No. 1 from Shirley Construction in the amount of $35,582.40 is included in the printed vouchers. Ken Newell made a motion to approve the June financial statement and vouchers as presented. Aron Boyce seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

John Metzger made a motion to approve Resolution No 22-07 GAAP. Ken Newell seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

Council agreed to conduct a budget work session on Thursday, July 14th at 6pm.

NEW BUSINESS

The agreement with Boyd’s Heating and Air Conditioning is tabled until next month.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Ken Newell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0 Motion Carried.

Eric Hull, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty A. Hamm, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: AUGUST 4, 2022