CITY OF OSKALOOSA, KS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

212 W WASHINGTON STREET

JANUARY 15, 2025 \* 7:00PM

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GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT

John Norman, Mayor

Ken Newell, Council President

Mike Smith, Council

Aron Boyce, Council (7:25pm)

Chauncey Young, Council

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS ABSENT:

John Metzger, Council

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Courtney Barnes, Office Assistant

Nathaniel Copp, City Superintendent

Paul Bolinger, Chief of Police

Todd Luckman, City Attorney

PUBLIC PRESENT

David Magill, 508 Topeka Street

Stephanie Spencer, ORHD Rhodes Apartments

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC

Animal Control Fowl Ordinance

David Magill was present to express concerns regarding the pending Animal Control Fowl Ordinance and changes to the regulations of chickens.

Stephanie Spencer was present to discuss snow piles near resident mailboxes located at Rhodes Apartments 405 Liberty Street.

POLICE / CODE ENFORCEMENT / ANIMAL CONTROL

Paul Bolinger reported that he had not yet received completed applications for the vacant Animal Control position.

Paul Bolinger requested additional information on the number of times a property owner can renew a Motor Vehicle Restoration permit. Todd Luckman noted that at the directive of Council, property owners can appear before the Council to request renewal of consecutive restoration permits.

John Norman reported that he and the City Building Inspector had completed an inspection at 500 Monroe Street Lot #5. John indicated that minimal progress has been made on the mobile home. Todd Luckman advised that the city remove the structures located on Lot #2 and #H by contractor bid or City Maintenance staff and allow #5 to remain to be renovated. Ken Newell made a motion to approve the removal of Lot #2 and #H. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=3, No=0; Motion Carried.

John Norman noted that due to weather conditions, no further action has been taken at 512 Atchison Street.

MAINTENANCE

Nathaniel Copp reported that over 17 hours of overtime was spent during the snowstorm that occurred on 1/4/25. Snow and ice treatment continued throughout the week with minimal repairs on equipment needed. Nathaniel also stated that assistance was provided to the City of Ozawkie in treating their streets with salt and sand as their equipment was inoperable.

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Nathanial Copp advised that a leak on Warren Street was repaired for the third time in a year and a half time span. He believes that tapping off the water line and abandoning the main to make a service line will prevent the issue from occurring. The specific main line currently services one home.

Nathaniel Copp reported that several youth are interested in applying for Summer 2025 positions. Nathaniel noted that he prefers them to have a form of permit or driver’s license.

PARK & POOL

John Norman noted that he believed Erin Subelka did a great job during the 2024 pool season as Pool Manager and has no concerns if she chooses to return for 2025.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Todd Luckman advised the Council of the drafted Animal Control Fowl Ordinance. Todd Luckman noted that he would prepare another draft of the ordinance to include discussed items for the next meeting.

Todd Luckman reported that he will amend Resolution No. 2025-01 and advised the Council to pass Resolution No. 2025-01 as amended. Aron Boyce made a motion to pass amended Resolution No. 2025-01. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

John Norman noted a letter received from Kansas Historical Society informing the Council that the Methodist Episcopal Church of Oskaloosa (402 Liberty Street), will be considered for nomination to and listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Smith made a motion to approve the employee insurance renewal as presented. Ken Newell seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

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Ken Newell made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/18/24 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. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken Newell made the motion to approve Employee Salaries COLA at an increase of three percent for each employee with the exception of Courtney Barnes. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried. Ken Newell made the motion to approve Courtney Barnes hourly increase to $17.00 per hour. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0 Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ken Newell made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client Privilege to discuss ongoing legal claims against the City beginning at 8:09pm. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried. Public Session resumed at 8:19pm. John Norman announced no binding action taken.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Ken Newell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0 Motion Carried.

John Norman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty A. Hamm, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: