CITY OF OSKALOOSA, KS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

212 W WASHINGTON STREET

SEPTEMBER 18, 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

Courtney Barnes, Office Assistant

Nathaniel Copp, City Superintendent

Paul Bolinger, Chief of Police

Todd Luckman, City Attorney

PUBLIC PRESENT

Debbie Hunt and Kelley Rockhold, The Center Place

Jimmy Johnson, Sunset Mobile Home Park (7:30pm via Zoom)

Donna Huffman 301 and 303 Jefferson Street

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC

The Center Place

Kelley Rockhold and Debbie Hunt presented the City Council with the details regarding Courtyard Christmas taking place on November 30, 2024. Ms. Rockhold shared their plans to decorate the courthouse lawn along with the Little Red Barn as well. This event will be free to the community and will include additional activities as they are finalized. Ms. Rockhold indicated that they would like to request that Washington Street from the center to the alley be closed to include part of Liberty to the Little Red Barn. John Metzger made a motion to approve street closings and a donation in the amount of $1,000. Ken Newell seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

Sunset Mobile Home Park

Jimmy Johnson presented the City Council with an update regarding the open field located behind the trailer park. Mr. Johnson indicated that the project has been completed and all debris has been removed. Mr. Johnson also expressed concerns with removing trailers located on Lot #2, Lot #5, and Lot H as indicated in Resolution 2024-08. He believes that the three trailers can be renovated and would like to hire certified contractors to ensure each are renovated properly for human occupancy. Mr. Johnson indicated that he believes the renovations will take 60 to 90 days. Todd Luckman stated that a resolution will be prepared for the next meeting to include a 60 day deadline to renovate Lot #5. The property must be inspected by the City Inspector at each interval and a clear title must be provided. If Lot # 5 meets the previously indicated criteria, the City Council will revisit the discussion of Lot #2 and Lot H at that time. Mr. Johnson agreed to the plan and timeline.

POLICE / CODE ENFORCEMENT / ANIMAL CONTROL

Paul Bolinger reported that homecoming and related activities went smoothly.

Paul Bolinger requested clarification on the allotted code enforcement hours. John Norman indicated that the hours can be utilized up to eight hours a month and if additional hours are necessary the amount of hours can be adjusted.

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MAINTENANCE

Nathaniel Copp reported on street drainage on Liberty Street and various mowing projects. Nathaniel confirmed that brush pickup for the City will end November 1st.

PARK & POOL

Nathaniel Copp reported that the pool has been drained and they have prepared the pump for winterization to be completed at a later date. The park restrooms will also be included in the winterization process.

Nathaniel Copp confirmed that the red bud tree has been removed from the park. John Norman reported that Stonehouse Gardens will be providing a replacement tree to the Oskaloosa Tree Board.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Todd Luckman reported that he has reviewed Resolution 2024-06 regarding 512 Atchison, Snow, and has viewed the property. Todd will provide the City Council with options on how to proceed.

Todd Luckman reported 1001 Cherokee Street, Wood, has made some progress but has remaining items that need to be addressed in order to bring the property into compliance.

CORRESPONDENCE

John Norman shared a thank you card received from Lee Hendricks, previous City Attorney.

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Ken Newell made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2024 regular Council meeting as written. John Metzger seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

FINANCE

John Metzger made a motion to approve the financial statement and vouchers as presented. Ken Newell seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Todd Luckman reported that he has reviewed the franchise agreement for Evergy and finds that it is standard. John Metzger made a motion to approve the franchise agreement as presented. Michael Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

Todd Luckman reported that he has reviewed the franchise agreement for Giant Communication and finds that it is standard. Ken Newell made the motion to approve the franchise agreement as presented. Michael Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

Donna Huffman presented the City Council with a printout of her properties and discussed property lines in relation to 301 and 303 Jefferson Street. Ms. Huffman expressed the desire to come to an agreement with the City on maintenance and upkeep of the meters along with a mutual understanding of her property and that of the City.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, John Metzger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm. Ken Newell seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0 Motion Carried.

John Norman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty A. Hamm, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: OCTOBER 16, 2024