**CITY OF OSKALOOSA, KS**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**212 W WASHINGTON STREET**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2023 \* 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**

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney

Patty Hamm, City Clerk

Paul Bolinger, Chief of Police

Nathaniel Copp, City Superintendent

**PUBLIC PRESENT**

Deanna Lyon, 707 Liberty Street

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC**

Deanna Lyon was present in response to the letter she received from the City requiring her to remove the dead tree that is blocking the sidewalk in front of her residence. Ms. Lyon stated she needs the tree to remain there for six to twelve months to allow it to dry out for a future carving that she plans to have done. John Norman advised Ms. Lyon that leaving the tree to block the sidewalk is not an option. When asked about the consequences for leaving the tree, Lee Hendricks advised Ms. Lyon that she is in violation of a City ordinance and she potentially could be fined on a daily basis for however long the tree remains in its current location. Lee further advised Ms. Lyon that it is not a matter of paying a fine and allowing the violation to still exist; the violation must be remedied.

Deanna Lyon asked how the citizens can talk to the Council without actually coming to a Council meeting. John Norman advised Ms. Lyon that the City Council must meet in public sessions and the citizens are always invited to attend.

**POLICE / CODE ENFORCEMENT / ANIMAL CONTROL**

Paul Bolinger reported that some trash cans were destroyed at the Park during Halloween; some kids were reported as being on top of the school; and he caught some kids throwing rocks at the water tower in the Park which he called parents and sent them home.

Paul Bolinger reported he received grant approval in the amount of $6000 for radio upgrades.

Ken Newell made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 23-11-101 Uniform Public Offense Code. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

John Metzger made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 23-14-101 Standard Traffic Offense Code. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

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**UTILITIES**

Nathaniel Copp reported the Street Project is complete along with the Camera Installations at the Park, Pool, Police, Maintenance and City Hall buildings.

Nathaniel advised the maintenance equipment is ready for the winter season.

**PARK & POOL**

Nathaniel Copp reported the park and pool bathrooms have been locked for the season.

**LEGAL COUNSEL**

John Metzger made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 23-12-301 with the exclusion of section 12-304. Aron Boyce seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Patty Hamm reported that the sanitation contract with LRS Sanitation Services will be coming up for renewal in 2024. Patty noted the quote from Honey Creek Disposal is for informational and comparison purposes.

Ken Newell made a motion to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield employee insurance renewal plan as presented with review of the KMIT plan when available. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

Aron Boyce made a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-07 Christmas Lighting Event. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Patty Hamm directed the Council’s attention to the three case hearings being held by Jefferson County Planning and Zoning. Council members had no objection to the following cases: PR2023-15 and Z2023-15 Spring Water Valley Subdivision, PR2023-13 and Z2023-13 Layden Estates, and PR2023-14 Lowe’s Estates 3.

Patty Hamm advised the KDHE Lead and Copper Rule meeting is for informational purposes. Patty Hamm will attend the meeting if Lee Hendricks is unable to.

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Ken Newell made a motion to approve the minutes of the 10/18/23 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 report and vouchers as presented. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

John Norman advised there is interest in the purchase of the Back lots at 306 Union Street and 312 Union Street. Nathaniel Copp noted Council will need to address sewer access to the property.

Patty Hamm distributed copies of the 2022 Audit for Council review.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Ken Newell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0 Motion Carried.

John Norman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty A. Hamm, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: FEBRUARY 2, 2023