CITY OF OSKALOOSA, KS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

212 W WASHINGTON STREET

APRIL 1, 2021 \* 7:00PM

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GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT

Eric Hull, Mayor

John Norman, Council President

Mike Smith, Council

John Metzger, Council

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS ABSENT

Ken Newell, Council

Larry Fowler, Council

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney

Angie Ward, Office Assistant

Paul Bolinger, Chief of Police

PUBLIC PRESENT

Rick Nichols: Oskaloosa Independent

SPECIAL MEETING 6:00PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

John Norman made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for Personnel Exception to discuss law enforcement personnel to begin at 6:00pm for forth-five (45) minutes. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=3, No=0; Motion Carried. Executive Session ended at 6:45pm. Eric Hull announced no binding action taken.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC: None

POLICE / CODE ENFORCEMENT / ANIMAL CONTROL

Paul Bolinger reported he is still waiting to here if the grant application for the tasers has been approved or not.

Lee Hendircks reported that he has spoken to the owner of the trailer park regarding code enforcement issues and will follow-up with a letter documenting their discussion. Lee noted that now is a good time to get all concerns under control with the new owner of the park. Council agreed the ordinance limiting the age of the trailers should stay as is for now until the entire park is brought up to code. Council discussed how, or if, backgrounds checks are conducted on tenants when a trailer is subleased. Lee will include this question in his letter.

Eric Hull noted there is no need to follow-up on the bicycles in the front yard of 415 Washington Street. Lee Hendricks will send a letter regarding the code enforcement issues in the back yard.

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Paul Bolinger reported there continues to be a cat issue. John Norman agreed and added that the school kitchen staff is feeding stray cats behind the school. Council agreed to send the school a letter requesting they decease feeding the cats and notify them that the animal control officer will be trapping cats behind the school to be released at a country farm.

UTILITIES

Eric Hull directed Council to the street project list for this year. The estimated cost is $76,240.

Eric Hull reported that bill has received several requests for flower boxes around the square.

Eric Hull reported that Bill purchased a 2014 International Dump Truck in the amount of $55,000 from a municipality in Missouri. Eric stated he would like to see the City sell the older truck and purchase a new plow and spreader.

Council discussed the maintenance of alleys and the obstacles that come along with making changes to the alleys.

Eric Hull noted he has requested Nathaniel Copp to start attending the City Council meetings in preparation for Bill Heard’s retirement next year.

PARK & POOL

Eric Hull reported the pool bathhouse project is scheduled to start at the end of this summer. John Norman noted that the price of lumber has jumped 30%.

John Norman reported that pool staff is being hired and training is scheduled for the last week of April.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Winchester 4H Group sent a thank you card to the City for use of the City Hall building.

The Lions Club has requested a donation. No action taken.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Lee Hendricks reported on two properties, 310 Hamilton Street and 310 Liberty Street, which are both in foreclosure. Lee stated that he would like for the County to take their tax sale action first because they have the ability to wipe clean any lien on the property. Lee will get a title report done on each property and then the Council can decide how to proceed.

OLD BUSINESS

Orion Waste Solutions has not responded to the City’s request for regional cost.

The KDOT Concrete Stamping project for Jefferson Street is still pending more information.

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John Norman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2021 regular Council meeting as written. John Metzger seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=3, No=0; Motion Carried.

FINANCE

John Metzger noted there is a $900 difference in the premium for the general liability insurance policy. John will email Patty for more information. John Metzger made a motion to approve the March financial statement and vouchers as presented. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=3, No=0; Motion Carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

Eric Hull reported that he has talked to the Old Settler’s Committee regarding the City purchasing the stage trailer for other events such as concerts in the park.

Eric Hull reported that City Wide Garage Sales will take place on Saturday, June 5th. Council agreed to proceed with having the Clean-Up Dumpsters on that day as well, however, advertisement will take place only on the back of the water bills to prevent an overflow from outside the City limits.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mike Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. John Norman seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=3, No=0 Motion Carried.

Eric Hull, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty A. Hamm, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: MAY 6, 2021