CITY OF OSKALOOSA, KS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

212 W WASHINGTON STREET

DECEMBER 20, 2023 \* 7:00PM

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GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT

John Norman, Mayor

Ken Newell, Council President

John Metzger, Council

Chauncey Young, Council

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mike Smith, Council

Aron Boyce, Council

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney

Patty Hamm, City Clerk

Paul Bolinger, Chief of Police

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

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

POLICE / CODE ENFORCEMENT / ANIMAL CONTROL

Paul Bolinger reported that he has interviewed a new officer and is interested in hiring him once he becomes recertified. Ken Newell made a motion to offer a one year contract to Darren Shepherd for the purchase of a tactical vest for approximately $2000 with reimbursement should the contract become void prior to completion. John Metzger seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=3, No=0; Motion Carried.

Council agreed to change the school zone time limits to 7:30am to 8:30am and 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Lee will draft the ordinance.

Paul Bolinger advised the 2014 Tahoe is up for replacement according to the City’s policy of a 10 year rotation.

Ken Newell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-08 Deanna Lyon, 707 Liberty Street, tree removal. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=3, No=0; Motion Carried.

John Metzger made a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-09 Nathan Snow, 512 Atchison Street, yard nuisance. Ken Newell seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=3, No=0; Motion Carried.

Council requested legal counsel send letters to Don Robbins, 415 Washington Street, Jim Schohner, 1003 Walnut Street and Yuriy Kalinichenko, 206 W Jefferson Street, for code violations.

John Norman reported that he spoke to school officials regarding the traffic flow at the school and they are in agreement that there is no need for a change at this time. John has advised the state that the City is withdrawing their request for a traffic study.

Lee Hendricks reported there is a jeep located at 903 Liberty Street that is being parted out as a dune buggy mud truck. Lee noted that there is no law to enforce this as not being allowed. Council agreed to take no action at this time.

MAINTENANCE

John Norman reported the maintenance staff have been preparing for winter weather. He advised that the plow needs to be replaced. Nathaniel Copp will get estimates.

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Patty Hamm inquired if the Council is interested in imposing a fine for damage to the water meters by residents. Patty noted that replacement meters are approximately $285. Council agreed to the City replacing the first one and the resident responsible for all meters after that. Legal Counsel will draft the ordinance.

PARK & POOL

John Norman reported the north diving board needs to be replaced. Nathaniel Copp will get price estimates.

Ken Newell noted the ball park lights need to be repaired prior to ball season next summer.

CORRESPONDENCE

Patty Hamm presented the official election results for John Norman, Mayor, Ken Newell, Council and Chauncey Young, Council.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Lee Hendricks reported on KDHE grant assistance funds for the EPA Lead and Copper Survey.

Lee Hendricks reported he is still researching the status of the library building, however, it is his belief the library is not a separate entity.

Chauncey Young made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 23-14-2a Stop Signs. Ken Newell seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=3, No=0; Motion Carried.

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John Metzger made a motion to approve the minutes of the 11/14/23 regular Council meeting as written. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=3, No=0; Motion Carried.

FINANCE

Ken Newell made a motion to approve the Financial Statement and Vouchers as presented. John Metzger seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=3, No=0; Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

John Norman reported on the meeting with Jefferson County Emergency Management regarding disaster planning. John recommended Council review the emergency action plan.

Patty Hamm announced Christmas Lighting winners as follows: Cross 1st place, Noble 2nd place, Lane 3rd place, Griffin, Brown and Cummings honorable mention.

Council agreed to a four hour minimum for City Hall rentals. Ken Newell will discuss with Jefferson County Commissions their continued use of the City Hall building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ken Newell made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for Personnel Exception to discuss employee salaries and benefits for 15 minutes at 8:20pm. John Metzger seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=3, No=0; Motion Carried. Public Session resumed at 8:35pm. John Norman announced no binding action taken.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken Newell made a motion to approve the KMIT State Health Insurance Plan with BCBS. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=3, No=0; Motion Carried.

Ken Newell made a motion to approve a 6% cost of living increase to all employees. John Metzger seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=3, No=0; Motion Carried.

Council discussed option family insurance coverage. No action taken.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Ken Newell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm. John Metzger seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=3, No=0 Motion Carried.

John Norman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty A. Hamm, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: JANUARY 17, 2024