CITY OF OSKALOOSA, KS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

212 W WASHINGTON STREET

APRIL 16, 2025 \* 7:00PM

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GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT

John Norman, Mayor

Mike Smith, Council

John Metzger, Council

Aron Boyce, Council

Chauncey Young, Council

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS ABSENT

Ken Newell, Council President

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Patty Hamm, City Clerk

Nathaniel Copp, City Superintendent

Todd Luckman, City Attorney

PUBLIC PRESENT

Matt Miller & Marilyn Vanderwide, Old Setters Reunion

Vincent Cox & Jimmy Johnson, Sunset MHP

Stephen Metzger, Safe Streets for All

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC

Safe Street for All (SS4A)

Stephen Metzger explained the application process for the Safe Streets for All grant to the City Council; advising the Jefferson County Commissioners would be the actual applicant with the cities as sub-applicants. The grant would entail a 80/20 split at the Federal level and then the State level would cover 90% of the City’s 20%. Stephen stated that the grant targets area such as sidewalks, crosswalks, and other areas of concern for public safety. Stephen added that the grant may not be used for street projects maintenance or repairs except for the infrastructure preparation for such a project. Mike Smith made a motion to participate in the SS4A grant application process through Jefferson County for a fee of $5000. John Metzger seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried. Mike Smith made a motion to authorize the Mayor’s signature on application documents as approved by legal counsel. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

Old Settler’s Reunion

Marilyn Vanderwide requested the closing of Washington Street on Saturday, June 21st from 12:00pm to 4:00pm during the Old Settler’s event for a car show. Patty Hamm advised the Resolution for the street closings already encompasses that area for that time so there is nothing further to do.

Sunset Mobile Home Park

Vincent Cox, Attorney, introduced himself as representing 600 Monroe, LLC and they are requesting to be issued the permit to operate the mobile home park. Jimmy Johnson reported the three trailers have been removed and four dumpsters have been filled with items from the park clean up. John Norman thanked Mr. Johnson for the work that has been done and his attention to the code enforcement issues. John advised that although most of the violations have been removed there is still great concern for lots #9 and #10 as they still have code enforcement violations. Council agreed to issue the permit on the condition that lots #9 and #10 are brought into compliance with the code enforcement issues as they still have multiple items around their trailers. Patty Hamm advised that lot D is without water and will soon be posted to vacate the premises

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by law enforcement. John Metzger made a motion to issue the 2025 Mobile Home Park Permit. Aron Boyce seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

POLICE / CODE ENFORCEMENT / ANIMAL CONTROL

Patty Hamm advised there still have not been any applications for the Animal Control Officer position and she will publish the ad again.

Mike Smith made a motion to approve the liquor license for Billiards and Brews LLC. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

John Metzger inquired if 509 Atchison has a building permit for the garage they are constructing. Patty Hamm replied they do not and she will have Paul Crawford investigate. John Norman reported that 302 Cherokee Street and 202 Herkimer Street have both put up carports without a permit to do so.

Nathaniel Copp reported that KNA has called for a dumpster to be delivered to 512 Atchison Street to begin clean up.

MAINTENANCE

Nathaniel Copp reported they have been preparing the pool to open and noted that the showers and heaters need to have repairs due to the winter weather.

Nathaniel Copp reported he would like to upgrade the Cherokee Street and Turkey Run lift stations to more modern technology. Council instructed Nathaniel to get price estimates for the upgrades.

Nathaniel Copp advised he has preliminary plans for the Street Project; that being the Warren Street/Columbia Street intersection, the Elm Street/Atchison Street intersection and a section of Delaware Street. John Norman reported that the west end of Herkimer Street is deteriorating and should be addressed soon.

PARK & POOL

John Metzger made a motion to approve the proposal for an exit alarm at the swimming pool in the amount of $420. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

John Metzger made a motion to approve the Training Assistance Agreement with Erin Subelka, Pool Manager, as presented. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried. Patty Hamm reported that Erin has already completed the training and obtained her WSI.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Todd Luckman advised he is still waiting for the calculation number from RWD #7 and will present the revised contract at next month’s meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Smith recommended the Council consider the purchase of a new police vehicle to replace the older Tahoe. John Norman suggested considering the hiring of a full time officer and someone to cover both Animal Control and Code Enforcement.

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John Metzger made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2024 regular Council meeting as written. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

FINANCE

Mike Smith made a motion to approve the financial report and vouchers as submitted. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried. John Norman noted that the City has received a 15% increase in tax revenue over the last couple of years.

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OLD BUSINESS

Patty Hamm informed Mike Smith, John Metzger, and Aron Boyce that the filing deadline for City Council is June 2nd at 12:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Aron Boyce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0 Motion Carried.

John Norman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty A. Hamm, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: MAY 21, 2025