CITY OF OSKALOOSA, KS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

212 W WASHINGTON STREET

FEBRUARY 19, 2025 \* 7:00PM

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GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT

John Norman, Mayor

Ken Newell, Council President

Mike Smith, Council

Aron Boyce, Council

Chauncey Young, Council

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS ABSENT

John Metzger, Council

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Patty Hamm, City Clerk

Paul Bolinger, Chief of Police

Todd Luckman, City Attorney

PUBLIC PRESENT

Jake Barnett & Jordan Young, 902 Westview Street

Melanie Wilde, & Silvano Gonzalez, 515 Walnut Street

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC

515 WALNUT STREET

Ms. Melanie Wilde presented the City Council with information that she and other interested parties are wanting to make plans to open a pool hall bar and grill at the location of 515 Walnut Street. Ms. Wilde asked for clarification on the City’s 200’ distance requirement from a church; whether it is property line to property line or building to property line. Ken Newell noted that the interpretation of building to property line would mean no outside activities involving alcohol could take place. Todd Luckman stated the interpretation of building to property line would meet the City’s distance requirements. Ken Newell made a motion to approve the 200’ distance requirement from the building at 515 Walnut Street to the property line of the Presbyterian Church for the sale and consumption of alcoholic liquor upon submission of the approved liquor license from the State of Kansas to the City Clerk. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

POLICE / CODE ENFORCEMENT / ANIMAL CONTROL

Paul Bolinger reported he has not received any applications for the animal control officer position.

Todd Luckman reported that he received a phone call from an attorney representing the Mobile Home Park inquiring about the park permit. Mr. Luckman made clear to the attorney that the removal of the three trailers does not guarantee approval of the permit as there are numerous other outstanding code enforcement issues to be addressed. Patty Hamm advised the owner of the park is currently soliciting bids to have the trailers removed.

John Norman reported the clean up of 512 Atchison Street and 1001 Cherokee Street by City maintenance are pending better weather conditions.

MAINTENANCE

Patty Hamm reported that the shop heater had to be replaced.

Jon Norman noted the maintenance staff did a nice job of clearing the snow from the streets.

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PARK & POOL

Patty Hamm will place an ad in the Oskaloosa Independent and City website for pool staff.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Todd Luckman presented the Council with draft Ordinance No. 25-2-302 regarding livestock and farm animals within the City limits. Jordan Young advised this ordinance would affect their livelihood as they raise ducks and turkeys as their own food source and as a source of income by selling the eggs. John Norman replied the surrounding neighbors have complained regarding the odor, animals at large, and condition of the property. Jake Barnett replied they had been ill for three days and were not able to clean during that time as they normally would. Ms. Young added that the duck pond has been removed. Mr. Luckman noted that this particular ordinance would allow chickens only and there is currently no a limit on the number of chickens allowed. Council agreed to table any action until a follow-up with the neighbors can take place.

CORRESPONDENCE

John Norman advised the United Methodist Church has been approved to be on the National Historical Registry.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken Newell made a motion to approve the 2024 annual audit with ATC Accounting for the City in the amount of $4900 and for the Library in the amount of $2000. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

Aron Boyce made a motion to approve President’s Day as a City observed holiday moving forward. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

MEETING MINUTES

Mike Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2025 regular Council meeting as written. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

FINANCE

Ken Newell made a motion to approve the financial report and vouchers as submitted. Aron Boyce seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Patty Hamm advised she has requested a partial bill adjustment from LRS sanitation services for the week of missed trash in January due to winter weather conditions. Council discussed contract wording for payment in such situations.

Paul Bolinger noted there is a need for better patrol over the entrance and exit to the beer garden/wine tent at the Old Settler’s Reunion Festival. Todd Luckman advised a new statute has come out regarding the consumption area of such events. Todd will review the Resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mike Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06pm. Ken Newell seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0 Motion Carried.

John Norman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty A. Hamm, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: MARCH 19, 2025