CITY OF OSKALOOSA, KS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

212 W WASHINGTON STREET

MARCH 19, 2025 \* 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 (7:15pm)

Chauncey Young, Council

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Patty Hamm, City Clerk

Nathaniel Copp, City Superintendent

Paul Bolinger, Chief of Police

Todd Luckman, City Attorney

PUBLIC PRESENT

Ron Bolz, Bolz Insurance

Matt Miller, Old Settler’s Reunion

Jerry Cozadd, The 1890 Ice House

Jimmy Steffey, 324 Washington Street

Craig & Emily Malsbury, 1106 Liberty Street

Jake Barnett & Jordan Young, 902 Westview Street

Robert Thayer, 900 Washington Street

Dave Taylor, 8998 US 59 Hwy

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC

BOLZ INSURANCE

Ron Bolz presented the general liability renewal policy to the City Council noting that the premium is an increase of approximately $9000. Ken Newell made a motion to approve the EMC Insurance Policy for 2025-2026 as presented. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=4, No=0; Motion Carried.

OLD SETTLER’S REUNION

Matt Miller advised the Old Settler’s Festival will take place June 19th through 21st. Matt requested the same street closings as last year. Matt requested the use of City Hall all three days for the mascot costume changes. Patty Hamm replied it is blocked off for his use. Matt also noted that he might want to park a food vendor or two along the west side of City Hall. Patty replied it will be included in the street closures.

Jerry Cozadd advised he will once again bring the wine and beer tent to the courthouse lawn for the Old Settler’s event. Paul Bolinger requested tighter security at the entrance/exit area. Jerry replied he is bringing more staff and will be able to position more people at that location.

ZONING AMENDMENT

Jimmy Steffey requested a zoning change to allow an apartment in the lower level of his building at 324 Washington Street. Too Luckman advised the zoning change would need to go before the Planning Commission prior to coming to the City Council. Patty Hamm will get him the appropriate application.

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ANIMAL ORDINANCE NO. 25-2-302

City Council heard opinions from the public regarding the implementation of Ordinance No. 25-2-302 Livestock and Farm Animals. John Norman assured those present that the ordinance was drafted incorrectly and the correct acreage is two (2) acres. Emily and Craig Malsbury inquired as to why the issue couldn’t be addressed as a nuisance instead of changing the City ordinance. Todd Luckman advised the nuisance had been addressed through municipal court and the matter was resolved. John Norman stated that no property within the City limits is zoned agricultural, therefore, the City needs to restrict the amount of livestock and farm animals that are being brought into the City. John noted that even though some property may be taxed as agricultural, that is a separate issue from what the property is zoned within the City limits. Robert Thayer stated the change in the ordinance will affect kids in the 4H community and their success in life. Mr. Thayer stated it would also have a terrible impact on the resale value of his property. Ken Newell responded that the primary concern by the Council is that everyone residing within the City limits follow the laws of the City. John advised that the Council has a responsibility to address every issue that is brought before them and in this case the neighbors have an issue with the amount of farm animals in their neighborhood. John stated the public discussion has ended and the Council will make a decision on the ordinance later in the meeting.

POLICE / CODE ENFORCEMENT / ANIMAL CONTROL

Paul Bolinger reported that he, John Norman and Ken Newell all visited the Mobile Home Park and wrote up the various code violations that still exist.

Paul Bolinger reported that he still has not received any applications for the animal control officer position. John Norman noted there is still one colony of cats that are still being fed and the City needs to have them trapped and rehomed to the County.

John Norman suggested the City contact an school organization to possibly assist with City wide cleanup on June 7th for those that are unable to get their items to the dumpsters.

MAINTENANCE

Nathaniel Copp reported the ball field lights have been replaced, the electrical has been installed for the scoreboard and they have repaired the lift station pump. Nathaniel advised the contractor is waiting for clear weather conditions to clean up 512 Atchison Street. Nathaniel stated that they have done some cleanup outside the fenced yard at 1001 Cherokee Street and asked Council their opinion on using the dumpster placed by the owner on the property. Todd Luckman replied he has no concern since the items belong to the owner anyway and the owner is the one who has placed the dumpster on the property.

John Metzger made a motion to approve the proposal from BK’s Painting in the amount of $8800 for painting the interior of City Hall and carpet replacement in the City Hall offices. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

PARK & POOL

Patty Hamm advised the Council that Erin Subelka has asked permission to have her WSI certification paid for by the City and then withdrawn from her check in repayments through payroll. John Metzger suggested the City pay for the certification without reimbursement if she will agree to work under a two or three year contract. Patty will propose the agreement to her. Todd Luckman will draft the contract if she agrees.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ken Newell made a motion to approve a donation of $1000 to the OHS After Prom event. John Metzger seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

Ken Newell made a motion to approve 45 one day admission pool passes to the OJH 8th Grade Promotion event. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

John Metger made a motion to approve the proposed maintenance agreement with Boyd’s Heating and Air in the amount of $1250 as presented. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

Council reviewed the agreement with RWD #7. Todd Luckman stated he would like more information on their number calculations. No action taken.

MEETING MINUTES

Mike Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2025 Council meeting as written. Chauncey Young seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

FINANCE

Ken Newell made a motion to approve the financial statement and vouchers as presented. Chauncey Young seconded the motion Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried. Vote: Yes=5, No=0; Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

John Metzger made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 25-2-302 as presented with the typo correction of “that” to “than.” Ken Newell seconded the motion. Council voted by rollcall vote as follows: Chauncey Young=Yes, Aron Boyce=No, John Metzger=Yes, Mike Smith=Yes, Ken Newell=Yes. Total Vote: Yes=4, No=1; Motion Carried.

John Metzger asked for an update on the pickleball court. Ken Newell stated he will talk to King’s Construction about a bid for the project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Ken Newell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Yes=5, No=0 Motion Carried.

John Norman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty A. Hamm, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: April 16, 2025