

Osawatomie, Kansas. **January 12, 2023.** The Council Meeting was held at Memorial Hall located at 411 11th Street. Mayor Nick Hampson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Macek, Diehm, Dickinson, LaDuex, Bratton, Filipin and Caldwell. City Staff present at the meeting were City Manager Mike Scanlon, Deputy City Manager Bret Glendening, City Clerk Tammy Seamands, City Attorney Jeff Deane, Assistant to the City Manager Sam Moon, Director of Utilities Terry Upshaw, Public Works Director Michele Silsbee and Business Liaison Kari Bradley. Members of the public were: John Wastlund and Kevin Schasteen.

INVOCATION. – John Wastlund, The Well Wesleyan Church

CONSENT AGENDA. Approval of January 12th Agenda, December 23rd Council Meeting Minutes, Pay Application – Western Consultants - \$3,388.50 – WWTP, Pay Application – BG Consultants - \$81,224.00 – Water Treatment Plant Improvements, Pay Application – BG Consultants - \$79,235.48 – Water Distribution Improvements, Pay Application BG Consultants - \$7,552.50- WWTP, Pay Application - BG Consultants - \$50,953.50 – Various Street Designs. **Motion** made by Dickinson, seconded by Diehm to approve the consent agenda as presented. Yeas: All.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC. – The Well Wesleyan Church is working with Grief Comforts. They are using the facilities to offer grief counseling and a support group so that people know that they are not alone. This is a Christian based and is available on Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the church.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. – None.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS. – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

RESOLUTION 1088 – AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN COST SHARE AGREEMENT WITH KDOT– The city approved Resolution 973 on February 17, 2022 which directed city staff to apply for cost share funds to offset the cost of construction for 6th Street from the northern limits of the city (roughly Lincoln Ave.) to the southern limits of the city (roughly Kelly Ave.). The city applied unsuccessfully in the Spring of 2022 but reapplied in the Fall and was successful in being awarded \$1,500,000 to aid in the costs of reconstructing the main thoroughfare.

The current cost estimate for the 6th Street project is \$3.9 million dollars. With this \$1.5M grant and the city’s portion of the county sales tax for roads and bridges in the amount of \$500,000, the city’s portion will be \$1.9M which will come from the proceeds of the bonds issued in March of 2022. Keep in mind that the city has committed \$1,734,521 for the 18th Street, Main Street Terrace and Walnut Ave. which are currently under contract. Furthermore, the current cost estimate for Brown Avenue from 7th to 12th is \$2.5M and remaining proceeds from the bond issue are slightly more than \$4.1M. All this being said, the costs of construction are based on the engineer’s estimates which have historically been higher than where bids have come in and we will continue to look for ways to reduce the costs of construction. Council should be aware that

we may need to go to the bond market for additional funds and there is not going to be a lot of room in the budget to add amenities like decorative street lights, new traffic signals, etc. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Caldwell to approve Resolution 1088 – Authorizing the mayor to sign the 2023 cost share agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 1090 – ACCEPTING BID FROM TANTALUS FOR AMI SYSTEM – City staff requested proposals for the replacement of all electric meters, water meters, and an AMI system to collect data from those meters. This is to replace the current system that was installed in 2006. The city currently has approximately 2003 electric meters and 1638 water meters. A new AMI system will provide more data such as alerts for high daily usage, tampering, outage reports, power restore, and real time reads. Data will be more accurate. All meters would be read from City Hall instead of our current drive by system. It will also have the capabilities of remotely disconnecting electric meters for non-payment or customer requested disconnection. This will free up staff in the distribution fields to focus on other job tasks. All water and electric meters would be replaced, which should potentially allow the city to capture more accurate reads and reduce our water and electric losses. With more data and real time reads it will also potentially identify water leaks on customer side sooner which will save customers money. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Filipin to approve Resolution 1090 – Authorizing the purchase of AMI metering system and awarding the bid to Wesco (Tantalus) as presented. Yeas: All.

NEW BUSINESS.

RESOLUTION 1089 – AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF BUCKET TRUCK– The electric distribution currently has two bucket trucks, 2005 Altec on a Freightliner chassis, and 2008 Versa-lift on a Ford 650 chassis. Altec currently performs all maintenance and repairs on these trucks. Staff was informed by Altec that they will no longer be able to service or repair the 2008 Versa-lift because they have a policy that they do not work on other manufacturers equipment that is 15-years or older. For this reason, staff wants to replace the 2008 Versa-lift truck. City staff budgeted \$230,000 for the purchase of a bucket truck for electric distribution. Staff has been informed that new trucks from Altec if ordered today would not be available until 2027 and the cost currently ranges from \$285,000 to \$325,000, depending on features. Staff has vendors looking for a used truck that meets our requirements. If a truck becomes available it typically is sold within 5-10 days. For this reason, staff is asking Council to approve the purchase of a truck not to exceed the amount of \$230,000.

Staff has located a 2014 Altec truck on an international chassis that will be available later this month. Staff intends on inspecting this vehicle once it is made available to determine its condition. Cost of this truck is \$120,000. Staff also has been in contact with Altec to determine the trade in value of the 2008 versa-lift and Altec has offered \$20,000 for it. **Motion** made by Caldwell, seconded by LaDuex to approve Resolution 1089 – Authorizing the purchase of a used bucket truck for the electric department not to exceed the amount of \$230,000 as presented. Yeas: All

RESOLUTION 1091 – ESTABLISHING PROCESS AND CALENDAR FOR FILLING VACANT TERM OF CITY COUNCILMEMBER – Per city code within forty (40) days of the mayor informing the Council of a vacancy, the nominating committee shall recommend

candidate(s) to the Council, Individual Council members may also recommend candidates to fill such vacancy. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Caldwell to approve Resolution 1091 – Setting the calendar for the selection of candidate to fill the unexpired term of councilmember Kirk Wright as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 1092 – APPROVING ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH BG CONSULTANT FOR JOHN BROWN AND LEVEE LOOP TRAIL PROJECT– As a community we have five primary goals. Two of those goals are creating economic development and investing and maintaining soft infrastructure. This contract and the resulting construction of the South Levee and John Brown Loops will help in achieving those goals. Additionally, this is a project that a majority of the funding is coming from a \$1.5 million dollar Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Transportation Alternative (TA) grant. **Motion** made by Dickinson, seconded by Bratton to approve Resolution 1092–Authorizing an engineering contract with BG Consultants, Inc. for the design of South Levee and John Brown Loops as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 1093 – DIRECTING STAFF TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE EXPANDED PSP GRANT FOR THE FLINT HILLS TO KATY CONNECTION – City staff is asking the City Council to consider applying for a Planning Sustainable Places (PSP) study that would have three supporters on the application splitting \$20,000 of the local government match (\$5,000 per entity). These are “left-over” funds that KDOT and MARC are taking applications for. This application period ends January 27, 2023. I’ve included the information provided us so far from MARC. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Filipin to approve Resolution 1093 – Directing the city manager to apply for a planning sustainable places (PSP) grant for the planning necessary to create the Flint Hills Trail to Katy Trail connection as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 1095 – DECLARING OSAWATOMIE PRIDE A CONTINUING CHAPTER OF KANSAS PRIDE PROGRAM– **Motion** made by Caldwell, seconded by Filipin to approve Resolution 1095 – Declaring that Osawatomie as an official entrant in the Pride Program as presented. Yeas: All.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – **Motion** made by Lawrence, seconded by LaDuex to recess into closed, executive session for the purpose of discussing of company recruitment pursuant to the financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts and individual proprietorships exception in K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(4). The closed meeting will last 10 minutes and will resume here in Memorial Hall at 7:23 p.m. Also attending will be City Manager Mike Scanlon, Deputy City Manager Bret Glendening, City Clerk Tammy Seamands, City Attorney Jeff Deane and Business Liaison Kari Bradley. Yeas: All.

The council meeting resumed to open session at 7:23 p.m. with no action taken.

Motion made by Lawrence, seconded by LaDuex that the City Council recess into closed, executive meeting for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of nonelected personnel pursuant to the exception in K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). The closed meeting will last 20 minutes and will resume here in Memorial Hall at 7:44 p.m. Also attending will be City Manager Mike Scanlon. Yeas: All.

The council meeting resumed to open session at 7:44 p.m. with no action taken.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Dale Bratton ~ The police department served another successful warrant. I hope they keep up the good work.

Cathy Caldwell ~ I agree with Dale.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Something that I want to highlight tonight is our Water Services group. When Terry took over as our Director of Utilities, we had just one Class 3 License at the Wastewater Plant and no certified operators at the Water Plant– and we were in violation of KDHE regulations. In just short 18 months we've gone from 1 licensed operator to 7. With four people holding Class 2 licenses, one person having a Class 3 license and two people with a Class 4 licenses. None of that would have happened without Terry Upshaw --- I think that deserves a round of applause – Thank you Terry.

I want to thank Bret for finishing up the Northland Service Agreement with MICO Water District #1 – we've been trying to get that done for decades and Bret's persistent paid off. We've got a signed agreement BRET GOTTER DUN!!!

A reminder that City Office will be closed Monday for Martin Luther King Day.

If any of you have people you know in Ward 2 that you think would make a good City Councilmember, please encourage them to apply. We will have forms and links up tomorrow on the City Web Site.

And last but not least – the Adair Ghost house. I can't tell you how many compliments and thanks the City has received for that project. That's a project Karen LaDuex put her heart and soul into – and as a community we are very lucky to have both Karen and the ghost house.

Thank you, Karen.

CITY MANAGER & STAFF REPORTS.

Mike Scanlon – In the Kansas Government Journal they have used screen shots of our website as an example of job advertisements.

Bret Glendening – The water treatment design has made it though the financial review with KDHE.

Michele Silsbee – passed around a spreadsheet that she created through PubWorks that showed the costs associated with the last snow/thunderstorm event.

OTHER DISCUSSION/MOTIONS.

Motion made by Dickinson seconded by Macek to adjourn. Yeas: All. The mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

/s/ Tammy Seamands
Tammy Seamands, City Clerk