

Osawatomie, Kansas. **May 22, 2025.** The Council Meeting was held at Memorial Hall located at 411 11th Street. Pro Tem Mayor Lawrence Dickinson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were: Schasteen, Diehm, Dickinson, Henness, and Filipin. Mayor Hampson and council members Macek, Bratton and Caldwell were absent. City Staff present at the meeting were: City Manager Bret Glendening, Deputy City Manager Michele Silsbee. and City Clerk Tammy Seamands. Members of the public were: John Wastlund, Eunice Mollett and GW Weld.

INVOCATION. – Pastor John Wastlund, The Well Wesleyan Church

CONSENT AGENDA. Approval of May 22, 2025 Agenda, May 22, 2025 Council Minutes, Special Event Permit - Dale & Jo's Fireworks Stand Permit and Special Event Permit – Eddie's Fireworks Stand Permit. **Motion** made by Schasteen, seconded by Filipin to approve the consent agenda as presented. Yeas: All.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC. – None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. – Pastor John Wastlund – Next month the New Day Church is going to start sharing our facility at The Well Wesleyan Church. I have been involved with the first responders for several years. The accident that they worked a few weeks ago was horrific. I would appreciate each of you reaching out to the first responders and letting them know how much you appreciate them.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

FOUR KIDS FOR KRITTERS TNR PRESENTATION – Eunice Mollett presented an update on the Osawatomie TNR program saying that they have trapped and fixed 34 animals since starting in August 2024.

WEST ELEMENTARY LOFTS PRESENTATION – GW Weld stated that they had applied for low-income housing tax credits to help close the gap with the building budget but has learned that they were not awarded those credits. The state has decided to stop funding that program next year so they will not be able to reapply for those credits. There is still a federal program but they were really needing both the federal and state program together to close the gap on this project. They are working hard to try to find other sources to close the gap and are working with city staff to try to figure out what the next steps are.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. – None.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 1310- AUTHORIZING REPAIRS FOR DRAINAGE AT 13TH & MAIN – Two 30-inch corrugated metal culverts under Main Street between Brown Circle Drive and 14th Street have been identified as structurally failing. These culverts serve as a primary stormwater conveyance system for the area and must be replaced to maintain drainage and roadway safety. These failures are causing the roadway to sag and cones have been placed to alert residents of the potential road hazard.

City staff have developed two feasible replacement options.: Option 1: Install a concrete box culvert with capacity equivalent to the existing metal pipes. Option 2: Install two round reinforced concrete pipes that match the current hydraulic capacity.

Both options will require the relocation of an existing waterline to complete the installation.

Due to the nature of the replacement, Main St between Brown Circle Drive and 14th St will need to be closed to complete the project. This closure is estimated to take no longer than a week.

Motion made by Schasteen, seconded by Diehm to approve Resolution 1310 –Authorizing the replacement of failing culverts under Main Street between Brown Circle Drive and 14th Street with Option 1: Install a concrete box culvert with capacity equivalent to the existing metal pipes.
Yeas: All.

CHARTER ORDINANCE ____ - REVISIONS TO TRANSIENT GUEST TAX RULES
(No Action) -Municipalities in Kansas are afforded great latitude to adopt legislation that best suits its needs and not be constrained by “one size fits all” statutes passed by the legislature and as is the nature of municipal business in states where Dillon’s Rule is prevails.

This charter ordinance amends an existing charter ordinance (charter #10) which was adopted in October 2006. That charter exempted the city from the transient guest tax (TGT) statutes (K.S.A. 12-1692 et seq). One of the sections that the city’s charter ordinance from 2006 did not modify was the duration of stay. State statute and our charter ordinance states that individuals who reside in a covered structure, defined as: “a hotel, motel or tourist court containing more than two bedrooms furnished for the accommodation of ‘transient guests’” for more than 28 days are not charged the transient guest tax. This amendment to charter ordinance 10 seeks to remove the 28-day cap and clarify that TGT is applicable to any individual who resides in any structure containing more than 2 rooms rented for this purpose for any duration. It also clarifies TGT is applicable to short-term rental properties (i.e. VRBO’s, AirBNB, etc.).

There is no action sought on this item as we are still working through details with the Department of Revenue

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Kevin Schasteen ~ Alumni is this weekend.

Lawrence Dickinson ~ The John Brown Jamboree starts June 19th. The planning committee invited us to be a part of the parade.

MAYOR’S REPORT – None.

CITY MANAGER & STAFF REPORTS.

Bret Glendening ~ We ordered more candy for the parade at the request of the council.

The Memorial Hall Restoration Bids are due back next week from contractors. The Miami County Community Foundation are willing to match twenty percent of the donations that the Memorial Hall Restoration committee can raise between September 15th and October 15th up to \$20,000. We will have someone sitting with Alumni at events over the weekend to show them what the plans are for the building and where we are at.

Earlier this week Michele, Terry and myself along with our engineers sat through interviews of four contractors that submitted statements of qualifications. We had four really good submissions. We will shortlist to three and then issue an RFP hopefully next week.

I will be out of town starting June 10-19th. Michele will be acting city manager while I am gone.

Michele Silsbee ~ Hopefully you have seen public works out sprucing up the community. We did some restriping and getting ready for the levee inspections.

OTHER DISCUSSION/MOTIONS.

Motion made by Schasteen, seconded by Diehm to adjourn. Yeas: All. The mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 06:44 p.m.

/s/ Tammy Seamands
Tammy Seamands, City Clerk