

Osawatomie, Kansas. **July 10, 2025.** The Council Meeting was held at Memorial Hall located at 411 11th Street. Mayor Nick Hampson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were: Schasteen, Macek, Diehm, Dickinson, Henness, Bratton and Caldwell. Council member Filipin was absent. City Staff present at the meeting were: City Manager Bret Glendening, Deputy City Manager Michele Silsbee, City Attorney Jeff Deane, City Clerk Tammy Seamands, and Public Safety Officer Scott Polster. Members of the public were: Nancy Thompson, Nick Krivena, Liz Redd, Shelly Dickinson, Nicole Henness, Jacki Glendening, Tyler England, Joseph Casel, John Wastlund, Chris Blanton, Michael McCoy, Dean Inscore, Polly Inscore, Jillie Powell, Chris Newport, Nicole Dickinson, Brad Dickinson, Rhonda Synder, Brandon Willey and Sean McQuay.

INVOCATION. – Pastor John Wastlund ~ The Well Wesleyan Church

CONSENT AGENDA.

- A. July 10, 2025 Agenda
- B. June 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- C. Pay Application(s)
 - BG Consultants – 6th Street Construction - \$625.00 (Final Bill)
 - BG Consultants – WTP Design - \$15,054.00
 - BG Consultants – Water Distribution Design - \$52,000.00
 - BG Consultants – J.B. & So. Levee Loop - \$17,560.00
 - BG Consultants – Northland Interceptor Sewer - \$5,159.50
 - BG Consultants – City Surveyor & Engineering - \$3,512.50
 - BG Consultants – Golf Course Clubhouse Design - \$11,960.00
 - Pro Design Contractors – Northland Interceptor Sewer - \$428,928.47
- D. Special Event Permit(s)
 - OHS Flag Football Fundraiser Walk

Motion made Dickinson, seconded by Schasteen to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Yeas: All.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

Pastor John Wastlund ~ I would like to first represent Grief Comfort. We just finished publishing a workbook for First Responders. I presented this to the fire department yesterday and we had an open discussion on how discussion can help reduce the stress. Most first responders do not want to share some of the tragedy that they have been through so they bottle it up. In the group, we talked a lot about the necessity and purpose for having a team that you can go to and talk about these things and work through them. The workbook follows a lot of the same principals that we cover in Grief Comfort but it is all written out so you can read through it.

The second thing is that I know that your job is tough. As a city manager, I am sure that you have a big weight on your shoulders. Sometimes slowing things down and looking through processes a little bit more is all that it needs to make a great plan happen. I encourage the city council to slow down and stop going so fast on certain things. Put yourself in someone else's

shoes. What would it look like if what was imposed to somebody was imposed upon you and how would you feel?

Dean Inscore ~ Derek I am surprised that you are here after the action that you took last week driving past and videotaping our house. If you are videotaping our house, what else are you doing? I followed you back to Bret's house. It was very poor conduct. Please conduct yourself as an elected official. I feel like Bret is systematically targeting senior citizens in town, tearing their houses down and harassing them. Bret, you hide behind your office and do not say anything. Instead of calling us you send letters. I am begging you to please get us some jobs, do your job and help the community and do not tear it down.

Polly Inscore ~ I would like for Derek to explain why he drove past my house videotaping me. Imagine how that made me feel. My husband had spoken to you. I posted online that he had talked to you and they said what a good person you were. I was confident with this being in your hand's things would be taken care of. The next thing I know, I am out taking care of my land and then I see a car driving slowly past my house. Your wife had her phone pressed against the window. I do not even think you noticed that I was there. I could not believe it when I saw that it was you. The people that elected you are afraid to be apart of this they are afraid that they will be targeted also. Whether the city manager thinks he is doing his job or not, he got a \$57,000 raise. Your median income in Osawatomie is \$55,000. Why is he making at least triple what they make? It puts him out of touch with the people that he represents. Please don't harass people anymore. Let's get these meeting on Zoom so that the people that can not attend will be able to watch.

Chris Blanton ~ I am hearing things about a sidewalk, walking path, and stuff like that possibly going down by my house. I have heard about it but my city officials have not told me anything about it. Is this going to affect my property? We still do not have a paved street on South Street. Also, the walking path that is adjacent to my property is overgrown with grass. I have been mowing it. I don't want mice and bugs. I also mow where the street ought to be. Down further though there are a bunch of trees that have been piled up from a tree line that they removed to put in a sewer line for the new houses that are going up on Chestnut. I have reported this. My property that I have on Chestnut. There is a leak up there. I have reported it three times. They have tried to fix it. They have even dug up part of the new street but they still have not found it. I have a swamp because I cannot mow it. My mower gets stuck. I want to maintain my property and make things look nice. The problem is that if I do not have the ability to take care of it, I can't get somebody to fix the things that need to be fixed then I can't do anything about it.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. – None.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS. – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. – None.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 1315 – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT – The City has provided, on a cost reimbursable basis, an SRO to USD 367 for several years. Having a contractual is important because it defines the rights and responsibilities of not only the City, but the school as well as the officer who serves as the SRO.

Our City Attorney was integral in pulling this document together. **Motion** made by Schasteen, seconded by Dickinson to approve Resolution 1315 –Authorizing the execution of an agreement with USD 367 for the school resource officer position as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 1316 – AUTHORIZING CITY MANGER TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - The City has applied for two Hawkins Foundation grants over the last two years. Each grant totals \$50,000. During a recent meeting with the Hawkins Foundation, the Miami County Community Foundation (MCCF) came up during discussion. The opportunity to have the MCCF match donations made to the project during the month of September (a traditional fundraising campaign month for non-profits) was offered to the city by MCCF.

In order for a donation to be matched by MCCF, the donation must be initially made to the Miami County Community Foundation, with the donor identifying that the donation is meant for the Memorial Hall Restoration Project. These donations, plus the matching funds, will then be sent to the city for use in the restoration project.

The minimum required donations in this campaign must be \$25,000 which will be matched by a \$5,000 donation from MCCF. The maximum donations eligible for the MCCF match is \$100,000 and that will be matched with \$20,000. If we are successful and exceed the \$100,000, we will receive every dollar donated. Only the MCCF match will stop at the maximum dollar amount.

Motion made by Schasteen, seconded by Caldwell to approve Resolution 1316 – Authorizing the city manager to execute agreement with the Miami County Community Foundation as presented. Yeas: All.

ORDINANCE 3872 – AMENDING SECTION 8-208 OF OSAWATOMIE CITY CODE – VEGETATION NOTICES - The proposed amendment to Section 8-208 of the City Code changes the language of the vegetation notifications from “one notice for each calendar year” to one notice “in a twelve (12) month period.” This amendment will save the city a fair amount of money on certified letters. So far this year, we have sent out approximately 190 certified vegetation notices. Each notice costs \$5.54. Many of these come back unclaimed, but we must make the effort. Making this change basically gives us 4 to 5 months of enforcement on properties that have already been provided proper notice at the beginning of the year.

Proposed amendment to Chapter 8, Article 2, Section 208:

8-208. Service of notices.

(a) Unless otherwise prescribed by Kansas statute, all written notices required to be given under the provisions of this Chapter may be served in the following manner:

(1) By personal delivery at such person's residence—with an individual 18 years of age or older being a member of the family or cohabitant, or at such person's place of business with an employee of the business; or

(2) By certified mail, return receipt requested to the person in violation and also to the owner, if the City abatement is assessed to the property; or

(3) If the owner or the agent of the owner of the property has failed to accept delivery, or has otherwise failed to effectuate receipt of a notice or order sent pursuant to this section during the preceding twenty-four month period, the City may provide notice of the issuance of any further orders to abate or remove a nuisance from such property or provide notice of the order by such methods including, but not limited to, door hangers, conspicuously posting notice of such order on the property, personal notification, telephone communication or first class mail. If the property is unoccupied and the owner is a nonresident, notice provided by this section shall be given by telephone communication or first-class mail.

(4) If in the event the whereabouts of such person is unknown and the same cannot be ascertained in the exercise of reasonable diligence, an affidavit to that effect shall be made by the public officer and filed with the City Clerk, and the serving of the resolution shall be made by publishing the same once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official City newspaper and by posting a copy of the resolution on the premises where such condition exists.

(b) In the case of notices issued for grass or weed nuisances, the City shall only provide one notice ~~for each calendar year in a twelve (12) month period~~. All subsequent violations after the first notice, whether abated by the person in violation or by the city, will not require further notice in that calendar year before the city abates the grass or weed nuisance. **Motion** made by Schasteen, seconded by Henness to approve Ordinance 3872 – Amending Chapter 8 of the City of Osawatomie Municipal Code for the purpose of redefining when a vegetation notice will be issued by the city as presented. Yeas: (5) Schasteen, Diehm, Dickinson, Henness and Caldwell. Nays (2) Macek and Bratton.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Cathy Caldwell ~ 10 acres was mowed this week. It looks nice. Lights on the Lake was excellent.

Lawrence Dickinson ~ I am glad that we have the Miami County Community Foundation match to help improve this building. This is a building that is used quite heavily and part of the renovations is to modernize so that people can hear better by putting in an amplified system and video capabilities to make sure that the community is able to view the proceedings. We would prefer you to be here, we like it when people come to the meetings. We are trying to get there but nothing can be done overnight.

Dan Macek ~ I apologize for my string of absences. Between vacation, illness, and fireworks I missed three meetings in a row. I thank everyone who stuck it out for the delay in the fireworks at Lights on the Lake. One of the things that stood out was to find away to communicate what is going on because we do not have a good way to communicate around the lake out there. We tested everything and we were on tech support for half an hour. I found the issue when we tore everything down. There was a broken wire in the antenna.

Kevin Schasteen ~ I want to give a shout out to some of the city employees. I had a chance to encounter some of them over the last week. They got the meters changed out down my block on Tuesday. The crew was great. They were cordial, nice and moving along fast. I also had a chance to use the forestry site over the weekend. The guy that was working at the water plant had a good attitude and was nice. So, a shout out to the crews.

MAYOR'S REPORT – None.

CITY MANAGER & STAFF REPORTS.

Bret Glendening ~The budget is finished. It will be published in the Miami County Republic on August 13th. We will have a Revenue Neutral Rate hearing followed by a Budget hearing on August 28th. At the last meeting, I talked about trying to get the mill levy down a couple of mills. I was able to get that done so you will see in the newspaper a mill levy of 76 instead of 78.

Hopefully we will have the Waste Management contract for the next meeting. We are going through what they have sent over and then I will get it over to our city attorney to review as well.

We are pushing to find contractors for the Memorial Hall renovations. I have contacted a couple and we are going to do a walk through the building. When we put out the RFP, we did not get any bids because there was some miscommunication about the amount of money that was available for this project. We will advertise again for bids and solicit contractors. We will reach out to anybody that is on the licensed contractors list to do the work that is required in here and we will send RFP's out to each of them if we have emails on file and we will publish it in the newspaper. Plans are done and ready we just need some bids to select from. Phase 1 is the largest. It deals with the kitchen, bathroom and electrical.

Michele Silsbee ~ We are about a fourth of the way through replacing water meters. We will put out some more information on that. We are trying to give people a little bit more of a heads up on when we will be in their area. Crews should be still knocking on doors. It is to be expected to have some cloudiness or air in the lines when the meter is changed out so we will make sure that is added in with the information. Electric crews are working on conversion. There have been some planned outages and there will be some more coming at the beginning of August. Anyone affected will be notified. Public Works crews were short staffed this week so they spent a lot of time working on pot holes. Next week they will start on ditch clean out.

OTHER DISCUSSION/MOTIONS.

Motion made by Bratton, seconded by Schasteen to adjourn. Yeas: All. The mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 06:49 p.m.

/s/ Tammy Seamands
Tammy Seamands, City Clerk