

Osawatomie, Kansas. **July 14, 2022.** The Council Meeting was held at Memorial Hall located at 411 11th Street. Pro Tem Mayor Lawrence Dickinson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Wright, Macek, Diehm, Dickinson, LaDuex, Bratton, Filipin and Caldwell. Mayor Hampson was absent. City Staff present at the meeting were City Manager, Mike Scanlon, Deputy City Manager Bret Glendening, City Clerk Tammy Seamands, City Attorney Jeff Deane, Building Official Ed Beaudry, Police Chief David Stuteville, Deputy Police Chief William Bradshaw, Public Safety Officer Nick Gazzano, Public Safety Officer Grant Sparks, Public Works Director Michele Silsbee, Nuisance Officer David Ellis and Business Liaison Kari Bradley. Members of the public were: Chrissy Butler, Josh Butler, Lindsay Freeman, Robin Stuteville, John Wastlund, Neal Daney, Bill Churchwell, Christina Churchwell, David Ash and Ken Olson.

INVOCATION. – John Wastlund, The Well Wesleyan

CONSENT AGENDA. Approval of July 14th Agenda, June 23rd Council Minutes, Special Event Permit – Chamber of Commerce Farmer’s Market. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Bratton to approve the consent agenda as presented. Yeas: All.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

John Wastlund – speaking on behalf of the Ministerial Association. Currently their umbrella is under the 501(C)(3) of the Methodist Church. They are in the process of getting their own bi-laws completed and becoming their own 501(C)(3). They have come up with a snag and they need to use a physical street address and do not want to use a church address because that will tie them to a specific church. Could they use the Old Stone Church address so that it is recognized as undenominational? They have a post office box that they will use for mail.

Chrissy Butler – speaking on behalf of Cassone Properties. They are in the process of two new home builds at 120 & 124 E. Pacific. They started months ago but this week they started working on the foundations. Monday morning there were temporary no parking signs that were put up on both sides of the street. This is causing issues with trucks. They are requesting that the signs on the North sides be removed and would like to know how long they will be there and why they were placed there. The trucks can not go through the alley so they don’t understand why the no parking signs were placed.

David Ash – was concerned that he has been watching businesses in the city fail. What happened to Lights on the Lake? \$79,000 was lost on that event. Are we going to have this event again next year?

Christina Churchwell and Bill Churchwell – they are being blocked in their driveways. If there is traffic parked on their road then they can’t get in their driveway and they do not have an alley. This problem started over a year ago. Everyone there has off street parking so they are not sure why everyone is now parking on the street.

Josh Butler – is the contractor that is building the new homes. Their employees do respect the driveways. Their concrete truck did sit there for about 10 minutes. The workers want to park

as close as they can to the job site and they can't block the alley. It would help if you would just move the no parking signs to the south side of the street that would help.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. -None.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

SOLAR ARRAY PRESENTATION/UPDATE – Lindsey Freeman with Evergy and Neal Daney with KMEA gave an update on what has been done over the last six months. The preliminary site layout has been upgraded to 5 MW and the panels have been upgraded to 650-watt Talesun bifacial panels & ET Solar 385 mono facial panels. Evergy will also include 4,925 linear feet of fencing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. - None

NEW BUSINESS.

RESOLUTION 1020 – ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT PLAN-IMPLEMENTATION – The City Council was presented information relating to the age and need of an ongoing fleet maintenance and replacement program at the June 23, 2022 City Council meeting. This is the next step in entering into a long-term replacement and maintenance program. **Motion** made by Caldwell, seconded by Filipin to approve Resolution 1020 – Directing the City Manager to implement the recommendations presented to the fleet management program presented to the City Council on June 23rd, 2022 as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 1021 – EXPANSION OF ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVICE AREA – NORTHLAND PROPERTIES – In doing a thorough review of electric utility services including the construction of a solar array north of the State Hospital it became clear that the city and the city's electric utility would benefit financially by taking on additional customers in its incorporated boundaries. The Resolution outlines the costs and benefits of this transfer. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Bratton to approve Resolution 1021 – Directing the City Manger to complete the negotiation and transfer of electrical grid assets and the provision of electricity to a portion of the northland properties including the Kansas State Hospital as presented. Yeas: All.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Wright that the City Council recess into closed, executive session for the purpose of discussing acquisition of real property pursuant to the exception in K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6). The closed meeting will last 15 minutes and will resume here in Memorial Hall at 7:50 p.m. Also attending will be City Manager Mike Scanlon, Deputy City Manager Bret Glendening and City Attorney Jeff Deane. Yeas: All.

The council meeting resumed to open session at 7:50 p.m. with no action taken.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Cathy Caldwell ~ The tourism committee met and discussed an overview of the Lights on the Lake and John Brown Jamboree events. There was a lot of talk regarding where we are going and more to come.

Tammy Filipin ~ enjoyed the Lights on the Lake. We are still looking for people for our arts commission.

Kenny Diehm ~ The Lights on the Lake was well put together. It is a very good project and it appeared to go smoothly.

Dan Macek ~ Lights on the Lake did not have the amount of ticket sales that they hoped for. Thank you to everyone for their support and to those that volunteered.

MAYOR'S REPORT -There is a whole lot coming at us in the next several months – with the budget and various events. I encourage any of the City Council that might have questions to not hesitate to stop by and talk with Mike or Bret about what we are working on. I found last week's meeting very helpful and I look forward to hearing more in the future.

The Mural is really looking sharp – the artist was out working on it today. If I remember when this ends there's a possibility the Governor will be coming to view and showcase the mural – correct Mr. Scanlon?

Since we haven't met since Lights on the Lake happened, I want to thank the Macek's, the City Staff, Sponsors, volunteers and anybody else who helped. I understand the concern about the numbers – but we had about 1,000 that had a good time in our town that afternoon and night. And anybody that attended seemed really impressed. Those are big positives. If we up the numbers, and make it breakeven and keep people happy I think we might just hit a home run.

I believe Michele Silsbee our new Public Works Director is into her second week and according to Bret she's hit the ground running.

CITY MANAGER & STAFF REPORTS. – The parking on East Pacific has a lot of things to it. We are directing staff to send all questions to Mike or Bret.

OTHER DISCUSSION/MOTIONS.

Motion made by Filipin, seconded by LaDuex to adjourn. Yeas: All. The mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

/s/ Tammy Seamands
Tammy Seamands, City Clerk