

Osawatomie, Kansas. **January 8, 2015.** The Council meeting was held in Memorial Hall. Mayor Govea called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Council members present were Dickinson, Farley, Hampson, Hunter, LaDuex, Maichel and Wright. Absent was Walmann. Also present were City Manager Cawby, City Attorney Wetzler and Acting Secretary Sullivan. Visitors were Mike Moon, Bryan Minnis, Rick Anderson, John Wastlund, Alan Haag, Brian Love, Brian Mersman, Lori Johnson and Collen Truelsen.

INVOCATION. Pastor John Wastlund, Wesleyan Church, delivered the invocation.

CONSENT AGENDA. Approval of January 8 Agenda, approval of Appropriation Ordinance 2014-12 and approval of WWTP Improvements Project Pay App 7. **Motion** made by Hunter, seconded by LaDuex to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Yeas: All.

Presentations, Comments from the Public:

Pastor Wastlund feels like the churches in Osawatomie have a very lofty goal in front of them to try to help govern morality. He doesn't see that it is something the city government should do. It is the churches responsibility and they need all the support they can get. One thing his church is doing is focusing on younger children through their Kids Club. It is a very good program with non denominational material and is very interactive. His church wants children to be on a good moral foundation so as they grow older they'll be the citizens that are good to have as neighbors.

Mike Moon, 111 Rohrer Heights, has concerns hat all venues, as far as management, are explored and that the Council does due diligence in everything. Also reminded them about the importance of protecting this very valuable asset. Anyone who comes in will run it as a business and have a bottom line. Doesn't want to see the Golf Course suffer because of the long-term bottom line. The value of the Golf Course needs to be maintained.

Public Hearings: none

Unfinished Business:

CONTRACT FOR SPORTS COMPLEX BUILDING. The draft contract with Wendt's Construction to construct the Concessions and Restroom Building at the Sports Complex is \$120,000. The original bid for the project was \$105,000, but modifications were made after working through the project planning with Wendt. **Motion** made by Maichel, seconded by Hunter to approve the draft contract, subject to a final legal review by the City Attorney and any non-substantive amendments to the contract, and the Mayor's signature. Yeas: All.

New Business:

APPOINTMENTS: none

GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT. Even though still in contract negotiations with Maxim, City Manager Cawby asked Bryan Minnis, CEO of Maxim Golf, to speak to the Council on his plan and approach to course operations. The agreement is for a \$30,00 per year two-year contract. The savings with the change in staffing will make this fit within the budget. It is not just management Maxim would be doing. They would take on tasks but would be teaching at the same time. They don't want to be here forever. The Golf Course Advisory Committee will review the contract. City Manager Cawby will shape the contract from their discussion.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING REGION J KANSAS MULTI-HAZARD, MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN. An adopted Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs. **Motion** made by Hunter, seconded by LaDuex to adopt the mitigation plan. Yeas: All. The Resolution was assigned No. 696.

ISO FIRE RATING UPDATE. Fire Chief Brian Love was proud to announce that the Insurance Services Office (ISO) dropped the City's rating classification to 4/4 from 6/9. The 4/4 rating is very good for a volunteer fire department. It is directly due to the city's investment in the fire department and infrastructure. Some property owners will save money on their insurance premiums putting Osawatomie in the top 12 percent of cities in Kansas for these ratings. City Manager Cawby commended Fire Chief Love and Deputy Fire Chief Brian Mersman for taking the initiative to lower the fire rating.

REQUEST FROM LOFT ON SIXTH FOR EASEMENT AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. Last fall, the State Fire Marshal was called to inspect the Loft (formerly the Grand Loft) at 435 Sixth Street because of complaints about the safety of the facility. The building's owner has retained both an architect and contractor to design and build modifications to meet the State's requirements. Recently the plan submitted by the Loft was approved by the State Fire Marshal's office. However, the plan that was submitted will require the City of Osawatomie to deal with: 1) allow some encroachments into the City right-of-way, 2) lose some public parking on Sixth Street, and 3) and work with the owner to bring a fire line to the building. City staff has worked with the Loft and its contractor to find the best possible solution and minimize the impact on City property. Also, the owner asked for assistance with building the fire line for the sprinkler system and to waive all applicable fees. **Motion** made by Hunter, seconded by Maichel to authorize the City Manager to put in a fire line up to the Loft on Sixth 's property line and to come back with a policy on incentives for future requests. Yeas: All.

DISCUSSION OF RECREATION PROGRAMS. With the resignation of Parks & Recreation Director Ryan Crowley, City Manager Cawby looked for opportunities to improve the programs and offerings. The best solution might be to integrate the O-Zone recreation facility with the City's recreation programs. After an initial conversation with School Superintendent Gary French, the School Board had similar thoughts and was interested in having the discussion. City Manager Cawby will take the message to Superintendent French that the City is still willing to look at this. There are concerns but the City Council is open to it.

Council Reports: none

Mayor's Report: none

City Manager's Report: none

EXECUTIVE SESSION – none

OTHER DISCUSSION/MOTIONS: none

At 9:45 p.m. **motion** made by Maichel, seconded by Hampson to cancel the Council Reports, Mayor's Report, the City Manager's report and to adjourn. Yeas: All.

/s/ Ann Elmquist
Ann Elmquist, City Clerk