

Osawatomie, Kansas. **January 9, 2020.** The Council Meeting was held at Memorial Hall. Mayor L. Mark Govea called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were LaDuex, Dickinson, Macek, Diehm, Hampson, Walmann, Caldwell and Wright. City Staff present at the meeting were: Interim City Manager Mike Smith, City Attorney Richard Wetzler, Building Official Ed Beaudry, Assistant to the City Samantha Moon, City Clerk Tammy Seamands, Police Chief Dave Stuteville, Public Safety Officer Nina Coleman, Public Safety Officer Kevin Carpenter, Public Safety Officer John Mann, and Public Safety Officer Jaimie Skeen. Members of the public were: Roy Seichepine, Teresa Seichepine, Linda Madean, Jennifer Dulski, Kelly Wurtu, John Wastlund, Lori Beam, Robert Suppenbach and Michelle Chester.

INVOCATION. John Wastlund, Osawatomie Wesleyan Church

CONSENT AGENDA. Approval of the January 9th Agenda; December 12th Council Minutes, Pay Application – JEO Consulting Group –Electric Generation Project - \$312.50, Pay Application – JEO Consulting Group – Electric Generation Project - \$74,796.62, Pay Application – Contech – Trail Construction - \$3,000.00, Pay Application – Hall’s Bobcat Service – Trail Construction - \$10,763.05. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to Approve the Consent Agenda without the Pay Application – Hall’s Bobcat Service – Trail Construction - \$10,763.05. Yeas: All. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to Approve Pay Application – Hall’s Bobcat Service – Trail Construction - \$10,763.05 as presented. Yeas: All. Hampson abstained due to conflict of interest.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

Roy Seichepine would like an update on “10 acres”. It has been over three months and nothing has changed with this property. The property has grass grown up around the trees and mice. Seichepine expects to see some action taken with this property. If the City does not take action, Seichepine said his attorney would.

John Wastlund does the scheduling for the invocation. Osawatomie Wesleyan Church will be starting a grief comfort group that will meet next Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Wastlund is also involved with the Ministerial Alliance. If anyone would like to offer any feedback for the community of churches working together to do something for the community, you can contact Wastlund.

Jennifer Dulski with Always & Furever passed out information regarding the Trap-Neuter-Release program and requested to be added to the agenda. Smith suggested that council meet in a work session to discuss this.

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS.

Oath of Office –Assistant to the City Manager – Samantha Moon was given the oath of office by City Clerk Tammy Seamands.

Oath of Office – Public Safety Officer – Jaimie Skeen was given the oath of office by City Clerk Tammy Seamands.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. - None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. – None.

NEW BUSINESS. – None.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Cathy Caldwell ~ has been talking with Mayor Govea about starting a committee on people helping people or neighbor helping neighbor. They would like to do a preliminary meeting soon. They welcome those that would like to participate in this to contact either Caldwell or Govea.

Jeff Walmann ~ The trail taskforce was formed in October 2018 to complete the one mile stretch between the Karl E. Cole Sports Complex and the Flint Hills Nature Trail. They have just about completed this project. Phase II of the project will be planning for the trailhead and a bridge in the future. The trail will be useable without the bridge.

Karen LaDuex ~ reminded everyone to buy their tickets for the library fundraiser.

Nick Hampson ~ Trail Update – 3000 feet out of 4400 feet has been graveled. There is a couple more days of dirt work and then they will get some more gravel in there.

MAYOR’S REPORT – passed out a press release from the governor about healthcare costs. Leaps is putting out information about the ad for the City Manager position. The ranking process will take place in February. Local Government Day is January 22nd. Govea does encourage people to attend. There is also a Mayors Association Lunch that day and then a reception that evening.

CITY MANAGER & STAFF REPORTS.

Mike Smith ~ Elected Officials will be sworn in at the next council meeting.

Mike Smith ~ Waste Management Franchise Fee ~ A letter was sent to Waste Management to initiate the collection of the franchise fee that was included in our contract. The contract states that written notice must be given 120 days prior to imitiation of the franchise fee. After receiving the notice, Waste Management would like to have a meeting in regards to billing and the franchise fee.

Mike Smith ~ Pizza hut is officially closed. The area where Pizza Hut was located holds a great opportunity for growth.

