

Osawatomie, Kansas. **March 13, 2014.** The Council meeting was held in Memorial Hall. Mayor Govea called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Council members present were Dickinson, Hampson, Hunter, LaDuex and Maichel. Absent were Farley and Walmann. Also present were City Manager Cawby and City Clerk Elmquist. Visitors were Cristina Rodriquez, Virginia Adams, and Charity Keitel.

INVOCATION. Virginia Adams with the Osawatomie Community of Christ delivered the invocation.

CONSENT AGENDA. Approval of the minutes of February 13 and February 27 Council Meetings, approval of March 13 Agenda, and approval of Appropriation Ordinance 2014-2. Motion made by LaDuex, seconded by Maichel to approve the March 13 Agenda as amended and approve Appropriation Ordinance 2014-2. Yeas: All. Motion made by LaDuex, seconded by Hampson to approve the minutes as corrected. Yeas: All.

City Clerk Elmquist administered the oath of office to Cristina Rodriquez as Council Member of Ward 2.

Farley arrived at 6:39 p.m.

Presentations, Comments from the Public:

Virginia Adams spoke about the Osawatomie Ministerial Association. They welcomed the new Presbyterian Minister Norlita Kaul. She accepted the responsibilities of the Good Friday service that had been scheduled to be held at the First Presbyterian Church this year. Kaul, Marti McDougal and Virginia Adams are in charge of the service. The food pantry has been booming. Food is received from the Kansas City Harvesters Community Food Network in connection with the Senior Center, the Kansas Commodity Supplemental Food Program, and other sources. The different programs' requirements may be that the recipient live inside the City limits, lives in the County, be over 65 years of age and some are based on income.

Special Recognition – W.L. Rivers. After over 30 years, Rivers will be retiring from Wilbert Vault Co, They are the contractor who handles the burials for the Osawatomie cemeteries. Rivers has been on the crew for the City burials for over 30 years and has been excellent to work with. The City will present a plaque at the company's retirement reception.

Public Hearings: none

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

APPOINTMENTS: none

DEMPSEY RE-PLAT – 500 12TH STREET. The owner, Susan Dempsey, had an issue with her back property line off of Brown Circle Drive. The line was well into her lot with the rest of the property being City right-of-way. In the December 12, 1999 minutes, the Council approved giving her the property but was not precise in saying how much. There is no record of anything else being done. The title contained confusing language concerning the property's right-of-ways so the property was surveyed. The re-plat would create a right-of-way along Brown Circle Drive that was equal to the rest of the block, with the remaining 21-25 feet being conveyed to Dempsey. It would also clean-up the right-of-way issues on the remaining sides. The final re-plat was approved and signed by Dempsey. The re-plat has been approved by the other owner (the City) and the Planning Commission. Motion made by Hunter, seconded by Dickinson to approve the re-plat of 500 12th Street as presented. Yeas: All.

USD #367 RE-PLAT – TROJAN SCHOOL. The School District presented the City with a re-plat to join two of their properties. They are currently adding an additional pod of classrooms to the east side of Trojan Elementary School at 1901 Parker. Their property to the east, 1809 Parker, needs to be combined with the school so the pod can be built on top of the current property line between the two parcels. The final plat has been signed by the School District and approved by the Planning Commission. Motion made by LaDuex, seconded by Hunter to approve the re-plat of 1901 Parker as presented. Yeas: All.

IRB POLICY & APPLICATIONS. A couple of economic development projects have mentioned their interest in issuing an Industrial Revenue Bond (IRB) as part of their financing plan. An IRB is a mechanism which allows a private enterprise to get both property tax abatements and lower cost financing to construct their facilities through the issuance of debt. A city or county can issue an IRB, but the burden of repayment is on the company through the revenues generated by their new facility. The City would not be liable for repayment. The IRB Policy would put in place the safeguards City Manager Cawby believes are needed to issue the bonds. A more encompassing economic development incentives policy needs to be developed. Both the City's Bond Counsel and Financial Advisor have reviewed the policy. Motion made by Hunter, seconded by LaDuex to adopt the policy as presented. Yeas: All

Council Reports:

Maichel: March 11 she had the first meeting with the Public Safety Committee. They went over the resolutions regarding procedures and guidelines specific to that Committee. They have already decided on several situations in town to begin with.

Hampson: The Parks & Recreation Committee met. Kelly Callahan was elected as the board president. Peyton Fields presented his sign installation proposal for the community garden for his Eagle Scout project. Indoor Soccer starts March 24. The number of participants is the largest they have been since Parks & Recreation Director Ryan Crowley has been employed with the City. The Table Tennis league starts this Sunday. A grant for the Sports Complex building was submitted to the First Option Bank Trust Department. Skate night was a huge success with over 120 participants. Indoor golf had 24 participants. Karen Exon, Baker University's golf coach, did an excellent job helping with the program. Adult Flag football registration has begun. A hunter's safety course is being planned for May 17. A paintball challenge will be held May 3 and gun rental should be available. Baseball, softball, and T- Ball registration begins April 7. The Committee will be participating in the Chamber of Commerce's annual home & business expo.

LaDuex: There will be a City Council candidates forum March 18.

Mayor's Report:

Sat in on the rails-to-trails design group's meeting. They are asking for community input for this part of the trail.

City Manager's Report:

Projects:

Rail-banking for Trail. There was a very productive meeting with Union Pacific last Friday on the rail banking of the ½ mile of trail. However, they are still insistent that fair market value be paid for the property. But the UP will consider the liabilities of the property and other considerations laid out in the City's proposal. The deadline has been extended to July 21.

Levees Pilot Study Kickoff. The kickoff meeting with FEMA was held. Surprisingly, some fairly significant issues were discussed and proposes discussing them at the next meeting in a work session. Believes they now have the information to craft a game plan that may hopefully get the City's levees certified to the level needed so that residents will not have to pay for mandatory flood insurance.

Building at Sports Complex. Received word that the grant application was successful and received \$40,900 towards the new building at the Sports Complex. It is \$30,000 over the amount budgeted, but the building estimates were about \$40,000 over the budgeted amount. The estimate was \$140,000 and the budget amount was \$105,000. Believes this can be accomplished within current funds. Work will now begin on finalizing the building designs with the Parks & Recreation Committee to make the project fit within budget. Any recommendations will come to the Council and then, if approved, the project will be put out for bid.

RFP for Police Garage/Sallyport. There was a mandatory walk-through for contractors interested in the project. Three contractors were present. Bids will be due in April.

Home for Sale. The City has officially announced that bids are being taken on the Kastler home at 509 1st Street. Bids are due April 2. There will be an open house March 22 for those interested in bidding or a tour during normal business can be scheduled through the Police Department. Ads will run in the Osawatomie Graphic for sale of the house and also the the open house.

WWTP Plans. The project plans were just received for the Wastewater Plan.

Issues:

State Legislation. There have been no updates over the past two weeks on issues concerning local government.

Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will meet on March 19 to again consider a requested rezoning from R-1 to R-2 for 412 Brown. This issue was tabled from the previous meeting so that all the residents of that block could be invited, the Council and other interested parties to talk about rezoning the entire block and possibly other areas that surround the Central Business District as R-2 to serve as a buffer zone for R-1.

KMEA Power Pool. The contract with Nearman-BPU is coming up for renewal. There will be a meeting next Friday to discuss getting out of the contract and lots of options. There is controversy about KMEA power. City consultant Scott Shreve attended the meeting.

Motion made at 7:44 p.m. by Hunter, seconded by Hampson to adjourn. Yeas: All.

/s/ Ann Elmquist

Ann Elmquist, City Clerk