

Osawatomie, Kansas. **March 26, 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, Caldwell and Wright. Council member Walmann was absent. City Staff present at the meeting were: Interim City Manager Mike Smith, City Clerk Tammy Seamands, Building Official Ed Beaudry, Assistant to the City Manager Samantha Moon, Public Works Director Bill Roseberry and Public Safety Officer John Mann. Members of the public were: Tammy Casteel, Jeff Yelton, and John Hart.

**INVOCATION.** Jeff Yelton, Chaplain at Osawatomie State Hospital

**CONSENT AGENDA.** Approval of the March 26<sup>th</sup> Agenda; March 12<sup>th</sup> Council Minutes, Pay Application – Tyler Tech \$14,545.00, Pay Application – Hall’s Bobcat Service – Trail Construction - \$2,472.65. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to Approve the Consent Agenda without the Pay Application – Hall’s Bobcat Service – Trail Construction - \$2,472.65. Yeas: All. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to Approve Pay Application – Hall’s Bobcat Service – Trail Construction - \$2,472.65 as presented. Yeas: All. Hampson abstained due to conflict of interest.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.** - None.

**PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS.** – None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

**CONDEMNATION HEARINGS:** The Mayor opened the condemnation hearing at 6:36 p.m. Buildings Official Ed Beaudry presented updates on the properties.

315 Walnut Avenue - There has been zero contact from the owner since December.

815 Pacific Avenue – There has been zero contact from the property owner and there has not been any improvements to the property. John Hart spoke on the owner’s behalf. Hart stated that Greg Strand has offered to purchase the property with the intent to either remodel the current home or to demo the existing home and to rebuild.

905 Chestnut Avenue – The owner has windows to install and the property is almost ready to rent.

721 Lincoln Avenue – Homeowner is demoing the property herself.

837 Chestnut Avenue – There has been no contact with the owner.

905 9<sup>th</sup> Street – Owner had stated they planned on attending the meeting tonight but are not present.

The Mayor closed the condemnation hearing at 7:01 p.m.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

DETERMINATION OF FINDINGS FOR CONDEMNATIONS – **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Hampson to proceed with the condemnation at 315 Walnut Avenue, 815 Pacific Avenue, 905 Chestnut Avenue, 721 Lincoln Avenue, 837 Chestnut Avenue and 905 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Yeas: All.

## **NEW BUSINESS.**

PUBIC WORKS KUBOTA MOWER BID - **Motion** made by Hampson, seconded by Dickinson to accept the bid from Romans Outdoor Power in the amount of \$12,790.00 for the purchase of a ZD1211 72” side discharge mower as presented. Yeas: All.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS.**

Cathy Caldwell ~ Osawatomie Pride Committee was not able to meet due to the Covid-19 virus. Staff will do a blast on social media to promote city clean-up day.

Dan Macek ~ It is too early to tell if we will be able to hold the Lights on the Lake Event.

Lawrence Dickinson ~ Alumni has been cancelled this year.

Kenny Diehm ~ Suggested that we post play at your own risk signs on the playground equipment at the park due to the Covid 19 virus. Diehm also inquired about the patio at the lake. Roseberry stated that there were still some blocks to be set.

Nick Hampson ~ Not sure if the April 25<sup>th</sup> bike ride has been cancelled. Hall’s had only been able to work about a day and a half on the trail in the last two weeks due to the weather. They will continue to work to complete it as the weather permits. Several people are using the trail.

Karen LaDeux ~ Inquired about where we are regarding the generators. The City Manager said he would have Terry Upshaw give an update at the next meeting.

**MAYOR’S REPORT** – The League has been sending out emails regarding the Covid-19 virus.

## **CITY MANAGER & STAFF REPORTS.**

Mike Smith – The trail taskforce has received a \$25,000 grant from First Option Bank Trusteed Velma Kelly Charitable Trust. Waste Management has sent a letter discussing how Covid 19 will affect trash service.

Tammy Seamands – Governor Kelly issued executive order No. 20-05 that temporarily prohibits utility shut offs until the order is rescinded, May 1, 2020 or until the statewide State of Disaster Emergency proclaimed on March 12, 2020, relating to Covid-19 expires, whichever is earlier. Under the City’s utility policy, delinquent fees would be applied to customers’ accounts on April 7<sup>th</sup> for those accounts whose February utility bills remain unpaid. The February utility bill was due on March 16<sup>th</sup>. On April 16<sup>th</sup>, a seven percent penalty is applied to those accounts that have a balance due on the March utility bill that will be mailed out on March 31<sup>st</sup>. **Motion** made by Hampson, seconded by Caldwell to waive the delinquent fees on the February utility bills that would have been applied to the accounts on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Smith – Staff has increased cleaning and sanitizing to help stop the spread of the virus. School Resource Officer Donnie Basore is being utilized as an additional officer to patrol the City. Two for sale signs has been purchased for the Northland Property. Staff has been doing some cross training.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.** **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters relating to non-elected personnel pursuant to K.S.A. 75-439 (b)(1) until 7:50 p.m. to include the Council and the Mayor. Yeas: All.

The Mayor called the Council back into open session at 7:50 p.m. with no action taken.

**Motion** made by LaDeux, seconded by Hampson to direct the City Attorney Dick Wetzler to finalize the employment agreement with the selected candidate for the city manager position for the next meeting. Yeas: All.

**Motion** made by Dickinson, seconded by LaDuex to extend Mike Smith’s employment contract until April 15, 2020. Yeas: All.

**OTHER DISCUSSION/MOTIONS.**

**Motion** made by Hampson, seconded by Dickinson to adjourn. Yeas: All. Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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*/s/ Tammy Seamands*  
Tammy Seamands, City Clerk