Osawatomie, Kansas. **April 10, 2014.** The Council meeting was held in Memorial Hall. Mayor Govea called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Council members present were Dickinson, Farley, Hampson, Hunter, LaDuex, Maichel, Ramirez and Walmann. Also present were City Manager Cawby, City Attorney Wetzler and City Clerk Elmquist. Visitors were Dan Macek, Kathy Loving, Ryan Crowley and Colleen Truelson.

INVOCATION. Ted Hunter delivered the invocation.

CONSENT AGENDA. Approval of the minutes of March 13 and March 27 Council Meetings, approval of April 10 Agenda, and approval of Appropriation Ordinance 2014-3. Motion made by LaDuex, seconded by Maichel to approve the Consent Agenda. Yeas: All.

Presentations, Comments from the Public:

A. Presentation of Check. Kathy Loving, Senior Trust Officer at First Option Bank, presented the City with a check for \$40,900. The Area Charitable Foundation awarded the money for the benefit of the Parks & Recreation after a request was submitted to the Foundation for replacing the concession stand/bathrooms at the Sports Complex.

Public Hearings: none

Unfinished Business:

TABLED ITEM CONCERNING THE RURAL FIRE BOARD. Motion made by Hunter, seconded by Dickinson to lift the Rural Fire Board item from the table. Yeas: All.

New Business:

ELECTION RESULTS – ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE. City Clerk Elmquist reported the certified election results and administered the oath of office to Lawrence Dickinson, John Farley, Karen LaDuex, and Tamara Maichel.

WARD I		WARD II	
Lawrence Dickinson	21	John A. Farley	24
Write-Ins	1	Cristina Ramirez	18
		Write-Ins	4
WARD III		WARD IV	
WARD III Karen LaDuex	68	WARD IV Tamara J. Maichel	30
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ELECT COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT. Mayor Govea opened nominations for Council President. Hunter was nominated. Nominations ceased. Motion made by LaDuex, seconded by Maichel for Hunter as Council President. Yeas: All. Mayor Govea opened nominations for Council Vice-President. LaDuex as nominated. Motion made by Hunter, seconded by Maichel that nominations cease. Yeas: All. Motion made by Maichel, seconded by Dickinson to accept the nominations of Hunter as Council President and Karen LaDuex as Council Vice-President. Yeas: All.

APPOINTMENTS – COUNCIL LIAISONS & KMEA DIRECTOR #2

Expiration of Terms:

KMEA Board of Directors

Director #2 Alternate Mark Govea Nick Hampson Motion made by Hunter, seconded by Maichel to approve the appointments of Mayor Govea and Hampson. Yeas: All.

Council Liaisons: Economic & Community Development Historic Preservation Library Board Parks & Recreation Committee Public Safety Advisory Board Tourism Committee

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Motion made by Maichel, seconded by LaDuex to approve the Mayor's recommended liaison appointments. Yeas: All.

APPROVE OFFICIAL CITY DEPOSITORY. Motion made by LaDuex, seconded by Hunter to approve First Option Bank as the official City depository. Yeas: All.

PROCLAMATION – ARBOR DAY. Proclamation was to declare April 26 as Arbor Day to urge all citizens to celebrate and to support efforts to protect the City's trees and woodlands. Motion made by Hunter, seconded by LaDuex to approve the proclamation. Yeas: All.

PROCLAMATION – FAIR HOUSING MONTH. Proclamation was to promote fair housing practices throughout the City. Motion made by Hunter, seconded by LaDuex to approve the proclamation. Yeas: All.

APPROVE AND APPOINT POWER SUPPLY TASK FORCE. KMEA has been working on several scenarios for future power supply needs for all its members, many of which are considering leaving the BPU Nearman plant as it undergoes a major overhaul. Furthermore, KMEA has been pushing the pooling of generation either through existing plants in the mid-states region or considering building shared generation at a member city's site. KMEA would like members to consider contributing money to start firming up contracts and for cities to commit to the amount of power it will purchase over the next 6-10 years. Consideration of the potential impact of these KMEA proposals and need to be compared to other options where the City would add generation or seek out contracts through other means. A Power Supply Task Force needs to be formed that can work with City consultant Scott Shreve, Energy Management Group (EMG), to review the proposals and provide feedback to the Council on the very complicated and dense matters. Motion made by LaDuex, seconded by Hunter to appoint the representatives to the Task Force consisting of Mike Moon, Moon's Hometown Market; Amiee Seck, Life Care Center Director; Gary French, USD #367 Superintendent; Jerry Rea, Osawatomie State Hospital Superintendent; Mayor Govea, City Manager Cawby and Councilmember Hampson; or their designees. Yeas: Dickinson, Hampson, Hunter, LaDuex, Maichel, Ramirez, and Walmann. Abstention: Farley.

SHELTER HOUSE ROOF REPLACEMENT. As part of the Rotary Lake Project, the Osawatomie Rotary Club and Osawatomie Community Foundation, have both provided funds to assist with replacing the roof on the shelter house at the City Lake. Through the funds raised and community volunteers, the project can possibly be completed this summer. One major is the need to address the use of the fireplaces and the integrity of their chimneys. The City would be responsible for removing the roof, but the rest of the project would be done with volunteers. If money is available from the fundraising, they will help fix and seal the floor and also put in new and more vandal-proof picnic benches. City Manager Cawby will proceed with the project maintaining the the look but it will depend on what happens when the roof is removed.

REVIEW OF BIDS FOR 509 1ST STREET. The City purchased the property as part of the Police Station Project. It will be used for a garage/sally port and additional parking. The home was to be moved to a vacant lot and then sold. It could be a net income of \$35,000. To first see the demand for the home, it was offered for sale through sealed bids with the new owner bearing the cost of removing the home. The new owner would have one day from the award of the bid to provide the City with a deposit of

10% of the sale price. Upon closing of the sale, the purchaser would have 30 days to remove the home. Two bids were received.

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Klawonn will relocate the home outside of town. Motion made by Hunter, seconded by LaDuex to accept the winning bid of \$40,000 from David Klawoon. Yeas: All.

REVIEW OF BIDS FOR POLICE STATION GARAGE. A garage/sally port provides a holding area for individuals in custody, a place to clean off those individuals if needed, and a connected entrance into the station for security purposes. Pre-engineered 40-by-40 foot steel buildings were specified that could meet the heightened building codes for a public safety building. Numerous pre-engineered building companies and local contractors were contacted to determine interest and obtained four bids. The City would provide grading, construction of the interior rooms, plumbing and electrical in the building. The bids received ranged from three in the \$50,000 to \$60,000 range and one just under \$100,000. American Buildings was selected, but learned that their bid might not have been an "apples" comparison. Instead of accepting a large increase to the base bid, the project was put back out to bid with more complete specifications. Only two provided bids.

Triangle Builders \$105,600 Trinium, Inc. \$172,435

The City will be going back to the original bidders and act as it's own general contractor. Bids will be requested on the slab and the building by directly approaching original bidders and another builder who did not submit a bid earlier because of conflicts in his schedule. Motion made by LaDuex, seconded by Hampson to formally waive the bond requirement for this particular project. Yeas: All. Motion made by LaDuex, seconded by Hampson to reject bids for the garage/sally port and act as its own general contractor. Yeas: All.

Council Reports:

Farley: The equipment used in the Recreation programs is in terrible condition. Parks & Recreation needs to look into replacing equipment. Hampson will get with the Parks & Recreation Committee.

LaDuex: March 29 the Chamber of Commerce held their annual Business Expo/Job Fair. Parks and Recreation had a booth. The Police Department also had a booth, with the Fire Department also outside. Several City officials were manning other booths.

Mayor's Report: none

City Manager's Report:

Projects:

Water Plant. There is one major leak and several smaller leaks in the portion of the treatment basin where the solids settle. A representative from BG will be looking at the plant and then discussing the options. It is believed that the bitterly cold winter was to blame. The basin is over 40-years old and problems are going to be occurring with more frequency.

Third/Walnut Water Line. City crews started putting in a new line along Third Street last Friday and hope to have the main in the ground by the end of the week. The water crew will then start hooking up service lines. A 2" line is being replaced with a 8" line that should help pressure some in that area.

Street Sweeper. The new sweeper is in the City's possession. There are some minor issues that are in the process of being worked out with the seller before they are paid. The good part is that the sweeper function seems to work very well.

Issues:

Versalift Bucket Truck. The small bucket truck has broken down again for about the third time in the last year. The parts and repairs will have the bucket out of commission for about four weeks. Unfortunately, crews were in the middle of replacing lines on 15th Street, north of Parker. It takes two trucks to complete the work. Renting or borrowing a truck were considered, but didn't work out because of price or availability.

Open Positions. The City will be advertising for several positions over the next couple of months. Besides several seasonal positions, there will be hiring for four new full-time positions to cover resignations and future retirements.

Cabin Tree. Kim Bomberger, NC/NE District Community Forester with the Kansas Forestry Service, has been coming to Osawatomie to do training with City staff on trees and also to help look at the current trees and assess their health. This year she went through John Brown Park to look at some trees staff had concerns about and trees she had previously identified. Based upon her recommendations, trees removed consisted of two in the John Brown Cabin "circle" and one at the south end of the concert area. Bomberger also recommended, with great regret, the removal of the large hedge tree close to the southeast corner of John Brown Cabin. It is actually two trees that have grown together and now there is large void almost 6 feet deep in the middle. City crews will be taking down the south half of the tree and then sending pictures and video for Bomberger to see if the north half can be saved.

LMI Survey. Governmental Assistance Services has begun the LMI (Low to Moderate Income) Survey in town. Dax Mayes, with GAS, will begin going door to door to determine the City's LMI percentage for purposes of applying for CDBG grants for the rest of this decade.

State Legislation – **Elections Bill.** According to the League of Kansas Municipalities, momentum has slowed on the issue of moving municipal elections to the fall. However, two house bills are still alive and the League believes that supporters are still pushing the bills.

State Legislation – **Weapons Preemption Bill.** Both the House and Senate have approved HB 2578 which makes sweeping changes to state guns and weapons laws and preempts most local gun laws. The list of changes is rather lengthy. City Manager Cawby is waiting for a summary and recommendations from the League on what to do with these matters. The provision that is of most concern is that the City can no longer regulate the open carry of guns in the city.

New LKM Executive Director. The League of Kansas Municipalities Governing Body has selected Erik Sartorius as their new Executive Director. City Manager Cawby believes he will be a great leader for the organization.

Motion made at 8:32 p.m. by Hunter, seconded by Dickinson to adjourn. Yeas: All.

/s/ Ann Elmquist Ann Elmquist, City Clerk