

Osawatomie, Kansas. **May 12, 2016.** The Council Meeting was held in Memorial Hall. Mayor Govea called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Dickinson, Farley, Hunter, LaDuex, Hampson, Maichel and Wright. Absent was Walmann. Also present was City Manager Don Cawby and City Clerk Tammy Seamands. Members of the public were: Teresa Seichepine and Pastor Debra Huss.

**INVOCATION.** Debra Huss with Let There Be Light Fellowship

**CONSENT AGENDA.** Approval of May 12<sup>th</sup> Agenda, April 14<sup>th</sup>, April 28<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup> Minutes, Appropriations Ordinance 2016-04, Approve City Fireworks Display Permit, Approve Fireworks Stand Permits, Approve Special Event Permits and Main Street Project Phase I. **Motion** made by Hunter, seconded by LaDuex to approve the Consent Agenda. Yeas: All.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.**

Debra Huss with Let There Be Light Fellowship spoke about the programs they have been offering with the children of the community. They will be starting their vacation bible school soon and towards the end of the summer they will be holding a back to school event.

Teresa Seichepine, 523 Chestnut Ave, addressed the grass issue behind her house. It is zoned residential, but is not being treated the same as residential lots, she stated. She is asking what her next step should be to make sure that the property gets mowed. Don Cawby, City Manager, explained that we are in the process of sending a letter out to the owner. He stated that this is something that the city needs to discuss in the future in order to more clearly define the ordinance on how to regulate un-platted or larger undeveloped residential lots. For now City Manager Cawby suggests a buffer zone between the portion of the lot that is used for hay production and the homes in question.

**PRESENTATIONS.** none

**PUBLIC HEARINGS.** none

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

**PROPOSED NEW WATER & SEWER RATES.**

**RESOLUTION – FEE STRUCTURE.**

City Manager, Don Cawby, proposed to the council to raise the residential sewer \$0.02 per 100 gallons (\$0.27 to \$0.29), non-residential billing is to be based on actual usage and new residential customers are to be billed based on a 4,000 gallon average until a winter average is established. Residential water will have a \$1 increase on the meter fee and increase \$0.03 per 100 gallons (\$0.42 to \$0.45 per 100 gallons). Commercial water will increase \$1 on the meter fee and go from \$0.42 to \$0.45 per 100 gallons up to 75,000 gallons used and from \$0.34 to \$0.36 per 100 gallons for 75,000 gallons and over. State Hospital and Rural Water Districts to increase

the meter fee by \$1 and the usage rate by \$0.20 per thousand (\$2.90 per thousand to \$3.10 per thousand). Bulk water sales per thousand will go from \$5.50 to \$5.80 per thousand (or \$0.55 to \$0.58 per 100 gallons). This will be on the bill that is send out at the end of June (June billing), but is due on July 15<sup>th</sup>. **Motion** made by Hampson, seconded by Maichel to Approve the New Water & Sewer Rates as well as the Resolution – Fee Structure. Yeas. All.

UPDATE ON CITY AUDITORIUM REPAIRS. City Manager Cawby explained how we have been tuck-pointing the front of the building and painting it to form a seal. There have also been big foam blocks brought in to be put on the east side of the building between the building and the residential house. Once the project is done, these foam blocks can be re-used for other things, such as out at the lake. Will update more at a later date as the project continues to move along.

### **NEW BUSINESS.**

APPOINTMENT – MARAIS DES CYGNES RIVER WATER ASSURANCE DISTRICT #2. Martin Springer was the staff that had been on this board in the past for the City of Osawatomie. Now that he has retired, Cawby proposed that we appoint Stewart Kasper to this board to represent the city as he had attended meetings with Mr. Springer in the past. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Hunter to Approve the Appointment of Stewart Kasper to the Marais Des Cygnes River Water Assurance District #2. Yeas. All.

COUNCIL ROOM CONSTRUCTION AND CITY HALL UPDATES. City Manager Cawby provided the council a layout of what staff and architect Rick Zingre came up with for the City Hall building. He asked for them to review and provide any feedback.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS.**

Karen LaDuex reminded everyone bout the Library Pancake Feed during Alumni weekend and that she has tickets available to purchase.

### **MAYOR’S REPORT.**

Reported he has Library tickets as well for the Pancake Feed.

### **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT.**

Interim Assistant Chief Stuteville reported activity to the council. The purchase of uniforms, vests and cameras have happened recently. They are incorporating policies to go along with the cameras for the vehicles. We have two officers beginning the academy in the middle of June. Tina Fenoughty has been appointed Sergeant in the department.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.** **Motion** made by Hampson, seconded by Farley to go into Executive Session for the purpose of financial affairs of a business and to consult with attorney for the purposes of considering an economic development incentive agreement and to return at 8:30 p.m. Yeas. All. The Council returned from Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

**OTHER DISCUSSION/MOTIONS.**

**Motion** made by Maichel, seconded by Hampson to adjourn. Yeas: All. Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

*/s/ Ashley Kobe*  
Ashley Kobe, Deputy City Clerk