

Osawatomie, Kansas. **May 22, 2014.** 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, Hampson, Hunter, LaDuex, Maichel, Ramirez and Walmann. Also present were City Manager Cawby and City Clerk Elmquist. Visitors were Virginia Adams, Ted Bartlett, Mike & Railene Ahring, Joseph Mitzner, Jim & Katie Mitzner, Sophia Edelbrock, Ted Bartlett and Colleen Truelsen.

INVOCATION. Virginia Adams, Osawatomie Community of Christ.

CONSENT AGENDA. Approval of the May 22 Agenda. Motion made by Maichel, seconded by Hampson to approve the Consent Agenda. Yeas: All.

Presentations, Comments from the Public:

Wetzler arrived at 6:33 p.m.

Virginia Adams, Osawatomie Community of Christ, said the Food Pantry had a record count of 62 recipients. The Ministerial Alliance leadership has joined forces. Every Wednesday when summer school is out, they will be feeding children every Wednesday at the Methodist Church. The seven different churches will each host a day. A sack lunch will also be sent home with them.

Public Comment:

Jim Mitzner, 1504 Parker, would like chickens be allowed in the city. He handed out a sheet with the benefits of having hens. Walmann was concerned about salmonella poisoning.

Sophia Block, 1535 Main, has a son who is in 4-H. He wants to raise chickens and rabbits again, but at their home.

Railene Ahring, 34727 W. 335th, is getting ready to open an adolescent treatment center in Osawatomie. Now people have to travel, parents have to take off work, or they just don't go. This will be the only state licensed facility in Miami County. Ahring is an Addiction Counselor licensed by the Kansas Behavioral Health Board. Her facility, Sunflower Substance Abuse Recovery Services, is a non-profit organization and will be located at 223 6th Street, Suite B. The owner will not be charging her rent. She came before the Council to inform them and to get the word out.

Public Hearings: none

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: none

APPOINTMENTS: none

CONTRACT WITH GAS FOR WATER LINE GRANT SUBMISSION. The required LMI survey on which the application will be based is being conducted by GAS. They were asked for a proposal for preparing the CDBG application requesting \$500,000 for the proposed 2015 water line project. Their fee is \$8,250. Motion made by Hunter, seconded by Hampson to approve the contract with GAS for preparation of the CDBG application, subject to amendments by the City Attorney. Yeas: All.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FIREWORKS DISPLAY. Motion made by Hunter, seconded by LaDuex to approve the City Fireworks Display at the Lake. Yeas: All.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT ON SHELTER HOUSE. Dr. Moni El-Aasar, BG Consultants, conducted a structural review. The report indicated the following:

1. Remove and replace the roof.
2. Construct a reinforced concrete beam around the top of the piers.
3. Eliminate the function of the fireplaces.
4. Tuck point cracks in mortar between limestone.
5. Install a new metal or pre-manufactured timber roof on the new beam.

Consensus from the Council was to proceed. Staff will prepare cost proposals for the recommended repairs. The study will be shared with the Rotary Club who is partnering on the roof project.

Work Session:

REVIEW DRAFT OF REVISED NUISANCE ORDINANCE. There was discussion about who the Hearing Officer would be. That could be the Council.

POSSIBLE STRUCTURE CONDEMNATIONS. The Council discussed each structure. Building Official Ted Bartlett was present.

<i>Trailers:</i>	909 Chestnut	212 7th Street	901 Chestnut
	715 Chestnut	812 South Street	707 Carr
<i>Homes:</i>	403 Chestnut	1006 5th Street	345 Parker
	1003 Chestnut	716 Main	907 Pacific
	908 Walnut	334 Main	110 Brown
	136 Pacific	1002 5th Street	805 Chestnut
	523 Chestnut	512 5th Street	1635 Main
	906 Walnut	501 Walnut	1111 Main

Motion made by LaDuex, seconded by Walmann to begin on the four trailers located at 212 7th Street, 901 Chestnut, 715 Chestnut and 812 South Street and also on the three properties located at 403 Chestnut, 1006 5th Street and 345 Parker with possibly others to be determined at the next meeting. Yeas: All.

Council Reports:

LaDuex: Reminded everyone about the Library's Pancake Feed Saturday.

Maichel: Wanted the chicken issue on the next agenda.

Mayor's Report:

Osawatomie Alumni is this Memorial Day weekend.

Was elected as the northeast representative of the Kansas Mayor's Association.

City Manager's Report:

Alumni Weekend. Worked in John Brown Park this past week to help. Happy with where the City is at in the preparation.

Projects :

Water Plant. The City was informed by the Kansas Department of Agriculture – Division of Water Resources (DWR) that the City's current meter, installed in 2007, is not an acceptable water meter. The DWR has adopted a list of "Certified Water Flowmeters" and the meter brand at the Water Plant is

not on their list. The compliance deadline is August 9. Staff is working on the replacement costs and ability to get a new meter as staff also fights against this overreaching regulation.

Third/Walnut Water Line. The new 8” line is completed and crews now need to go back and clean up the dirt in the berm. They are waiting for a rain before doing so, otherwise they’ll have to water it down.

Street Repairs. The Street Department milled and overlaid three sections of streets: Main west of 12th, 8th Street between Walnut and Pacific, and two sections of Rohrer Heights. The street crew will begin crack sealing on the west side of town next week.

Issues:

Re-codification. Between legislative changes concerning guns, the new animal ordinance and the upcoming new nuisance ordinance, it is time to get the ordinances re-codified. He will be getting a few quotes, but the focus will be on finding a service that continues to update the code yearly and also hosts and maintains it online.

Retirement. Tim Roberston, a Water Plant Operator, will be retiring effective May 31. A reception will be held for him on Friday, May 30 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. He has 29 years of service with the City and invited the Council to come and honor this milestone.

Insurance Updates. Renewal amounts were received from United Health Care for the employees health insurance. Will be meeting with the Employee Committee and will bring a proposal to the Council June 12. The renewal amount is under the projected budget. A \$17,000 dividend on the property and liability insurance will offset most of the increase taken this year on health insurance. Also, the City should receive a Gold Star rating on the worker’s compensation insurance for 2015. The City had slipped out of the discount and had only previously gotten a 1% discount. With the changes made by the City employees’ Safety Committee, the City has jumped to the top level and will receive at 5% discount for next year. Most importantly, this should reduce claims and issues over time, also helping the rates drop.

Cell Tower Lease. T-Mobile is interested in upgrading the fiber line to their cell tower on the City’s east water tower. This may result in a new lease arrangement.

Motion made at 9:33 p.m. by Hunter, seconded by LaDuex to adjourn. Yeas: All.

/s/ Ann Elmquist
Ann Elmquist, City Clerk