

Osawatomie, Kansas. **May 27, 2021.** The Council Meeting was held at the City Auditorium located at 439 Main Street. Mayor L. Mark Govea called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Wright, Macek, Walmann, LaDuex, Dickinson, Diehm, and Hampson. Council member Caldwell was absent. City Staff present at the meeting were City Manager Mike Scanlon, City Clerk Tammy Seamands, Assistant to the City Manager Sam Moon, Chief Building Official Ed Beaudry, Police Chief David Stuteville, Nuisance Officer David Ellis and City Attorney Richard Wetzler. Members of the public were: Wayne Ova, Doug Walker, George Pretz, Traci West and Daniel West.

INVOCATION. Wayne Ova, Faith Baptist

CONSENT AGENDA. Approval of May 27th Agenda; Pay Application – Dondlinger Construction - \$42,999.66 –Trail, Pay Application – Hall’s Bobcat - \$440.00 – Trail, Pay Application – Hall’s Bobcat - \$520.00. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Yeas: All. Hampson abstained due to conflict of interest.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

Frank Ova – Glad that Covid is winding down. It has been tough on businesses and churches. The City Union Mission in Kansas City still remains. Ova goes there on a regular basis to do chapel. Going forward the church will be bringing in supplies to take up to the Mission.

PUBLIC HEARINGS.

CONDEMNATION HEARING – 831 PACIFIC AVENUE. -The mayor opened the condemnation hearing at 6:35 p.m. Buildings Official Ed Beaudry presented an update on the property. There was a house fire November 23, 2020. There was severe damage to both the interior and the exterior of the property. City staff has boarded up the property numerous times because of break ins. The structure is on a partial rock foundation and partial basement. The floors are sagging and the structure is starting to shift. The previous owners surrendered the property in a bankruptcy and the bank sent a lien release on the property and the trustees for the bankruptcy has sent an email stating that they have no interest in the property and are not liable for the property. The mayor requested comments from the public three times. Hearing no comments, Mayor Govea closed the condemnation hearing at 6:39 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

DETERMINATION OF FINDINGS FOR CONDEMNATIONS – **Motion** made by Hampson, seconded by Diehm to proceed with the condemnation at 831 Pacific Avenue. Yeas: All.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

FINT HILLS TRAIL DAY-LaDuex read the proclamation. **Motion** made by Hampson, seconded by Macek. Yeas: All. Scanlon showed a video of the trail progression and the mayor presented certificates and a goody bag to the Osawatome Trails Taskforce.

NEW BUSINESS.

RESOLUTION 879 – ACCEPTANCE OF THE FLINT HILLS TRAIL BRIDGE – Baldrige Engineering, LLC submitted a letter dated May 10, 2021 which accepted the bridge and started the one-year warranty period from the date on the letter. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Hampson to approve Resolution 879 –Accepting the Flint Hills Trail Bridge and directing the city manager to make all final payments related to its completion as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 880 –ACCEPTANCE OF THE FLINT HILLS TRAIL (OSAWATOMIE REACH) FROM THE TASK FORCE FOR RAILS FOR TRAILS. Scanlon discussed this resolution. This resolution will accept the work of the Task Force for Rails for Trails and accept the “Osawatome Reach” of the Flint Hills Trail that starts at Walker Station – Mile Zero. It also directs the City Manager to create a special budgeted fund to be identified as the Osawatome Trail Conservancy and to ensure that the ongoing maintenance and mowing of the “Osawatome Reach” be budgeted for and identified as a high priority maintenance for the Public Works Department. It also begins the process of coordinating trail activities with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, other communities along the Flint Hills Trail and local merchants to leverage the investment and economic opportunities made available to the City of Osawatome. **Motion** made by Hampson, seconded by Dickinson to approve Resolution 880-Accepting the Flint Hills Trail (Osawatome Reach) from the task force for rails for trails as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 881–MODIFYING HIRING PROCEDURES FOR THE OSAWATOMIE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF OFFICER KYLE HURT – Police Chief Dave Stuteville stated that the city is currently down 7 of 14 officers. Kyle Hurt is now seeking employment with the city. Mr. Hurt is currently employed with the Johnson County Sheriff’s Office and has recently completed the Johnson County Law Enforcement Academy, making Mr. Hurt a certified law enforcement officer in Kansas. However, by Kansas Statute; KSA 74-5609a, any law enforcement agency which commences employment of a police officer within one year of completion of said academy shall reimburse the paying agency any and all tuition, salary, travel expenses and any other expenses incurred which were incidental to training such officer. The costs incurred by Johnson County Sheriff’s Office at this point is \$32,597.85 which is outside of the approved 2021 budget. **Motion** made by Wright, seconded by Macek to approve Resolution 881-Modifying hiring procedures for the Osawatome Police Department and authorizing the hiring of Office Kyle Hurt as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 882 –ESTABLISHING A CONTRACT WITH SPRINGBOARD CREATIVE TO RESDESIGN THE CITY LOGO AND OTHE BRANDING ELEMENTS – Assistant to the City Manager Sam Moon stated the City has been using the green tree logo since at least 1993. This logo is very nondescript and generic and has no ties to our community’s most notable features. As the City is working on their downtown planning project and redevelopment staff would like to look at redeveloping the city identity. Within that redesign there will also be

the creation of unique logos for the golf course and library. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to approve Resolution 882 –Directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Springboard creative to redesign the city logo and other branding elements as presented. Yeas: All.

ORDINANCE 3796– APPROVING KDHE LOAN AGREEMENT FOR THE WWTP PROJECT – City Clerk Tammy Seamands reminded council that at the last meeting they passed a increase in sewer utility rates so that the sewer fund would increase to pay for a sewer loan with KDHE to bring the plant back into compliance. **Motion** made by Dickinson, seconded by LaDuex to approve Ordinance 3796- Authorizing the execution of a loan agreement between the City of Osawatomie, Kansas and the State of Kansas acting by and through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for the purpose of obtaining a loan from the Kanas Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund for the purpose of financing a wastewater treatment project; establishing a dedicated source of revenue for repayment of such loan; authorizing and approving certain documents in connection therewith; and authorizing certain other action in connection with the loan agreement as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 883 – USDA GRANT FOR 800 MHZ RADIOS– City Clerk Tammy Seamands reminded council that on March 11,2021 Council approved Resolution 853 – directing the City Manager to complete the upgrade of the public safety radio system to 800 MHz and identifying the funding to be used to pay for the radio system upgrade. On March 25, 2021 Council approved Resolution 856 – adopting the standards of conduct and procurement procedures set forth in the regulations of USDA Rural Development and on March 31, 2021 staff submitted a grant application to the USDA Rural Development. This evening, Council needs to accept the letter of intent to meet conditions and the request for obligation of funds for a grant from USDA Rural Development in the amount of \$46,000. **Motion** made by Hampson, seconded by Dickinson to approve Resolution 883- accepting a grant from the USDA Rural Development program to assist in the purchase of 800 MHz public safety radio system as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 884 – ANNUAL HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWALS – City Manager Mike Scanlon – The City’s health insurance plan runs from July – June of each year. Bukaty Companies have gone to the market place and negotiated on behalf of the city and the employees. The renewal increase is approximately 14 percent. Staff is recommending that we offer two Humana plans and switch life insurance, vision and dental to Humana. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to approve Resolution 884 – approving renewal rates for health insurance and setting contribution amounts for the city and city employees as presented. Yeas: All.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Jeff Walmann ~ As the chairman of the Trail Taskforce Walmann thanked Doherty Steel for the donation of the trail sign and thanked council for the recognition tonight. The payment that we get is seeing people on the trail.

Dan Macek ~ Passed out thank you cards for Lights on the Lake. The committee is still needing volunteers for the event. His reward is seeing people at the event.

MAYOR'S REPORT – On May 19th, Sam Moon was recognized as an upcoming rising star by the Miami County Commissioners.

We continue to see improvement in the community and wanted to thank Ed Beaudry and David Ellis for making a difference.

The trail is really going to make a difference in the City of Osawatomic

CITY MANAGER & STAFF REPORTS. – there is a lot of things on our agendas and those items take a lot of time to put together. Scanlon is lucky to have gifted and talented employees that make the city manger look good.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. - None

OTHER DISCUSSION/MOTIONS.

Motion made by Dickinson, seconded by Hampson to adjourn. Yeas: All. Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

/s/ Tammy Seamands
Tammy Seamands, City Clerk