

Osawatomie, Kansas. **June 25, 2020.** The Council Meeting was held at Memorial Hall. Mayor L. Mark Govea called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Council members present were LaDuex, Macek, Diehm, Hampson, Dickinson, Walmann, Wright and Caldwell. City Staff present at the meeting were: City Manager Michael Scanlon, City Clerk Tammy Seamands, Assistant to the City Manager Samantha Moon, Wastewater Plant Operator Bruce Hurt and City Attorney Richard Wetzler. Members of the public present were Dustin Brinkerhoff, Jeff Dorsett, Samuel Johnson, Kim Matney, Noah Matney, Garrett Nordstrom, Paul Owings, Elizabeth Dean, Kyle Spielbusch and Pamela Delvalle.

INVOCATION. Dustin Brinkerhoff, Victory Baptist Church

CONSENT AGENDA. Approval of the June 25th Agenda; June 11th Council Minutes, and Pay Application – Hall’s Bobcat Service - \$6,076.62. **Motion** made by Hampson, seconded by LaDuex to Approve the consent without the Pay Application – Hall’s Bobcat Service - \$6,076.62. Yeas: All. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to approve the Hall’s Bobcat Service - \$6,076.62, Yeas: All. Hampson abstained due to conflict of interest.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC. – Assistant Pastor Dustin Brinkerhoff stated Victory Baptist Church has begun meeting in person again and they have put safety measures in place. They are not having Sunday School or picking up any children on their bus route but they have been taking food baskets to those families that they usually pick up on the route.

Jeff Dorsett – Sent an email to others on the trail task force to share the positive impact of the trail that Dorsett had observed on June 6th. There were several cars from other counties in Kansas and a few cars from out of state using the trail. Palace Hardware will offer bike repair in their store and local restaurants are willing to offer specials to trail riders. Dorsett also would like to see all City employees to familiarize themselves with the trail.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. - None

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS.

PRESENTATION OF AUDIT – Kyle Spielbusch with Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA presented the annual audit.

NLC SERVICE LINE WARRANTY PROGRAM – was removed from the agenda and rescheduled for July.

BG CONSULTANTS – Sam Johnson and Paul Owings presented improvement priorities that were established during a site visit to the Osawatomie Wastewater Treatment Plant. These improvements are needed to bring the Wastewater Treatment Plant into compliance with environmental standards set by Kansas Health and Environment. The approximate total project cost is \$3.3 Million. BG Consultants are working with Garrett Nordstrom with Governmental Assistance Services to apply for a CDBG grant and to apply for loans under the Kansas State Revolving Loan program. Prior to submitting these applications every applicant for water/sewer must attend a Kansas Interagency Advisory Committee (KIAC). **Motion** made by LaDuex,

seconded by Lawrence to Authorize BG Consultants staff to submit an application for a request to appear before the Kansas Interagency Advisory Committee (KIAC) regarding funding options for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. Yeas: All.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

REQUEST FOR BIDS – LEASING OPTIONS FOR BACKHOE – Tammy Seamands presented bids that were received for a lease financing package for a 2020 Case 580 SN Backhoe that was approved for purchase at the May 28, 2020 council meeting. Motion made by LaDuex, seconded by Walmann to accept the request for bid from First Option Bank with a \$250.00 fee and 2.25% financing rate with a 5-year lease term for the lease of the 2020 Case 580 SN Backhoe. Yeas: All.

NEW BUSINESS.

RESOLUTION NO. 797 – NLC SERVICE LINE WARRANTY PROGRAM – was removed from the agenda and rescheduled for July.

RESOLUTION NO. 798 – DIRECTING STAFF TO PROCEED WORKING WITH BG CONSULTANTS ON WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY REPAIRS. **Motion** made by Macek, seconded by LaDuex to approve Resolution No 798 Directing staff to proceed working with BG Consultants, following up on their preliminary engineering report outlining the repairs that need to be made to the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) so that the City comes into compliance with all required environmental standards.as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION NO. 799 – ESTABLISHING A PLANNING FRAMEWORK THAT WILL ASSIST THE STAFF AND COMMUNITY AS WE BEGIN TO REDEVELOP – **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded Caldwell to approve Resolution 799 Establishing a planning framework that will assist the staff and community as we begin the process of reimagining and redeveloping our downtown and surrounding area as presented. Yeas: All.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Dan Macek ~ asked about issues that were addressed in the audit presentation. The City Manager will respond to them in a memo back to the council regarding how this will be addressed.

Jeff Walmann ~ the trail taskforce was established in 2018 and are close to finishing the duties that were assigned to them. Walmann would like to see the City have a lodging option for trail riders to stay at.

Karen LaDuex ~ Attended the Pride Committee meeting. There were 19 people in attendance with ¼ of those people attending that had not previously been involved in other

committees. Everyone was enthusiastic and are planning on cleaning up trash in the downtown area.

Lawrence Dickinson ~ Welcomed Noah Matney. Noah is a member of the boy scouts.

Cathy Caldwell ~ Will be talking to Ryan Maddox with the Pride Committee regarding community cleanup for houses. Caldwell asked if there has been any resolution on the tall grass on “10 acres”. Linda Crouch is going to meet with Mike Scanlon regarding purchasing “10 acres” which would allow the city to use the property for trails which could qualify for grant money for the purchase.

MAYOR’S REPORT ~ Charlie Brand sent a text regarding the Pride committee. They will be meeting and are planning on cleaning up Main Street on July 21rd at 6:30 p.m.

CITY MANAGER & STAFF REPORTS.

Mike Scanlon ~ was approached by a farmer asking to purchase 80 acres in the Northland that adjoins to his property. Scanlon asked if the council was interested in selling that property. The general consensus was that council is not interested in selling this property.

Concrete will be poured tomorrow for the sidewalks and the steps will be poured Saturday at city hall. They have cylinders that are the pedestals for the sign at the trail that will mark the zero mile.

Elks have received a grant “Brush to Kindness” that will allow them to work with the city to select three Veterans in the community and to paint their house for them.

Scanlon is working on three grants over the next three weeks which are CDBG, KDOT and MARC. These grants are to find funding to do the planning and groundwork for the downtown corridor and surrounding community and to improve infrastructure. We need to keep the community engaged. He would like council to provide two names of community members to help with this that could spend time over the next three months to work on plans. Scanlon has at least seven projects that the Eagle Scouts could work on.

Tammy Seamands ~ we are promoting a Food Truck Wednesday which would allow one food truck each Wednesday to set up at 5th & Main from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. This promotion is to attract more business to the City and to bring more customers into Osawatomie to shop. We have talked with other businesses and suggested that they also offer specials on Wednesday to increase the foot traffic on Main Street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. None.

OTHER DISCUSSION/MOTIONS.

Motion made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to adjourn. Yeas: All. Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

/s/ Tammy Seamands
Tammy Seamands, City Clerk