

Osawatomie, Kansas. **JULY 11, 2013.** 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, Martin, and Walmann. Also present were City Manager Cawby and City Attorney Wetzler. Absent was City Clerk Elmquist. Visitors were Wes Duncan, Robert Kerr, Will Cutburth, Mike Bosch, Mike Crawford, Doug Walker, Frank Pretz and Coleen Truelson.

CONSENT AGENDA. Approval of the minutes of June 13 and June 27 Council Meetings, approval of July 11 Agenda, and approval of Appropriation Ordinance 2013-6. Motion made by Hunter, seconded by LaDuex to approve the minutes of June 13 and June 27 Council Meetings, approval of July 11 Agenda, and approval of Appropriation Ordinance 2013-6. Yeas: All.

Public Participation; Presentations:

County Commissioner Pretz informed the Council that the 8th Street Creamery Bridge work was completed. A ribbon cutting ceremony to reopen the bridge is July 16 at 9:00 a.m.

City Clerk Elmquist arrived at 6:41 p.m.

PRESENTATION BY MIKE BOSCH FROM REFLECTIVE GROUP/DAWN FIBER.

Mike Bosch, founder and CEO of Reflective Group, has taken a great interest in rural economic development. In a digital economy what drives economic growth for small towns is affordable access via internet infrastructure. His company “manufactures” websites, content, and applications and “transports” them to the cloud. Cloud services has caused a paradigm shift in technology. In just under 2.5 years, they have grown to 18 employees. They created Dawn Fiber to bring an all-fiber greater-than-gigabit internet. The rough estimate to serve Osawatomie is \$5-6 million to be funded by Industrial Revenue Bonds which create a public-private partnership.

PRESENTATION BY DOUG WALKER ON RAIL BANKING. Doug Walker, vice-president of the Kanza Rail-Trails Conservancy (KRTC), said the Conservancy has been converting former rail lines into non-motorized public trails and wildlife areas across Kansas. KRTC wants to rail bank the rail line that runs .50 miles from the sports complex to behind Trojan Elementary School. Rail banking is a voluntary agreement between a railroad company and a trail agency to use an out-of-service rail corridor as a trail until some railroad might need the corridor again for rail service. In order to establish interim trail use and rail banking the City of Osawatomie would need to be responsible for maintenance. A KDOT grant will pay for the trailhead at the sports complex, which will provide parking. Motion made by LaDuex, seconded by Walmann to authorize the City Manager to submit a request to railbank the property for the remainder of the trail in the City limits. Yeas: All.

Public Hearings: none

Unfinished Business:

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 16 – ACTION ON PETITION. A petition against establishing the Public Building Commission was submitted to the City Clerk. After checking, the County Clerk informed the City that the 72 accepted signatures fulfilled the requirement for calling an election. The Council could pass an ordinance to call the election within 30 days and the City would be responsible for the costs of holding a special election. When the commission would make a decision, only 5% is needed for the petition. The Building Commission debt is not included the City’s debt limit and interest rates are lower. The Council decided to not act on the petition; therefore, a special election won’t be held.

New Business:

APPOINTMENTS. none

KDHE SEWER LOAN DOCUMENTS. The loan needs to be finalized. The project cost will be well under the \$818,000 approved with the interest rate between 2.25-2.5%.

BUDGET WORK SESSION. City Manager Cawby didn't have some of the numbers so didn't feel comfortable going over. He gave a synopsis of the proposed budget.

Council Reports:

Maichel: Ward 4's ice cream social will be July 18 at 6:30 p. m.

Hampson: At Parks & Recreation Committee meeting was told there would be and 8 team American Legion tournament this weekend. The pool shuttle on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday has 10 riders; the out-of-town trip had two riders. They talked about the buildings at the complex. Director Crowley is to get hard numbers for moving the concession stand out of the present area. Each age group of teams from 10 to 14 year-olds will be in the state tournaments. Next month's meeting will be in John Brown Park to clean up some more. The Library and the Parks & Recreation Committee will be providing transportation to the August 9 T-Bones game.

Walmann: The employee recognition picnic will be at John Brown Park on August 17.

Farley: Learned that the bins for recyclables provided by the County will be moved out of Osawatomie. Would like something to replace them to have somewhere in town that would accept glass. Commission Pretz said Deffenbaugh containers would possibly be removed.

Mayor's Report: none

City Manager's Report:

J.R. McMahon, Miami County Road and Bridge Department Director, needs a letter of support for the County's Mill Street bridge improvement project.

Projects: none

Issues: none

Motion made at 8:57 p.m. by Hunter, seconded by LaDuex to adjourn. Yeas: All.

/s/ Ann Elmquist
Ann Elmquist, City Clerk