

Osawatomie, Kansas. **July 24, 2014.** The Council meeting was held in Memorial Hall. Mayor Govea called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Council members present were Dickinson, Hampson, Hunter, LaDuex, Maichel, Ramirez and Walmann. Absent was: Farley. Also present were City Manager Cawby, City Attorney Wetzler and City Clerk Elmquist. Visitors were Dan & Cristle Macek, Thomas Macek, Kim Serio, Christina Lee, Shelagh & Kirk Wright and Colleen Truelsen.

INVOCATION. Pastor Kim Serio, Beagle United Methodist Church, delivered the invocation.

CONSENT AGENDA. Approval of the July 24 Agenda. Motion made by LaDuex, seconded by Hunter to approve the Consent Agenda. Yeas: All.

Presentations, Comments from the Public:

Pastor Kim Serio, is in her second year. Was very moved on Memorial Day when there was a celebration in Beagle's cemetery and that the community was together. She realizes a lot needs to be done though. They have a lot of senior citizens. They would like to be involved in our community also.

Presentation of Chamber of Commerce Annual Report. Director Shelagh Wright said there has been a good relationship with the City the last five years in moving forward.

Presentation by Osawatomie Rotary Community Foundation. Cristle Macek spoke on behalf of Rotary. Within a month they will be starting to replace the Lake Shelter House. The cost of putting in the playground at the Lake is \$113,000. There is a grant for using recycled materials. They are working on other grants and will have more fundraisers. She asked the City for \$22,000. Next fall is their target date to do the project. As people are seeing that Rotary is moving forward, they have received more donations and believe there will be even more after the roof is replaced. They have found a large single source of grant money available. All the various sources of money will be known before the playground project would begin.

Public Comment: none

Public Hearings: none

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

**APPOINTMENTS:** none

**ACCEPTANCE OF TEMPORARY NOTES.** General Obligation Temporary Notes for \$700,000 were put out for bid to provide construction period funding for the police station project. When costs are more definite with the Police Department building/City Hall renovation, General Obligation bonds will be issued. Bids received were:

Emprise Bank, Lawrence	2.502000%
First Option Bank, Osawatomie	2.400000%
Labette Bank, LaCygne	1.250000%
The Kansas State Bank, Ottawa	1.000000%

Motion made by Maichel, seconded by LaDuex to approve the bid from The Kansas State Bank, Ottawa, for \$700,000 at 1.0 % interest subject to further documentation approval. Yeas: All.

**BUDGET WORK SESSION.** City Manager Cawby went over the individual funds with the Council. There will be a special meeting Thursday, July 31 to do further work on/with the 2015 budget.

Council Reports:

Maichel: Public Safety Committee's goal is to bring awareness and to inform people when something happens or an event is coming up. They submitted a request for sidewalks at 12<sup>th</sup> and Main and also at 10<sup>th</sup> and Main. The sidewalk requests will be delayed until the streets are redone with required ADA ramps and other requirements.

Ramirez: Ward 2 held their ice cream social July 20 in the John Brown Park shelter house.

Mayor's Report: none

City Manager's Report:

Interviews, new hires, and positions:

- Heavy equipment operator - Doug Singer will replace this part of Bruce Hurt's duties. Hurt will be moving to the Sewer Plant but will still be over that crew over the water & sewer lines.
- Cemetery Foreman - Bill Roseberry is taking on more responsibility and that is being reorganized as well. His title will be modified.
- Nuisance officer/meter reader - will be interviewing very soon.
- Public Works & Utilities Director - having an extremely difficult time selecting between two very good applicants.
- Power & Water Plant Operator - a decision has been made and the pre-employment requirements have to be met.

Kansas City Power & Light is wanting a new franchise agreement. He will work with City Attorney Wetzler. The biggest issue is that Scott Shreve noticed when going through the State Hospital's bills that they do not pay a franchise fee. All the other hospitals he works with do. The reason is the City said the State Hospital doesn't have to pay the franchise fee. This is a big decision the Council is going to have to deal with.

In the process of approving plans with T-Mobile to put increased fiber on the east water tower. It sounds like they are going to increase their capacity. It is a good time to look at the lease rate. A city manager just recently sent out a request asking what other cities lease rates were. He will get with him to find out how the City's lease compares.

Rail-to-Trails. Put a City proposal to the Union Pacific offering to pay \$9,600 for the land. They wouldn't budge from the \$12,000 fair market value. Later Doug Walker told City Manager Cawby that the Kanza Rail-Trails Conservancy will pay the \$12,000 as long as the City deeds the property over to them. The City will be getting a letter to Service Transportation Board to get an extension and to say there basically has been an agreement to the terms on the money and the site. After the approval by the STB there will have to be an agreement with the trail group on how everything will be handled.

Motion made at 9:42 p.m. by Hunter, seconded by LaDuex to adjourn. Yeas: All.

/s/ Ann Elmquist  
Ann Elmquist, City Clerk