

Osawatomie, Kansas. **August 13, 2020.** The Council Meeting was held at Memorial Hall. Mayor L. Mark Govea called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were LaDuex, Macek, Dickinson, Walmann, Hampson and Caldwell. Council members Diehm and Wright were absent. City Staff present at the meeting were: City Manager Michael Scanlon, City Clerk Tammy Seamands, Assistant to the City Manager Samantha Moon, City Attorney Richard Wetzler, and Building Inspector Ed Beaudry. Members of the public present were Kari Bradley, Virginia Adams, Stanton Adams, Keith Adams, Chris Adams, Teresa Seichepine, Roy Seichepine, Tracy Petersen, John Wastlund, Dale Shay, Jo Shay, Derek Henness, Jan Sykes and Dave Slyter.

**INVOCATION.** John Wastlund, The Well Wesleyan Church

**CONSENT AGENDA.** Approval of the August 13<sup>th</sup> Agenda, July 23<sup>rd</sup> Council Minutes, Pay Application – BG Consultants - \$1,800.00 – Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility, Pay Application – Allenbrand & Drews - \$1,550.00 – Trail Project, Pay Application – Western Consultants - \$8,250.00 – KDHE Loan Application WWTP, and Pay Application – Western Consultants - \$3,325.00 – CDBG-CV Grant Application. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Yeas: All.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.**

Pastor John Wastlund -The Well Wesleyan Church tries their best to serve the community. Their congregation is only half of what it normally is since Covid but their online viewership has increased. Wastlund is not sure what the future will hold but they will try to reach the community with hope.

Virginia Adams – her neighborhood was annexed by Osawatomie 10 years ago against the will of 96% of the residents involved. Adams says that the City does not provide any services and they have to pay for their own street lights. Adams does not want mandatory trash service and is opposed to Resolution 804 regarding landlord licensing.

Tracy Petersen – is the president of The Eastern Kansas Landlord Association and would like to invite the city council to one of their meetings to discuss Resolution 804. This resolution will add additional expense to the landlord who will then pass though fees on to the tenant. That expense will cause additional hardship to the tenant. Property owners cannot afford to fix and maintain some of the problems they have with their homes. Petersen would like to see Osawatomie turn into a greater city but increasing costs to landlords is not the way to do it.

Roy Seichepine – thanked the city for mowing “10 acres”. The grass is again 12 inches and there are still hay bales located on the property. Seichepine stated that he has submitted Fix-it forms with no response and wanted to know where the city is with this property. Scanlon said that the city is working with several agencies to receive grants to purchase the property. The county will be back mowing the property again and the owner will be contacted to have the hay bales removed. If they are not removed by Monday, the city will remove them. Seichepine asked why people are being allowed to live in 5<sup>th</sup> wheel travel trailers in areas that are not zoned for them. Seichepine would also like to see an increase in police patrol in the area also.

Dave Slyter – agrees with Virginia Adams statement and making it more difficult on landlords and raising their expenses will make it more difficult to rent the properties. Private homes are also bad. Slyter is against rental inspections and would like the trash bill put back onto the utility bill.

Jan Sykes – the problem with this town is that no one has an income so they tenants cannot afford more rent. Sykes suggests that we bring in a business that will generate an income for people. Sykes would like to see a meat processing plant brought to Osawatomie because that would be income for the City.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS.** - None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS.** - None

**PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS.** – None.

**NEW BUSINESS.**

ORDINANCE 3784 – AN ORDINANCE ADDING, DELETING AND AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER XV, ARTICLE 5. SOLID WASTE OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF OSAWATOMIE, KANSAS. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to approve Ordinance 3784 – An Ordinance adding, deleting and amending various sections of Chapter XV, Article 5. Solid Waste of the Code of The City of Osawatomie, Kansas as presented including the changes that allow for abatement of fees and charges and designating the containers to be used. Yeas: (4) Macek, LaDuex, Dickinson, and Caldwell. Nays: (2) Walmann and Hampson. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to revote on Ordinance 3784 asking the Mayor to vote because the ordinance required one additional vote to pass. Yeas: All. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to approve Ordinance 3784 – An Ordinance adding, deleting and amending various sections of Chapter XV, Article 5. Solid Waste of the Code of The City of Osawatomie, Kansas as presented including the changes that allow for abatement of fees and charges and designating the containers to be used. Yeas: (5) Macek, LaDuex, Dickinson, Caldwell and Govea. Nays: (2) Walmann and Hampson

ORDINANCE 3785 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 9, SECTION 4, SUBSECTION H OF THE CITY OF OSAWATOMIE’S ZONING REGULATIONS, SUDIVISION REGULATIONS AND FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS. **Motion** made by Dickinson, seconded by LaDuex to approve Ordinance 3785 – An Ordinance amending article 9, section 4, subsection H of the City of Osawatomie’s Zoning Regulations, Subdivision Regulations and Floodplain Management Regulations as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 807- DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT \$3.3 MILLION IN APPLICATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY TO THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT (KDHE) AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) FOR THE SHORT AND LONG-TERM

FINANCING OF REPAIRS AND UPGRADES TO THE CITY'S WASTEWATER PLANT  
**Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to approve Resolution 807 – Directing the City Manager to submit \$3.3 Million in applications on behalf of the City to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the short and long-term financing of repairs and upgrades to the City's wastewater plant as presented. Yeas: All.

ORDINANCE 3786 – AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE USE OF CORONAVIRUS RELIEF MONIES IDENTIFIED BY THE STRENGTHENING PEOPLE AND REVITALIZING KANSAS (SPARK) TASKFORCE AND DISTRIBUTED THROUGH MIAMI COUNTY, KANSAS FOR THE PURPOSES OF REIMBURSING THE CITY OF OSAWATOMIE FOR COVID-19 COSTS. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to approve Ordinance 3786 – An Ordinance directing the use of Coronavirus relief monies identified by the strengthening people and revitalizing Kansas Taskforce and distributed through Miami County, Kansas for the purposes of reimbursing the City of Osawatome for Covid-19 costs. Yeas: All.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS.**

Cathy Caldwell ~ there has been an increase of suspicious activity in her neighborhood. A hydrant at Reed & 5<sup>th</sup> is leaking. It has a plastic bag over it. The Pride committee has been very active. Caldwell will be working on a committee for Neighbor Helping Neighbor.

Jeff Walmann ~ Thanked Mike Scanlon and George Pretz for getting the sign put up on the trail. The taskforce met and is still working on a couple of things – a sign in the Karl E. Cole Sports Complex and bids for a kiosk and bridge.

Dan Macek ~ has noticed there are several campers located in residential areas.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** ~ thanked Janet McRae for helping to seek out money for the community.

### **CITY MANAGER & STAFF REPORTS.**

Mike Scanlon ~ presented the 2021 Budget Presentation

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.** None.

### **OTHER DISCUSSION/MOTIONS.**

**Motion** made by Hampson, seconded by LaDuex to adjourn. Yeas: All. Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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*/s/ Tammy Seamands*

Tammy Seamands, City Clerk