

Osawatomie, Kansas. **August 28, 2014.** The Council meeting was held in Memorial Hall. Mayor Govea called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Council members present were Dickinson, Farley, Hampson, Hunter, LaDuex, Maichel, Ramirez and Walmann. Also present were City Manager Cawby and City Attorney Wetzler. Visitors were Joe Bell, Phil Dudley, Railene Ahring, Blake Madden and Colleen Truelsen.

INVOCATION. Pastor Joe Bell, Church of the Nazarene, delivered the invocation.

CONSENT AGENDA. Approval of the August 28 Agenda and approval of the July 24 and July 31 Council meetings. Motion made by Hunter, seconded by LaDuex to approve the Consent Agenda. Yeas: All.

Presentations, Comments from the Public:

Pastor Joe Bell said the church has set a goal that for every hour they teach and train in the church they will spend an hour out in the community impacting the lives of individuals in the church's sphere of influence. The church is raising funds for the Kudjip Nazarene Hospital in Papua, New Guinea. Grants have put been put together where for every \$1,000 raised the hospital will receive \$22,000 in support for housing and water for the doctors.

City Clerk Elmquist arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Railene Ahring spoke with the Council several months ago that she was opening Sunflower Substance Abuse Recovery Services in town. She will be opening her doors September 3. Has a lot of help from the community on getting this up and going. Her main focus will be adolescents.

Phil Dudley, 1536 Pacific Court, thanked the Council for the infrastructure improvements. In the past when the streets lights were out, the Police Department would let the front office know. Garage sale signs are showing up on poles again which is against the code.

Public Comment: none

Public Hearings:

HEARING ON 2014 REVISED BUDGET, 2015 PROPOSED BUDGET, AND 2015-2019 CIP BUDGET. Mayor Govea opened the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Dudley said he was concerned about the increase of the mill levy of 3.6. Talked to Mayor Govea and City Manager Cawby about the delinquent taxes in the newspaper. Three of the pages were Osawatomie properties. The County should be proactive. The City's delinquency rate is over 7%. Hearing closed at 6:55 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

ADOPT PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET. Adopting the 2015 budget is also adopting the 2014 revised numbers. Motion made by Hunter, seconded by LaDuex to adopt the 2015 budget as presented. Yeas: Dickinson, Farley, Hampson, Hunter, LaDuex, and Maichel. **Nay: Walmann.** Motion passed.

ADOPT PROPOSED 2014-2019 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP). Maichel made a motion to move the \$12,000 to construct a bathroom at the back of the golf course to 2016. Motion died for lack of a second. Motion made by LaDuex, seconded by Farley to approve the CIP as presented. Yeas: All.

COPY OF VOTE PUBLICATION FORMAT. The State now requires a city to publish the vote of the governing body for approval of the budget. This legal notice has to be published in the county's official newspaper, not the city's. The resolution to increase the mill levy is no longer required. Motion made by LaDuex, seconded by Hunter to approve using the second sample of the Notice of Vote which states the vote as well as the total property tax levied. Yeas: All.

New Business:

APPOINTMENTS:

LKM Voting Delegates	Maichel & Mayor Govea
Alternates	Dickinson & City Manager Cawby

Motion made by LaDuex, seconded by Hunter to accept the appointments. Yeas: All.

ALL FOR YOU COMMUNITY EVENT SEPTEMBER 13. This year they are changing the display discharge area to the John Brown Jamboree concert area, the south side of Parker Avenue when entering the park. Motion made by Maichel, seconded by Hampson to accept the application for the All For You community event. Yeas: All

2014 AUDIT ENGAGEMENT SELECTION. The fee for Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips to perform services for the 2014 audit is for an amount not to exceed \$8,650. Motion made by LaDuex, seconded by Hunter to approve the agreement with Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips for \$8,650. Yeas: All.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR. City Manager Cawby introduced Blake Madden. He comes here from Affinis Corporation, a small civil engineering firm in Overland Park. He began as a construction observer on a section of the levee system on the Missouri River. He's laid water lines, sanitary lines and stormwater lines. The company paid for him to get his engineering degree. Madden's worked as a project engineer for levee design and inspection, transportation design and traffic engineering, site development and other areas. Affinis works with the Army Corps of Engineers to perform their levee inspections and he has done many of them. His family moved to Osawatomie about 18 months ago. He saw there were committee openings and was appointed to several of them. The City Manager learned of his background which led them to talking about things that needed to be done.

CRACK SEALING MACHINE. Public Works & Utilities Director Madden said the machine uses propane and pressure can build up in the tank. Sometimes it blows out the back doors where everyone is working and it blows out very hot air. Someone is going to get hurt or burnt. For a good new crack sealer the cost is about \$40,000. The City of Ottawa brought one over and it was nice and real fast. Discussed with City Manager Cawby and Interim Public Works & Utilities Director Andy Haney that chip sealing shouldn't be done at all. Everything should be crack sealed because it protects the street base more than anything. City Manager Cawby said that priority wise, the first thing that has to be done whether chip seal is done or not is to crack seal the street. Staff will be putting together a real pavement management system. The one estimate was provided to the Council to see how they wanted to proceed. Director Madden explained that on a new street cracks will eventually form and the easiest way to protect that pavement is to crack seal it. This is necessary not to keep the water out but to blow out the incompressible stones and rocks. They wedge themselves into the street, exerting force outward. Then more incompressible material works in and keeps pushing away the pavement. When there is new pavement it has got to be maintained.

Council Reports:

Hunter: On the east wall of the History Museum the stucco has been cracking. When it was being removed, soft bricks were found. During the time it is being repaired the Museum will be closed. The Railroad Museum will stay open so it will not affect the Chamber of Commerce.

Hampson: Attended the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting. A new baseball league was started this year getting out of Babe Ruth Cal Ripken. It went pretty well but it was almost too many towns and too many teams so management was tough. Next year looking at going with just Osawatomie, Paola, Louisburg and Osawatomie. Flag football and outdoor soccer numbers are down so they are looking at other programs to offer to draw in more participation.

Maichel: Public Safety Committee wanted to see stop signs at 1st and Brown to make it a four-way stop. There was concern about whether stop signs are permitted through a thoroughfare. They also wanted no parking on the north side of 4th and Brown because it makes it hard for the school buses to turn. A question was asked about the signs being taken down around Swenson Early Childhood Education Center since it has been closed. City Manager Cawby said they are being left up because there are still buses loading children using the one-way street in front of Swenson. City Manager Cawby said the stop signs on Pacific will remain and will look into the stops signs at Brown and 10th. Rules need to be established for stop signs and other signage.

Mayor's Report: none

City Manager's Report:

Projects:

Sewer Plant. A buyer has been found for the rotary drum thickener and should be able to at least a \$1,000 for it.

Main Street. The County received a \$1 million grant and is putting together the funding to renovate the Mill Street Bridge. The County will have the renewal of the \$.25 sales tax on the November ballot. This would bring \$500,000 to each of the four larger cities over the life of the sales tax with it to be used for road projects.

Lake Shelter House. After removing the roof, structural engineer Gabe Pfefferkorn looked at the structure. He will make recommendations for the shelter, but expressed concerns over leaving the chimney as they are. To fill the chimney with mortar would be approximately \$5,000 or \$10,000 to line them and make them functional. Also, asked the Council to think about naming the shelter the Rotary Shelter House and the City would then put on a blue roof. It would be good to provide some ownership of the project.

Issues:

Properties. At the tax sale on August 19 two more properties were purchased. The two properties purchased were: (1) the east half of the former Indian Ridge Apartments, at 101 Happy Place; and (2) the northern most parcel of the Matney Estates, which is adjacent to the property purchased at the tax sale on E. Walnut last year. City Manager Cawby will have staff work up a plan to re-grade the property and to establish proper drainage ways, as well as look at how the property could be best used. The properties were purchased for \$300 each.

Public Safety Committee. Crosswalks do not need to go to the the Council. Ultimately one was put in at 12th and Main. That intersection is going to be reconstructed with the Main Street Improvements Project. The issues of the stops signs and no parking signs may have to be brought to the Council.

Planning Commission. As a result of a rezoning request, the Planning Commission has come to a consensus that the community needs to revisit the zoning map. Staff has recommended that in order to appropriately redraw a map, there needs to be some guiding comprehensive planning principles established for developing this map. It is suggested that the City undergo a comprehensive planning process to update the 1998 plan and also to provide that guidance in updating the map. Staff suggests a task force made up of about 10-15 members representing a broad range of groups within the community. If the Council is in agreement, suggested that the Council form a subcommittee to help put this group together and make sure the diversity of the community is well represented.

Old Street Sweeper. Staff will be listing the old sweeper on auction sites, as there may be some interest in the sweeper for parts.

Rail-to-Trails. Waiting on the final agreement with the deadline at the end of November. When the City receives that agreement, he will then get with the trail group.

Mayor Govea said the county's next intergovernmental breakfast will be October 7. The City will be hosting it.

Motion made at 8:06 p.m. by Hunter, seconded by Dickinson to adjourn. Yeas: All.

/s/ Ann Elmquist
Ann Elmquist, City Clerk