

Osawatomie, Kansas. **September 26, 2019.** The Council Meeting was held in the Conference Room at City Hall. Mayor Mark Govea called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Dickinson, Diehm, Hampson, LaDuex, Caldwell, Macek, Walmann and Wright. City Staff present at the meeting were: Interim City Manager Mike Smith, Assistant to the City Manager Meagan Borth, City Clerk Tammy Seamands, City Attorney Richard Wetzler, Building Official Ed Beaudry, Police Chief David Ellis, Assistant Police Chief David Stuteville. Members of the public were: Shane Lamb, George Pretz, Ed Bridges, Dale Samuels, Anthony Stallings, Roy Seichepine, Teresa Seichepine and Michelle Chester.

INVOCATION. Dale Samuels, Faith Community Church

CONSENT AGENDA. Approval of September 26th Agenda; August 28th Council Minutes, Register Report 2019-08, Special Event Permit – 2020 Soap Box Derby, Pay Application – Allenbrand-Drews & Associates – Trail Land Survey - \$2,870.00, Pay Application – Tyler Technology – Utility Billing- \$1,536.52, Pay Application – JEO – Final Design & Construction - \$3,607.50, Pay Application – Wood, Inc. – Levee Project - \$9,990.00, Pay Application – Hall’s Bobcat Service – Trail Project. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Yeas: All. Hampson abstained.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

Roy Seichepine stated that “10 acres” was mowed and baled. This property is located behind his house and is overgrown with trees, mice and snakes and is in violation of city codes. The trees have not been maintained and there is concern they may fall onto his home. Seichepine wants “10 acres” to be maintained as stated under the city code.

Dale Samuels started a new church called Faith Community Church located at the Grand Loft on 6th & Main meeting on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Ed Bridges stated that all the houses around his property are vacant for years and have not been maintained. The yards are full of junk and needs mowed.

Mark Govea commented that the City is well aware of the nuisance issues that are city wide. This is a topic of discussion that the City has been having. Govea said that the City is looking at reevaluating the nuisance ordinances and how the City will enforce them.

Mike Smith is working with the nuisance officer and the police department to get more support to be able to stay on top of nuisance issues. This is one of the first goals he plans to work on.

Shane Lamb stated that his family owns one of the vacant properties located on the block that Mr. Bridges lives on. Lamb admits that the caretaker that the family has used has not done a good job on maintaining the property. Family will be in town this weekend and are planning on working on the property.

Anthony Stallings would like for the council to make a change to the noise ordinance 11-338. Stallings would like for the ordinance to be changed from only restricting the noise volume between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. to 24 hours a day.

Teresa Seichepine stated that the railroad warehouse on Sixth Street has taken things out of the building and has lined them up against the fence. Also, there is an empty lot across from her property that has tall grass and wood crates stacked up in the middle.

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS.

OATH OF OFFICE – INTERIM CITY MANAGER MIKE SMITH – City Clerk Seamands swore in Interim City Manager Mike Smith.

COMMISSIONER PRETZ – RENEWAL OF .25 SALES TAX - County Commissioner George Pretz talked about the proposed renewal of the .25 sales tax. This tax is renewed every five years and will be voted on again in November. One city project that was partially funded with money from this sales tax was the Main Street Improvements. Mr. Pretz asked the City for their support on this renewal. This tax would generate money to help fund other projects.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. - None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

CHARTER ORDINANCE 18 – POST ELECTION SEATING - **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to adopt Charter Ordinance 18 as presented. Yeas: All.

NEW BUSINESS.

CENTURY LINK POLE ATTACHMENT AGREEMENT - **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Hampson to approve the Century Link Pole Attachment Agreement. Yeas: All.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Lawrence Dickinson ~ The scouts are having a spaghetti feed tomorrow at the school.

Jeff Walmann ~ Hall's is doing a great job working on the trail. They have started at the sports complex and are heading west. They are looking at installing a pedestrian bridge.

MAYOR'S REPORT – will make copies for the next meeting regarding changes that the League of Kansas Municipalities are discussing.

CITY MANAGER & STAFF REPORTS.

