

Osawatomie, Kansas. **October 24, 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, City Attorney Wetzler and City Clerk Elmquist. Visitors were Rita Clary, Virginia Adams and Preston Miller.

INVOCATION. Virginia Adams with the Osawatomie Community of Christ delivered the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA. Motion made by LaDuex, seconded by Hunter to approve the amended agenda. Yeas: All. [Note: Approval included the September 12 and September 26 minutes as amended.]

Public Participation; Presentations:

Virginia Adams talked about the Community of Christ's principles. Shared the involvement of the Osawatomie Ministerial Association. There is a really good relationship between churches and they service the community in a lot of ways. They assist with utility bills for those in need. The Food Pantry has three programs. November 13 there will be a Community Thanksgiving celebration hosted by the Methodist Church at Osawatomie High School. There will be a dinner followed by worship. December 11 will be the second year of hosting a Christmas give away. It will be at the First Baptist Church's community center. They are asking for new or gently used toys.

Presentation by Preston Miller, Energy Programs Consultant, with the Energy Division of Kansas Corporation Commission. Efficiency Kansas-Lighting (EK-Lighting) focuses on energy-efficient lighting upgrades to existing small commercial structures. The program is designed so that project costs are covered by the expected energy savings with the loan covering all costs over the term of the loan with \$30,000 being the maximum borrowed. Participants apply for financing through the city's utility and requires that they have to have been in business for three years with no late payments. The loan is attached to the property's utility meter and is repaid through an additional charge on the participant's monthly utility bill.

Public Hearing:

KANSAS WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND. The Public Hearing opened at 6:56 p.m. Rita Clary, with the Kansas Rural Water Association, explained the application is requesting funds for improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The project includes a new mechanical multi-rake barscreen, grit separation equipment and concrete masonry block building. These are required to remove inorganic solids from the wastestream and properly convey the average daily and peak daily flow rates that are experienced at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The estimated project cost and loan request is for \$1,275,000 to be submitted to the KDHE Kansas Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund (WKPCRF) Loan. The hearing was opened for questions. City Manager Cawby understood that no raises in the rates is necessary. No other project proposals were introduced. There were no comments from the public. The hearing closed at 7:01 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

ORDINANCE ADOPTING ZONING REGULATIONS. The new regulations include the Zoning Regulations, the Subdivision Regulations, the Floodplain Regulations and Zoning District Map. Motion made by Hunter, seconded by Dickinson to approve the ordinance. Yeas: All. The Ordinance was assigned No. 3715.

New Business:

APPOINTMENTS: none

CONSIDER CANCELLATION OF 2ND NOVEMBER MEETING. Motion made by Maichel, seconded by Martin to approve cancellation of the November 21 meeting. Yeas: All.

Council Reports:

Maichel: Motion was made by Maichel, seconded by Hampson to have an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matter of nonelected personnel for five minutes, with City Attorney Wetzler to be present. Shelagh Wright did a wonderful job at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner.

Hunter: Had a meeting with Dawn Fiber LLC about bringing fiber optics to town. Saturday will be the Border Wars BBQ Contest.

LaDuex: Excited about the Border Wars contest. In charge of the contest is the John Brown Foundation with cooperation from the City of Osawatomie. Library Board met and they agreed to fund the options for the repairs to the Library foundation for the mudjacking and the additional piers. The Library Board agreed at their October meeting to pay for mudjacking, sealing the west foundation wall and adding cosmetic cabinetry to hide the piers in the basement

Mayor's Report:

Attended the League of Kansas Municipalities annual conference. Covered really good and appropriate topics. LKM has a mayors' regional dinner coming up and invited the Council. Mayor Govea had a thumb drive that contained all the sessions. Spoke with a Kansas State University associate professor of Architectural and Community Planning about John Brown Park becoming an arboretum or at least identify the trees. There are classes that work on these types of projects. KSU will be holding a summit that the City will be invited to.

City Manager's Report:

Dawn Fiber LLC. A get to know each other meeting was held with Mike Bosch and his staff and the City's staff and invited Wes Duncan from the school district. At the second meeting they wanted to bring in economic development. Mayor Govea and Council President Hunter (representing Economic and Community Development Committee) were invited. Dawn Fiber is getting their deal narrowed down of what they really want, what do we have to do, and what is expected from the City. Onboard already are Baldwin City, Lawrence, and possibly Ottawa. It is going in a very good direction and seems very doable. Dawn Fiber just finished with Baldwin City's intent to issue IRBs and they have an agreement with Lawrence. An Economic Impact Study was completed by Wichita State University on the process for Baldwin City. He will be getting a copy. Dawn Fiber would like to get going in December. It is a \$10,000,000 project and will have to bring other cities on board.

Rails-to-Trails. He needs to negotiate with the Union Pacific Railroad. The problem is the bridge. An engineer has said that he will donate his services. Also the KSU students need community improvement projects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTER OF NONELECTED PERSONNEL. At 7:25 p.m. motion was made by Maichel, seconded by Hampson to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matter of nonelected personnel, with City Attorney Wetzler to be present; and that the Council will reconvene the open meeting in this room at 7:30 p.m. Yeas: All. Meeting reconvened at 7:28 p.m. No action taken.

Motion made at 7:29 p.m. by Hampson, seconded by Hunter to adjourn. Yeas: All.

/s/ Ann Elmquist
Ann Elmquist, City Clerk