

Osawatomie, Kansas. **October 28, 2021.** The Council Meeting was held at the Memorial Hall located at 411 11th Street. Mayor L. Mark Govea called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Council members present were Dickinson, LaDuex, Hampson, Diehm, Wright and Caldwell. Council Members Walmann and Macek were absent. City Staff present at the meeting were City Manager Mike Scanlon, Deputy City Manager Bret Glendening, City Clerk Tammy Seamands, Chief Building Official Ed Beaudry, Assistant to the City Manager Samantha Moon, Utilities Director Terry Upshaw, Nuisance Officer David Ellis and Public Works Director William Roseberry. Members of the public were: Kari Bradley, Dale Koontz, Donna Koontz, Regina McClellan, Ginny Mowat, Derek Henness, Wayne Ova, Mike Williams, Deana Brim, Nick Scheffer and Dale Bratton

INVOCATION. Reverend Wayne Ova, Faith Baptist

CONSENT AGENDA. Approval of October 28th Agenda, October 14th Council Minutes, Notice for November 18, 2021 Council Meeting, KMEA Board Member Appointment of Bret Glendening, 2021-08 Register Report, 2021-09 Register Report. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to approve the consent agenda with the change of rescheduling the November 11th council meeting to November 18th due to the 11th being a holiday instead of being a special meeting. Yeas: All.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

Ginny Mowat – is in support of another animal rescue coming to our area.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. – None.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

OSAWATOMIE STATE HOSPITAL DAY 155TH CELEBRATION – PROCLAMATION – Karen LaDuex read the proclamation. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to accept the Osawatomie State Hospital Day Proclamation as presented. Yeas: All.

OSAWATOMIE 4.0 - City Manager Scanlon reviewed some of the history and changes in Osawatomie over 50-year increments and how those changes effected the pull factor. We need to figure out how to leverage our history in Osawatomie and to remake our downtown to create a community wide destination that holds people. Such as trails, museums, entertainment and restaurants. We need to promote people to come to our community and new development that doesn't stretch our resources and makes it easier to maintain. We also need to solve a set of simultaneous problems by not creating another set. For example: replacing infrastructure without setting aside money to maintain it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. – None.

NEW BUSINESS.

RESOLUTION 931 – IDENTIFYING STREETS IN CIP PRIORITY PLAN – This resolution was moved to November 18, 2021.

RESOLUTION 932 — CAPITAL FINANCING – PREPARING MAJOR TRAFFICWAY ORDINANCE (TEMP/PERM) – **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Caldwell to approve Resolution 932 – Directing the City Manager to prepare an ordinance that identifies streets (major trafficways) that can be funded by general obligation (GO) debt as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 933 – APPROVING INTERLOCAL WITH MIAMI COUNTY– Deputy City Manager Bret Glendening presented an interlocal agreement between the City of Osawatomie and Miami County to facilitate the county to allocate up to \$200,000 for the middle school water line replacement or 2/3rds of the project costs, not to exceed \$200,000. The County Administrator and County Counselor have agreed to the interlocal agreement. **Motion** made by Dickinson, seconded by LaDuex to approve Resolution 933 – Authorizing the Mayor to sign an interlocal agreement with Miami County to facilitate Miami County and the City of Osawatomie to work collectively to replace the water distribution line that provides service to the Osawatomie Middle School as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 934 – APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH EVERGY–Glendening negotiated a memorandum of understanding that lays out a framework with Evergy for the development of a solar array facility north of the State Hospital. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Diehm to approve Resolution 934 – Authorizing the mayor to sign a memorandum of understanding with Evergy for preliminary engineering services and procurement estimates for the evaluation of the construction of a solar project near the Osawatomie State Hospital as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 935 –APPROVING TRANSFER OF SPECIAL 911 FUNDS – The money in the 911 fund came from fees from cell phone providers. This money has been sitting in this fund for at least 10 years. After discussion with our auditors Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA they approved the transfer of the funds in that fund to help pay for radios would be an acceptable use of those funds. **Motion** made by Caldwell, seconded by Hampson to approve Resolution 935 – Transferring funds from special 911 revenue to public safety equipment for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021 as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 936 –OSAWATOMIE 4.0 – This outlines both historical context and where we are today the next steps needed in redeveloping and reinvigorating our downtown corridor. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to approve Resolution 936 – Directing the city manager to implement the four organizational and community realignments steps outlined in the document “Osawatomie 4.0”- Downtown as presented. Yes: All. Wright abstained due to conflict of interest.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Kenny Diehm ~ asked where are we at on the memorial hall repairs.

Karen LaDuex ~ John Brown Foundation held their 8th Annual Border Wars BBQ event. They received more donations this year from the community and vendors than there has been in the past. Approximately \$6,400 is given out in prize money and all of that is funded by the donations and the John Brown Foundation. The city helps out immensely with the logistics of the event. City staff puts up the tent, makes sure the electricity is working, orders the trash cans and other things along that line. There were 30 teams this year and the committee feels that the event went very well. The Foundation is planning to put up a ghost building on the site west of town to show where the cabin originally stood. This will have information regarding the Adair's and will complement the cabin in the park.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Thanks to Mr. Beaudry and Mr. Ellis for all their hard work in getting us to the finish line on the landlord licensing. Again, welcome Bret Glendening-he's already made an impression on many local elected officials who can't believe we were able to lure him back to the City. Thank you to everybody who helped on the BBQ contest – it was a roaring success and it truly is a Signature Event. I want to commend Chase our Eagle Scout on his project at the Cemetery. He did a great job. Many thanks again to Janet McRae who has been working with Mike daily. Next Tuesday is election day if you haven't voted. Please take the time to vote it's important that we get the Sales tax passed so we can add money to our street program. Tonight, we are going to have an executive session regarding a real estate matter – it should only last 10 minutes.

CITY MANAGER & STAFF REPORTS. – Scanlon reminded everyone what the 5 community goals are – 1) Clean up the community, 2) Maintain and repair the streets, 3) Economic Development, 4) Housing of all types and 5) Infrastructure both hard and soft.

Glendening met with Rural Water District #2 and Marais Des Cygnes public utility authority to brainstorm on how to get Osawatomie's Water Treatment Plant at the East tower interconnected with both of those water utilities so that we would have optional water sources. It was a successful meeting but we were not able to make any decisions. Glendening will be attending both of their board meetings to continue those conversation. He has sent information over to KMEA so that they will do a rate study for us for free. The last time a rate study was done was in 2008.

Public Works Director Bill Roseberry thanked Glendening for his help on the Levee certification that they have been working on and gave an update on where they are at in the process. Roseberry passed out a spreadsheet showing street assessments. This is color coated to show streets that are recommended for total replacement, mill & overlay or sealcoat and the projected dates. Roseberry also passed out a street plan map for 2021 – 2023 and a snow removal map.

Utilities Director Terry Upshaw said the water distribution guys are getting closer to being caught up. Main Street Terrace is done and the grass seed is down. At one time there was seven water leaks and now they are down to one possibly two. Upshaw passed out a map showing the electric distribution lines that have been converted over to the new voltage and the lines that they are still working on this year. Those will be delayed until next year. They have started working on tree trimming and installing the new Christmas lights.

