

Osawatomie, Kansas. **February 11, 2021.** 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 Dickinson, Diehm, Macek, Hampson, Wright and Walmann. Council member Cathy Caldwell was absent. City Staff present at the meeting were: City Manager Mike Scanlon, Assistant to the City Manager Sam Moon, City Clerk Tammy Seamands, Building Official Ed Beaudry, and Fire Chief Brian Love. Members of the public were: John Wastlund, Kari Bradley and Mike Moon.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA.** Approval of February 11<sup>th</sup> Agenda; January 28<sup>th</sup> Council Minutes, Pay Application – Kansas Fiber Network, LLC - \$82,154.00, Pay Application – BG Consultants - \$9,711.00 – Wastewater, Pay Application -Zingre and Associates - \$490.00 – Trail, Pay Application – Dondlinger Construction - \$42,993.34. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Yeas: All.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.**

John Wastlund– Well Wesleyan Church - Thank you for inviting and including the Ministerial Alliance in the Oz Commons negotiations. Good Friday Service is usually held at the Old Stone Church but with Covid it will be a little different this year. They will take all of the ministers and put it all together and stream the service. Wastlund has talked some with Fire Chief Brian Love about establishing a chaplaincy service for the Miami County area. He is planning on making a brochure with contact information and possibly partnering with a Chaplin out of Louisburg.

Mike Moon –is here to talk about water his son-in-law use to work at the water plant as an operator several years ago. He would come to the house and occasionally update Moon on the condition of the water plant. Moon knows that the plant is in terrible shape. He has been to the plant and taken a tour. The rumor going around was that the City would eventually join a PUA. Moon thinks that giving up our water rights is a bad idea and wants to encourage the council to explore every option – short term patch, full rebuild, decrease the size, or to look for other wholesale customers. This agenda packet talks about putting together a Water Study Committee and Moon would be happy to serve.

**PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS.** – None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS.** – None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

**ORDINANCE 3791 - PERMITTING OF CERTAIN FOWL WITHIN CITY LIMITS –** **Motion** made by Macek, seconded by Walmann to approve Ordinance 3791 – Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code of the City of Osawatomie, Kansas amending existing section 2-101 and adding a new section 2-105 to permit the keeping of certain fowl in the City of Osawatomie, Kansas. Yeas: (6) Wright, Macek, Walmann, LaDuex, Dickinson and Diehm Nays: (1) Hampson.

SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY –In December 2020 Resolution 825 was passed that authorized City Staff to Develop a Process for the Sale and Redevelopment of vacated city owned lots. An RFP was issued and two bids were received. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Walmann to approve the sale of 1010 6<sup>th</sup> Street to SSGK, LLC in the amount of \$1,000 and the sale of 100 Walnut Avenue to SSGK, LLC in the amount of \$1,000. Yeas: All. Wright abstained due to conflict of interest.

### **NEW BUSINESS.**

RESOLUTION 843 -FINALIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PRIORITY POWER MANAGEMENT, LLC FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC CONSULTING SERVICES FOR 2021– **Motion** made by Hampson, seconded by Dickinson to approve Resolution 843 – Finalizing an agreement with Priority Power Management, LLC for Municipal Electric Consulting Services for 2021. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 844 – ACCEPTING THE 2021 STATE OF THE CITY WATER FACILITIES REPORT AS SUBMITTED BY THE CITY MANAGER – This resolution relates to appointing a Water Study Committee to look at the Water Treatment Facility and the Water Distribution System which are both in need of attention at the same time. The committee will most likely be made up of two council members and four community members. Council members Hampson and Diehm volunteered to be on the committee. Members of the community that have been asked to be on the committee are Mike Moon, Mark Fuchs, Gordan Schrader and a fourth to be determined. **Motion** made by Hampson, seconded by Dickinson to approve Resolution 844 – Accepting the 2021 State of the City Water Facilities report that has been submitted by the city manager. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 845– ACCEPTING THE PROPOSED CALENDAR OF WORK FOR THE REPAIR OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY – The City is in the process of negotiating a consent agreement for the work that needs to be done at the Wastewater Plant and this calendar lays out the timeline for the work to be completed. **Motion** made by Macek, seconded by Hampson to approve Resolution 845 – Accepting the proposed calendar of work for the repair of the wastewater treatment facility. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 846 – DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A FINAL AGREEMENT WITH ALWAYS & FUREVER MIDWEST ANIMAL SANCTUARY REGARDING THE OPERATION OF THE OSAWATOMIE MUNICIPAL ANIMAL SHELTER – **Motion** made by Hampson, seconded by Dickinson to approve Resolution 846 – Directing the City Manager to sign a final agreement with Always & Furever Midwest Animal Sanctuary to operate as contractor of the Osawatomie Municipal Animal Shelter. Yeas: (5) Walmann, LaDuex, Dickinson, Diehm, and Hampson. Nays: (2) Wright and Macek

RESOLUTION 847 – DIRECTING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH PAYCHEX PAYROLL SOLUTIONS – Paychex Payroll Solutions will help to streamline business processes related to producing a bi-weekly payroll and offers a cost savings. It will also eliminate much of the paper approvals and shuffling that we do every two weeks. **Motion** made

by Dickinson, seconded by Diehm to approve Resolution 847 – Directing the city manager to enter into an agreement with Paychex Payroll Solutions for bi-weekly payroll services. Yeas: All.

**RESOLUTION 848 – DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO RENOVATE THE CITY FIRE STATATION** – The Osawatomie Fire Department and Electric department shared a building from 1994 to the summer of 2019. At that time the fire department began renovating the building to include an in-house training room, an ADA compliant restroom, offices for the Fire Officers and administration, a day room for firefighters to use when manning the station, and a Emergency Operations Center for emergency operations when the need arises. All of the work completed to this point has been done by the firefighters. To finish the renovation the staff asked for bids. The low bidder was Legacy Contracting for \$70,442. In addition to that bid the fire department would require tables, chairs, desks, computers, cabinets and appliances which would make the cost \$110,000 when added to the Legacy bid. City Manager Scanlon stated that the City was able to fund \$55,000 out of the general fund to finish this project, but would need assistance from outside sources to finish the project. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Hampson to approve Resolution 848 – Directing the city manager to identify additional funds to renovate the city fire station. Yeas: All

### **COUNCIL REPORTS.**

Lawrence Dickinson ~ the water report was interesting and it answered some questions that he had.

Karen LaDuex ~ The library board has identified a suitable candidate for the library director position. Sam Moon worked very hard on compiling and sorting the applications. Saturday there is a legislative coffee at the Osawatomie Highschool Auditorium.

Jeff Walmann ~ Dondlinger Construction has got he piers and footings for the bridge in construction. Triangle Builders is doing the Kiosk and the taskforce is working on information to go in the kiosk.

**MAYOR’S REPORT** – Last week Govea sat in on a zoom meeting with Representative Turner and other Mayors. Govea was able to get information and phone numbers for Turner’s staff. The Mayor of Lawrence identified some of the things that they are working on and said that they are keeping an eye on Osawatomie and the Flint Hills Trail. They would like to be find a way to tie into the trail.

Govea also set in on the selection of the Oz Commons and wants to give thanks to MARC for helping to set that up. There were eight submittals for this project. Also, thanks to Sam Moon, Ed Beaudry and Kari Bradley for helping to set this up and to Karen LaDuex and Cathy Caldwell for sitting in on this along with the other committee members. Architect One was the firm that was selected. They want to tie in the history of Osawatomie to this project.

A special thanks to Ed Beaudry for helping to lay out the mountain bike course at the state hospital.

**CITY MANAGER & STAFF REPORTS.** – Scanlon and Beaudry are working on a presentation for the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. They are currently designing the mountain trail bike on the state hospital property. We will use a licensing agreement similar to the one that was used with the school district.

Working with MARC to finalize “scope of work” with Architect One for the Oz Commons project. Beaudry, Sam and Martin with MARC will finish that in the next couple of days and then send it to the MARC board for approval.

Most city employees have received their first Covid-19 shot with the second-round boosters occurring for the fire/pd next week. All city employees that have opted for the shots will be vaccinated by mid-March.

Staff is working on multiple grants – USDA grant for radios, Kansas Department of Housing for utility assistance and KDHE revolving loan and a few more.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.** - None

**OTHER DISCUSSION/MOTIONS.**

**Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to adjourn. Yeas: All. Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

/s/ Tammy Seamands  
Tammy Seamands, City Clerk