

Osawatomie, Kansas. **March 24, 2022.** The Council Meeting was held at Memorial Hall located at 411 11th Street. Mayor Nick Hampson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Wright, Macek, Bratton, LaDuex, Dickinson, Diehm, Caldwell and Filipin. City Staff present at the meeting were City Manager Mike Scanlon, Deputy City Manager Bret Glendening, City Clerk Tammy Seamands, Assistant to the City Manager Samantha Moon, Building Official Ed Beaudry, City Attorney Jeff Deane and Business Liaison Kari Bradley. Members of the public were: Donna Koontz, Dale Koontz, Marvin Halvorsen, Brian Kingsley and Paul Owings.

INVOCATION. – Marvin Halvorsen, Blessed Hope Seventh Day

CONSENT AGENDA. Approval of March 24th Agenda, March 10th Council Minutes, 2022 Application for Fireworks Display Permit. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to approve the consent agenda with the removal of the Oath of Office – Jeffrey W. Deane, J.D. City Attorney. Yeas: All.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC. – Donna Koontz – There is a Spring Gospel Concert at the Old Stone Church on Saturday March 26, 2022

PUBLIC HEARINGS. – None

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS. - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

RESOLUTION 977 – APPROVE GOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES (GAS) FOR APPLICATION ASSISTANCE FOR USDA GRANT/LOAN COMBINATION FOR WATER PLANT AND DISTRIBUTION DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION – We have used GAS to support us in several grant application and grant administration projects over the last 15 or so years. We use them because of the complexity and grant administration requirements that constantly change. These services can be reimbursed out of the grant proceeds if we are successful in receiving the loan/grant. **Motion** made by Macek, seconded by Filipin to approve Resolution 977 – Directing city staff to sign an agreement with Governmental Assistance Services for a USDA loan & grant application and completion of the environmental review for the water treatment plant as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 978 – APPROVE WATER DESIGN/CONST. ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT – Paul Owings with BG Consulting talked about some of the items that are included in the contract. **Motion** made by Dickinson, seconded by Caldwell to approve Resolution 978 – Authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with BG Consultants for the design and construction contract engineering review work for the water treatment plant and distribution improvements. Yeas: All.

NEW BUSINESS.

RESOLUTION 984 – AUTHORIZE TRANSFORMER PURCHASE FOR CONVERSION & INVENTORY– In 2018, the council authorized an upgrade of the city’s electric system from 4160/2400KV to 12470/7200KV. City staff solicited proposals from the major suppliers. We received bids from Jerry’s Electric, Midwest Electric Transformers, T&R Electric and Emerald Transformer. We requested pricing for all three types of transformers (two types of pad mount transformers – single and three phase; and one type of pole mount – single phase). We are struggling with the same supply chain issues everyone else is. Only a year ago, these transformers would have cost significantly less and we could have them in a matter of weeks and not months. We have scaled back what we would have purchased given a normal economic climate. The transformers from Jerry’s Electric and a portion of the transformers from T&R Electric will help us finish the conversion project on circuits 1 and 6 (NW part of the city). The balance of the transformers will be stored as inventory to support new construction as well as stock in the event we have a transformer go bad or we have a storm event that requires replacement of transformers. **Motion** made by Bratton, seconded by Macek to approve Resolution 984 – Authorizing the purchase of transformers for the Osawatomie Electric Utility as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 985 – AUTHORIZE PICKUP TRUCK WITH PLOW PACKAGE PURCHASE – The approved CIP plan for 2022 provides funds for the purchase of a new pickup for the public works department. The truck being replaced is a 2002 Ford F350 with 98,500 miles. This vehicle currently has a head gasket leak and repair costs are beyond the reasonable value of the truck. The plow on this truck was purchased in 2002 as well and has been stretched well beyond its expected life. Staff issued an RFP and only received one bid from Olathe Ford in the amount of \$45,529. Adding the snow plow package will be an additional \$12,898. Total amount in the CIP plan for the new truck/plow combination is \$50,000. We are still awaiting a price from Olathe Ford regarding what allowance they will give us on this 2001 truck. Additionally, the public works department has a 2007 Ford F-150 extended cab truck that will be transferred over to the Water Plant for use by the Water Production Superintendent, Andrew Burkhart. Andrew’s current truck is a 2001 Ford F-250 Crew Cab and this truck will be listed on Purple Wave. We believe that between the 2002 truck and plow as well as the 2001 truck that we propose getting rid of, our cost will come in under the \$50,000 budget for the new truck. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Filipin to approve Resolution 985 – Authorizing the purchase of a new one-ton pickup with plow package and disposing of two other trucks as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 986 – ACCEPTING THE BID FROM JEROD RYCKERT FOR THE FARMLAND LEASE – An RFP was sent out on February 1, 2022 with a deadline for accepting bids on March 1, 2022. City staff received only 1 bid for the property. The bid was from Jerod Ryckert (Ryckert Farms). The bids were Parcel 1, 58.87 Acres, \$5,750 for a three-year lease, Parcel 2, 57.55 acres, \$4,820.00 for a three-year lease and Parcel 3, 89.43 acres, \$2,600 for a three-year lease. Ryckert Farms has leased this land for numerous years for crops and hay. **Motion** made by Bratton, seconded by Dickinson to approve Resolution 986 – Accepting the bid from Jerod Ryckert (Ryckert Farms) for the farmland lease as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 987 – DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR 525 MAIN STREET REGARDING CDBG GRANT – The City of Osawatomie will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall for the

purpose of considering an application to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds under the Downtown Commercial Rehabilitation category. A specific application to be discussed is the rehabilitation of a commercial building located at 525 Main St. The proposed project will consist of demolition, roofing, exterior improvements, window & door upgrades, and miscellaneous appurtenances related to construction activities. The estimated project cost is \$340,119 with a CDBG grant request for \$250,000 of the project cost. Other project proposals introduced at the hearing will be considered. **Motion** Made by LaDuex, seconded by Bratton to approve Resolution 987- Directing the City Manager to set a public hearing for 525 Main Street for consideration as a blighted property to be considered for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 988 – JOINT RESOLUTION KATT – DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO DEVELOP A JOINT RESOLUTION WITH COMMUNITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS ALONG THE FLINT HILLS TRAIL - The Sunflower Foundation has put together communities that are on the trails that has shown a passion of promoting trails in their communities. Probably representative of eight or nine communities in Kansas. We are the only ones on the Flint Hills Trail. The idea is if we can get organized along the Flint Hills Trail, we could receive more money for surveys and economic development. We would like to have two communities on the east end and two communities on the west end of the trail and then we would start working on the Kansas Association of Trail Towns. The reason that this is important is because foundations like the Sunflower Foundation don't want to fund one small community along the trail but would be willing to fund an Association of Trail Towns that is trying to invest in the Flint Hills Trail. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Caldwell to approve Resolution 988 – A joint resolution establishing a working group to consider the establishment of the Kansas Association of Trail Towns (KATT), whose initial purpose will be the development of economic opportunities along the Flint Hills Trail. Yeas: All.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Cathy Caldwell ~ The tourism committee will meet on April 6th. Caldwell loves the Deputy City Mangers Report on the operations. Its helps tremendously and is easy to understand.

Karen LaDuex ~ Mike doesn't give himself the credit he deserves. He is working hard for us. He has us in the driver's seat (leaders) on the trail.

MAYOR'S REPORT – I see that we are making progress on the Mile Zero Bike Rack – Thank you Public Works for taking this on.

There are 3-4 articles in the paper this week about Osawatomie. We are starting to get really good coverage and I think that's due to the work of Sam our PIO – so thank you Sam.

I believe that we are 95% done with the water project for the Middle School. We've gone from 7 PSI to 50 PSI – which means that the sprinkler system for the entire school works. Good job Terry and his crew.

You should have received an email from Mike today that we are moving the updates – and I believe Bret is handling those calendar changes.

Mile 0 races on April 16, 2022 are expected to draw about 250-300 people so it looks like people have found us and the Flint Hills Trail.

CITY MANAGER & STAFF REPORTS. – We have received a \$75,000 Hawkins grant for the renovation for Memorial Hall. This money will be used to clean up the outside of Memorial Hall including repairing the facia, roof and stage area. We also received a \$15,000 Hawkins grant for more murals. Thanks to Sam for writing a great grant application. Then we will be able to finish out all of the Christmas decorations with a \$8,500 Hawkins grant. We also got a summer reading grant from Hawkins in the amount of \$8,350,

We were contacted a couple weeks ago and the Governor and Lieutenant Governor wants to visit to look at some of our CDBG projects. Maybe they will look at other areas also.

Juneteenth is now a federal holiday. This holiday commemorates the end of slavery. We do not have this holiday in our personnel policy. How do we want to approach this? We will bring this back to the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. - None

OTHER DISCUSSION/MOTIONS.

Motion made by LaDuex, seconded by Bratton to adjourn. Yeas: All. The mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

/s/ Tammy Seamands
Tammy Seamands, City Clerk