

Osawatomie, Kansas. **April 8, 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 Wright, Macek, Walmann, LaDuex, Dickinson, Diehm, Hampson and Caldwell. City Staff present at the meeting were City Manager Mike Scanlon, City Clerk Tammy Seamands, Assistant to the City Manager Sam Moon, Public Works Director Bill Roseberry, Utilities Director Terry Upshaw, Chief Building Official Ed Beaudry and City Attorney Richard Wetzler. Members of the public were: Donna Koontz, Dale Koontz, Daniel West, Kari Bradley, Karen Daulton, Doug Carder, Teresa Seichepine, Roy Seichepine, Brian Dial, Jeff Yelton, Mike Williams, Doug Hensley, and Shay Hanysak.

INVOCATION. Jeff Yelton, Osawatomie State Hospital

CONSENT AGENDA. Approval of April 8th Agenda; March 25th Council Minutes, 02-2021 Register Report. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Yeas: All.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

Roy Seichepine thanked the Council and City Manager for 10 Acres getting mowed and maintained last year and hopes that it continues this year. Seichepines's real estate valuation went up this year. A restaurant by his house does not have their trash containers enclosed. The dumpster smells bad and needs to be cleaned every time it is dumped. Why does the dumpster have to sit in front of his house? They have a corner of their parking lot that the dumpster can be moved to then none of the residential homes nearby would have to look at it. Their sidewalk is also falling in.

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS. – None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

UPDATE ON ORDINANCE NO. 3783 – REQUIRING APPROVED FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC SPACES. – Scanlon gave an update on Covid-19 and why the mask mandate came about. To repeal the mask mandate, a vote will be required from the council. This will be brought back to the Council on April 22, 2021 and the public to participate by stating their position or concerns regarding the mask mandate. Miami County Sherriff's office does a good job collecting information for the region and putting out a report.

NEW BUSINESS.

RESOLUTION 859 – IDENTIFYING THE STREET REPAIRS PRIORITIZED FOR 2021. Public Works Director Bill Roseberry reviewed the street conditions inventory for 2021 and presented a street repair plan for 2021. **Motion** made by Dickinson, seconded by Walmann to approve Resolution 859 – Establishing the 2021 street repair program and approving the contract

with Proseal, Inc. in the amount of \$24,814.05 for the application of reclamite asphalt rejuvenator as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 860 – ACCEPTING COUNCIL POLICY NO. 108 REGARDING INTERNET POLICIES FOR THE CITY OF OSAWATOMIE, STAFF MEMBERS, AND OTHER OFFICIALS. Public Information Officer Sam Moon presented Council Policy 108 which included an amendment to the existing City of Osawatome Personnel Policy, an internet comment guide for both the City’s website and social media, and a comprehensive social media guide for employees and other officials. **Motion** made Dickinson, seconded by Diehm to approve Resolution 860 – Accepting council policy no. 108 establishing internet policies for the City of Osawatome, staff members, and other elected or appointed officials as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 861 –NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION HEARING TO BE HELD ON MAY 27th, 2021 FOR THE PROPERTIES LISTED HERIN. Chief Building Official Ed Beaudry reviewed the condition of the property at 831 Pacific Avenue that had caught fire in November 2020. **Motion** made by Hampson, seconded by Wright to approve Resolution 861 –Fixing a time and place and providing for notice of a hearing before the governing body of the City of Osawatome, Kansas, at which the owners, the owners’ agent, any lienholders of record, and any occupant and other parties in interest of structures located within said City and described herein may appear and show cause why such structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished in the case of unsafe or dangerous structures as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 862 – ACCEPTING COUNCIL POLICY NO. 109 ESTABLISHING RULES OF OPERATION AND EXCEPTIONS FOR A CITY OF OSAWATOMIE FOOD TRUCK PROGRAM. City Clerk Tammy Seamands presented Council Policy 109 which included rules and regulations for a Food Truck Program. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Caldwell to approve Resolution 862 – Accepting council policy no. 109 establishing rules of operation and exceptions for a City of Osawatome Food Truck Program as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 863 – RELATED TO THE STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION TEAM FOR THE DOWNTOWN PLANNING PROJECT (OZCOMMONS). Resolution 863 works in tandem with Resolution 822, which approved the Planning Sustainable Places grant with the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) and Resolution 836 which outlines the calendar for OZCOMP which is overseeing the planning work contemplated in the PSP agreement. The purpose of the SIT is building the foundation of elements that will be necessary to have in place as we look to implement the work of the OZCOMP. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Caldwell to approve Resolution 863 – Establishing the strategic implementation team working in support of the Osawatome Community Planning Group (Ozcomp) as presented. Yeas: All.

RESOLUTION 864 – ESTABLISHING PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR THE FEBRUARY 2021 COLD WEATHER PRICE SPIKE. Resolution 864 works in tandem with Resolution 857, Resolution 852 and Ordinance 3794 to allow for the repayment of \$700,000 that the City borrowed under the State of Kansas’ City Utility Low-Interest Loan Program. Resolution 864 recommends a change in the City of Osawatome’s electric base rate of .008 per KWH. To be collected over the next 36 months to assist in repaying the \$700,000 loan the City took out through the State of Kansas’ City Utility Low-Interest Loan Program. **Motion** made by Hampson, seconded by Wright

to approve Resolution 864 -Authorizing the City of Osawatomie, Kansas to calculate future bills according to the payment option presented and adopted by the City Council as presented. Yeas: All.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Kirk Wright ~ Do we really want everyone that feels passionately about masks to come to the meeting?

Jeff Walmann ~ On October 22, 2018 the trail task force was formed. The trail was completed yesterday when the bridge was put in place. The Kiosk is in place and is being finished along with the restroom facility.

Karen LaDuex ~ It is National Library Week and the library celebrated with a lunch and some activities. Library Director Morgan Crabtree is working part-time and has a lot of ideas for the library.

MAYOR'S REPORT – The 8th Street bridge was struck by tractor and we would like to give a special thanks to Matt Oehlert, Engineering Project Manager Miami County who quickly got us information about the damage.

Thanks to Ashley Kobe, Tammy Seamands and Sam Moon for working to get us converted to the new Paychex payroll system.

Thanks to Kari Bradley and the crew of volunteers who made last Saturday's Easter Egg Hunt such a success. And a special thanks to Kari and the PRIDE committee for taking over big chunks of our tree plantings this spring.

Thanks to Chris Cardwell, Miami County Conservation who is helping Tammy with Arbor Day plantings and coordinating with Kari and Tammy. I appreciate Tammy taking the time to make trees and their importance to our community part of her work.

Special thanks to Ed Beaudry and Dave Ellis for helping to beautify our community and for getting new homes built.

CITY MANAGER & STAFF REPORTS. – Terry Upshaw gave an update on utilities. We are finishing a KDHE Revolving Loan for the Waste Water Treatment Plant improvements. Hopefully we have the approved loan paperwork next week. Working with the Water Investigation Committee and will be taking tours of a few water plants soon. Materials for the upgrades for the electric system has been ordered.

Tammy Seamands – With the help of Terry Upshaw, we applied and received a \$16,000 Allen W. & Gladys A. Hawkins Charitable Foundation grant for holiday decorations. This will be used to replace the light pole decorations.

Michael Scanlon – The Creamery Bridge is closed. Scanlon met with Matt Oehlert with the Miami County Engineering Project manager and toured the damage. This is a historic structure and repairs will require approval by the State of Kansas. Repairs are estimated to be completed by the early fall of 2021.

Another \$600,000 in Covid recovery money is coming down and we will have to identify how it can be spent. We will work to identify general fund dollars that are eligible for reimbursement and then transfer as much funding as we can to the street fund to be used for repairs.

Clifford Browning is retiring from the fire department after 35 years and will be receiving an axe. The fire department is hosting a retirement party for Browning at Memorial Hall on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Our quarterly municipal newsletter was in the Miami County Republic.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. - None

OTHER DISCUSSION/MOTIONS.

Motion made by Wright, seconded by LaDuex to adjourn. Yeas: All. Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:0 p.m.

/s/ Tammy Seamands
Tammy Seamands, City Clerk