

Osawatomie, Kansas. **July 8, 2021.** The Council Meeting was held at Memorial Hall located at 411 11th Street. Mayor L. Mark Govea called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were LaDuex, Dickinson, Diehm, Caldwell, Macek, and Hampson. Wright arrived at 6:32 p.m. Council member Walmann was absent. City Staff present at the meeting were City Manager Mike Scanlon, City Clerk Tammy Seamands, Assistant to the City Manager Sam Moon and Chief Building Official Ed Beaudry, City Attorney Richard Wetzler, Police Chief David Stuteville, Assistant Police Chief William Bradshaw, Public Safety Officer Kyle Hurt, Public Safety Officer Donald Basore, Public Safety Officer Blake Albrecht, Public Safety Officer Nina Coleman, Public Safety Officer Scott Polster, Public Safety Officer Nicholas Gazzano, Public Safety Officer Grant Sparks, Public Safety Officer John Johnson and Court Clerk Lisa Hastings. Members of the public were: Kevin Fullerton, Todd Sparks, Diane Sparks, Mark McNeely, Lori McNeely, Brant Johnson, Robin Stuteville, Megan Hurt, Brock Hurt, Chloe Hurt, Jessica Gazzano, Ken Clary, Shawnee Clary, Megan Mauer, John Wastlund, Wes Duncan, Emily Duncan, Kevin Schasteen and Kari Bradley.

INVOCATION. John Wastlund, The Well Wesleyan

CONSENT AGENDA. Approval of July 22nd Agenda and 2021-05 Register Report, **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Macek to approve the consent agenda as presented. Yeas: All.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

John Wastlund – The church community will be having their community thanksgiving service on November 27th at the City Auditorium.

Kari Bradley – The City’s number one goal is to clean up the community. Pride has been helping with that over the last year. Bradley has personally served hundreds of hours on the Pride Committee over the last year. Pride is invested in the community and trying to make it a nicer place. It is disheartening to go the park and the grass is a foot tall or go to the lake and have knives, broken glass, drug paraphernalia trash overflowing and overgrown grass. The city can not have economic development if we do not take care of the things that we have. The city tickets others so the city should step up and set an example and keep the grass mowed and trash emptied.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. – None.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

BADGE PINNING – NICHOLAS GAZZANO, KYLE HURT, AND GRANT SPARKS - Nicholas Gazzano introduced public safety officers Kyle Hurt and Grant Sparks and their family members for each officer had the privilege of pinning the Osawatomie Police badge onto their uniform. Gazzano then introduced himself and his family members also had the privilege of pinning the Osawatomie Police badge onto his uniform.

OATH OF OFFICE – NICHOLAS GAZZANO, KYLE HURT, AND GRANT SPARKS
–Public Safety Officers Nicholas Gazzano, Kyle Hurt and Grant Sparks were given the Oath of Office by City Clerk Tammy Seamands.

CITY LOGO REDESIGN REVIEW – Kevin Fullerton of Springboard Creative gave a presentation of suggested Logo redesign examples that their firm has come up with for the city. Your brand should be simple, unique, memorable and reflect how people feel about the city. Fullerton asked the governing body for their comments and opinions on the two logos that was presented. Springboard will take that information back and tweak the logos that were presented or come up with new ideas to present at the next council meeting based on the feedback from the governing body.

RESOLUTION 904 – DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO FINALIZE THE REDESIGN OF THE CITY LOGO AND OTHER BRANDING ELEMENTS BASED ON THE INPUT OF THE CITY COUNCIL. **Motion** made by Hampson, seconded by Wright to approve Resolution 904-Directing the city manager to finalize the redesign of the city logo and other branding elements based on the input of the city council as presented. Yeas: All.

FIVE-YEAR FORECAST – EXPENSES AND FUND BALANCE – City Manger Mike Scanlon presented the Five-Year Financial Forecast looking at the Expenses and Fund Balances. Looking forward we need to reduce the transfers and create appropriate reserves to replace and maintain utilities and to fix the street. We need to create a short-term revenue stream for streets by finding another \$163,000 in annual savings from the general fund, levy an additional 15 mills which generates \$400,000 annually, and ask for voter approval on a .25 of sales tax generating \$70,000 annually. All of this needs to be a dedicated revenue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. – None.

NEW BUSINESS.

RESOLUTION 903 – ADOPTING THE KANSAS HOMELAND SECURITY REGION J HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN. The purpose of the plan is to identify and prepare our community and region for natural hazards (disasters). The plan is required if you want to receive FEMA funding. **Motion** made by Dickinson, seconded by LaDuex to approve Resolution 903 – Adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region J Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented. Yeas: All.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Lawrence Dickinson ~ Thank you Kari Bradley and the Pride Committee for helping in the cleanup of the city.

Cathy Caldwell ~ asked for an update on the water issue on Main Street Terrace.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Thanks to Ed Beaudry for on working on a resolution to the trailers on Walnut.

Tonight, we were going to have an executive session regarding a personnel matter and given that we've missed including a survey response that's necessary we will delay the executive session until August 12th.

Thank you to Tammy Seamands. With all of the personnel shifting and additional responsibilities she has taken on she has been working 12-hour days for the last two weeks to get caught up and to get things cleaned up.

Thank you to all the councilmembers for getting their surveys filled out on our city managers performance.

CITY MANAGER & STAFF REPORTS. – The newsletter was in last Wednesday's newspaper. We are trying to catch up on grass abatement. The rain has caused the grass to grow a little faster. We use to contract out nuisance mowing and we may need to go back to that.

The first community engagement is planned for OZ Commons Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There have been over 250 responses to the Oz Commons survey. The planning process really needs downtown merchants to participate. August 10th the downtown merchants will meet and Steve Eichorn will chair the meeting.

The July 24th Play in the Street event has been cancelled.

We have received a FEMA Letter that was mailed directly to the mayor. The city is obligated to do all of the things in this letter. The provisionally accredited levy agreement expired on June 18, 2019. We will work with the engineers on the levy to get this updated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. - None.

OTHER DISCUSSION/MOTIONS.

Motion made by Hampson, seconded by LaDuex to adjourn. Yeas: All. Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

/s/ Tammy Seamands
Tammy Seamands, City Clerk