

## **CITY OF OSAGE CITY**

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 22, 2020**

**ROLL CALL:** Now on this 22nd day of December, 2020 the Governing Body of the City of Osage City, Kansas, met at the Osage City Council Chamber in said City. Due to the COVID-19 virus restrictions some of the Governing Body Members attended the meeting through on-line services. The following members being present and participating to wit were: Mayor: Becky Brewer. Council Members: Dale Schwieger, Bruce Schoepflin, Jeanette Swarts, Sharon Larson, Cathryn Houghton, Jim Peterson and Mike Gilliland. Council Member attended though on-line services: Karey Heiserman. Officials present: Rick Godderz, City Attorney; Rodney Willis, City Manager; Katie Hodge, City Treasurer; Terri Fultz, City Clerk; Kris Kline, Director of Utilities. Corey Linton, Director of Parks & Recreation attended through on-line services. Others present: Gary Rush, Ed Berends and Brian Ramey. Jimmy Jones attended through on-line services.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

*Motion made by Schoepflin, second by Schwieger to approve the agenda. The motion was declared carried.*

**RECOGNITION OF VISTORS:** Ed Berends addressed the City Council with concerns with the restricted access on C Street between 14<sup>th</sup> and 15 Street to Authorized Vehicles Only. He explained that he had driven down C Street not knowing of the restricted access and was confronted by the property owner that lives at 14<sup>th</sup> and C Street.

Brian Ramey, who arrived after the Recognition of Visitors, was allowed to express his concerns with the same problem of being confronted by the property owner at 14<sup>th</sup> and C Street.

Mayor Brewer asked that Chief Fred Nech be made aware of the issue, to talk with the property owner, to let him know that he cannot enforce the restricted access on C Street, as enforcement is a matter for the Police Department.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of December 15, 2020 Special Called Meeting Minutes.

*Motion made by Schoepflin, second by Schwieger to approve the December 15, 2020 Special Called Meeting Minutes. Staff was asked to revise the December 8, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes in regards to Item 6 – Smoke in the Spring 2020 stating the revenue and expenses and bring back to the next meeting for approval. The motion was declared carried.*

## **BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:**

- 1. Approval of Ordinance No. 1650 for Conditional Use Permit at 520 and 522 Market Street for first floor handicapped accessible Airbnb/apartment in the Star Block building with restriction of not to exceed 50% of the first floor area square footage with the Airbnb/apartment dwelling unit to be located in the rear portion of the building and not the front street view. City Council approved on December 8<sup>th</sup> the conditional use permit as recommended by Planning & Zoning Committee:**

*Motion made by Schwieger, second by Houghton to adopt Ordinance No. 1650 for approval for a first floor handicapped accessible Airbnb/apartment dwelling unit in the Star Block building located at 520 and 522 Market Street with legal description of Lots 16 and 18, Block 14, Wetherell's First Addition to Osage City, except that portion occupied by Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Right-of-way, Osage County, Kansas. The motion was declared carried.*

- 2. Approval of Lease Purchase bid of 2.09% from Citizens State Bank of Lyndon, Kansas for the 2020 John Deere 324G Skid Steer with 72" bucket. Other bid received was 2.135% from First Security Bank of Overbrook. The following banks in Osage County did not submit bids: First National Bank of Kansas, Bank of Osage City, Lyndon State Bank, The Kansas State Bank:**

*Motion made by Schoepflin, second by Schwieger to approve the Lease Purchase bid of 2.09% from Citizens State Bank of Lyndon, Kansas for the 2020 John Deere 324G Skid Steer with 72" bucket. The motion was declared carried.*

- 3. Winter Recreation Basketball Game Guidelines in Conjunction with USD 420 Guidelines – Parks & Recreation Director Corey Linton:**

Parks & Recreation Director Corey Linton attended the meeting through remote online services.

Corey provided guidelines for the recreational basketball games that will be held at the USD 420 gym. Corey has noted that there is going to be an effort to notify the other towns that will participate exactly what the guidelines will be in order to have continuity.

It was the general consensus of the City Council using the guidelines provided to proceed with the winter recreational basketball program.

- 4. Project updates on sanitary sewer upgrades, the Flint Hills Trail, Moderate Income Housing Grant, CDBG-CV Grant, and airport:**

City Manager Rod Willis updated the City Council on several ongoing projects.

The sanitary sewer upgrades began several years ago, with KDHE wanting to require the City to build a mechanical sewer plant. There was a rate analysis done which

resulted in having to charge customers a sewer rate of \$74.00 a month. KDHE than agreed to allow the City to put into phases, the improvements needed to help the performance of the sanitary sewer system to comply with KDHE regulations. Phase 1 has been completed and Phase II and Phase III will be need to be completed within 2021 to comply with the CDBG requirements. Burns & McDonnell Engineer Waldo Margheim plans to send out for bid in January 2021 for the next phases of the improvements with construction to start in April 2021.

The Flint Hills Trail project start has been rescheduled from 02/2021 to 06/2021 with the reason stated by Kansas Department of Transportation as Plan Production.

The Moderate Income Housing Grant awarded to rehabilitate Indian Hills Apartments at 630 Holliday Street shows progress and use of funds to date are listed below:

Concrete Parking Area #1	\$ 4,950.00
Concrete Parking Area #2	\$13,450.00
Windows 25% Completion	\$ 8,000.00
Windows 50% Completion	\$ 8,000.00
Insulation Pre-Payment	\$ 2,411.00

Three apartments are nearing completion and one is leased beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> and the second for February 1<sup>st</sup>.

CDBG-CV Grant cash disbursements for the first draw from funds, are McCoy's Radio Shack, Bulls Eye Liquor, Osage Bargain Hut, The Body Shop, Ramey Recycling and Empire Holdings.

Engineering firm Kirkham-Michael was approved by City Council to continue with the Airport Improvement Plan.

**5. Kansas Ready Mixed Concrete Association Award to City of Osage City for the Market Street Pavement Replacement Project – Chair John E. Pendry, KRMCA Municipal Awards:**

City Manager Rod Willis explained that John Pendry, Chair of the Kansas Ready Mixed Concrete Association contacted him to ask if Osage City would be interested in applying for the Municipal Concrete Awards for the Market Street Pavement Replacement from Martin Street to 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

**6. Request approval to give city employees Thursday December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve off to spend with their families:**

*Motion made by Schoepflin, second by Schwieger to approve giving city employees Thursday December 24<sup>th</sup> off as a paid holiday. The motion was declared carried.*

**7. Decision on COLA for the beginning of January 2021 payroll with 2% allocated for hourly and exempt employees in the adopted 2021 Annual Budget. Part-time**

**employees and seasonal employees under 6 years tenure are not included – City Treasurer Katie Hodge:**

*Motion made by Schwieger, second by Schoepflin to approve a 2% COLA for the beginning January 2021 payroll for hourly and exempt employees as adopted in the 2021 Annual Budget. Part-time employees and seasonal employees under 6 years tenure are not included. The motion was declared carried.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** *At the request of Council Member Schwieger at 8:00 p.m., and on his motion, seconded by Council Member Gilliland and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned.*

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ ATTESTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Rebecca Brewer** **Teresa Fultz**  
**Mayor** **City Clerk**