

CITY OF OSAGE CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
July 26, 2022

ROLL CALL: Now on this 26th day of July 2022, the Governing Body of the City of Osage City, Kansas, met at the Osage City Council Chamber in said City. The following members being present and participating to wit: Mayor: James Peterson. Council Members: Cathryn Houghton, Brian Stromgren, Bruce Schoepflin, Karey Heiserman, Jeff Tice, Mike Gilliland and Sharon Larson. Council Member Jeanette Swarts online. Officials present: Rick Godderz, City Attorney; Rod Willis, City Manager; Katie Hodge, Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer; Terri Fultz, City Clerk and Dale Schwieger, Utility Director. Others: Eric Tincher.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: A couple asked about who they needed to contact about their property in Vassar. They were advised to contact the Osage County Commissioners.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of June 28, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Houghton, second by Tice to approve the consent agenda. The motion was declared carried.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

1. Authorize the purchase of a 2017 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD vehicle in the amount of \$24,250.00 from the Kansas Highway Patrol – Chief Fred Nech:

Motion made by Larson, second by Gilliland to approve the purchase of a 2017 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD vehicle in the amount of \$24,250.00 from the Kansas Highway Patrol. The motion was declared carried.

2. Approval of a CXT Precast Concrete Restroom for Santa Fe Park in the amount of \$93,855.00 plus \$20,000.00 onsite work totaling \$113,855.00 with Osage City ARPA funds. For year round usage add \$19,500.00 to include heat in the building bringing the total to \$133,355.00 including the onsite work for utilities of water, sewer, electric, drinking fountain, concrete pad. Ordering the CXT Restroom now will allow enough time to be installed by the April 2023 Twin Lakes Cruisers Car Show – Utilities Director Dale Schwieger:

Utility Director Dale Schwieger gave a visual presentation of the CXT Precast Concrete Restroom for the Santa Fe Park.

Motion made by Houghton, second by Stromgren to approve the CXT Precast Concrete Restroom for Santa Fe Park in the amount of \$133,355.00 for year around use. Houghton-yea, Stromgren-yea, Schoepflin-Nay, Heiserman-Nay, Tice-Yea, Gilliland-Nay and Larson-Yea. Swarts-Audio not working. The motion was declared carried.

3. Review and approval of Service Line Warranties of America mailing materials to the residential homeowners in Osage City – Utilities Director Dale Schwieger:

Utility Director Dale Schwieger presented the revised mailing materials for the City Council to approve. The first sentence in the letter and also a couple other places in the mailing material, the City Council would like to have revised. Instead of using the word “selected” in the sentence they would like to see that changed to “approve or authorized.” City Attorney Rick Godderz advised that the word authorized be used as was talked about at one of the previous council meetings.

Motion made by Schoepflin, second by Gilliland to table this agenda item until the revisions could be made and represented at the next City Council Meeting on August 9th. The motion was declared carried.

4. Kansas Water Office raw water rate increase explanation – Kansas Water Office Director Connie Owen:

Utility Director Dale Schwieger was asked by the City Council to find out how the Kansas Water Office determines the annual raw water rate and why there was an increase.

An email response from Connie Owen was received explaining how the Kansas Water Office sets the annual raw water rate.

5. Army Reserves Lease update – Mark E. Gellings CIV USARMY CENWS (USA):

City Manager Rod Willis received an email from Mark E. Gellings updating the City Council on the Army Reserves Lease. He explained that a 50 year lease is not done very often so he has sent it onto higher headquarters for approval. He will keep in touch with what the next steps would be.

6. Mediacom programming changes and rate adjustments – Katelyn Hotle, Senior Manager, Government Relations:

City Manager Rod Willis presented to the Mayor and City Council a letter provided by Mediacom of their upcoming programming changes and rate adjustments.

7. Planning Project Forecast/Critical Aircraft Approval Letter–Jason Knipp, MSAvS Planner, Kansas, FAA Central Region, Airports Division:

City Manager Rod Willis presented the Planning Project Forecast/Critical Aircraft Approval Letter and review comments for the two chapters of the Airport Layout Plan and Narrative Report.

- 8. Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has accepted the City of Osage City for the 2023 Intended Use Plan (IUP) to apply for a \$6,300,000 loan for continued sewer improvements. The 2023 IUP determines Osage City to be eligible to apply for the loan, but does not bind Osage City for the loan – Cara Hendricks, P.E., Municipal Programs Unit Chief, Water Permitting & Compliance Section, Bureau of Water:**

City Manager Rod Willis presented the information provided by KDHE to notify the City they have been selected for the KDHE 2023 Intended Use Plan (IUP) to apply for a loan in the amount of \$6,300,000 from the Kansas Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund (KWPCRF). This is for project funding for the Wastewater Collection and Treatment System Improvements. This would include Phase 4, 5, 6 and 7 for a time period for 2023-2038.

Motion made by Gilliland, second by Larson to approve and direct Waldo Margheim, PE Burns & McDonnell to move forward in the submittal of the application. The motion was declared carried.

- 9. KDHE previously accepted the City of Osage City on the 2022 IUP to apply for a \$500,000 Public Water Supply loan for water plant upgrades and maintenance issues, but did not submit a loan application – C. Mazaza Mtawali, MPA, Chief State Revolving Fund, KDHE Public Water Supply, Bureau of Water:**

City Manager Rod Willis provided information on the KDHE State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan (IUP) for the Public Water Supply Loan. This is a preliminary step that allows the City of Osage City to apply for a loan when the time comes to begin the upgrades to the public water distribution system and water treatment plant improvements. Due to contract resolution in 2021 with Rural Water #7 and the cost of the project improvements this was put on hold to a future date. This process at this point does not obligate the City to take any action.

- 10. Star Block construction began Tuesday July 19th on restoration of the north brick wall by MexUs Precast LLC Masonry Services of Emporia:**

City Manager Rod Willis provided an update on the Star Block Building brick wall on the backside of the building at 520 and 522 Market Street. The masonry contractors have begun reconstruction.

- 11. Executive session for financial affairs of second parties to include Mayor and City Council, City Attorney, Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer, Utilities Director, City Clerk, and City Manager:**

Motion made by Heiserman, second by Gilliland at 8:10 p.m. to recess to Executive Session for a period of 5 minutes for the purpose of Financial Affairs of Second Parties to include Mayor and City Council, City Attorney, Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer, Utilities Director, City Clerk and City Manager. The motion was declared carried.

At 8:15 p.m. the Mayor declared the meeting back into open session with no formal action to be taken.

12. Thank you to City Council Member Karey Heiserman, as this is her final City of Osage City Council meeting. Karey has attended 100+ meetings in her 4 ½ years of service representing Ward 2:

Mayor Peterson, City Council and Staff thanked Ward 2 City Council Member Karey Heiserman for her service on the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT: At the request of Council Member Heiserman at 8:18 p.m., and on her motion, seconded by Council Member Gilliland and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED: _____

**James Peterson
Mayor**

ATTESTED: _____

**Teresa Fultz
City Clerk**