

CITY OF OSAGE CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
January 23, 2024

ROLL CALL: Now on this 23rd day of January 2024, 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 Brian Stromgren. Council Members: Cathryn Houghton, Susan Smith, Mike Gilliland, Shirley Bausman, Jeff Tice, Eric Tincher via GoTo Meeting, Mike Handly. Excused: Jeanette Swarts. Officials present: Rick Godderz, City Attorney; Rod Willis, City Manager; Katie Hodge, Deputy City Manager /City Treasurer; Dale Schwieger, Utilities Director, and Sadie Boos, City Clerk. Others: Fred Hallowell, Brock Baxter, Keyton Bass, Logan Poertner, Arin Neary, Mark & Andrea Brewer.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Gilliland, second by Tice to approve the amended agenda. The motion was declared carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of January 8, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of January 9, 2024 Cancelled Regular Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of Fireworks Permit for Public Display on April 27, 2024 by Garrett's Fireworks of Osage City

Motion by Tincher, second by Gilliland to approve the consent agenda. The motion was declared carried.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

1. **Appointment of a President to the City Council since former President Brian Stromgren was elected Mayor for a two-year term beginning January 8, 2024.**

Council Member Eric Tincher nominated Council Member Jeff Tice.

Motion by Tincher, second by Gilliland to approve the appointment of Council Member Jeff Tice as President. The motion was declared carried.

2. **Presentation by Osage City High School Engineering Pathway on building a small electric vehicle to enter into school competition – Brock Baxter, OCHS Students.**

Osage City High School Instructor, Brock Baxter and students Keyton Bass, Arin Neary, and Logan Poertner gave background information regarding building a small electric vehicle to enter

into the Kansas Electro Rally competition. The group is seeking donations for components needed to build the vehicle.

Motion by Houghton, second by Handly to table this topic until the February 13, 2024 regular meeting. The motion was declared carried.

3. **Approval of the First Amendment to CDBG Grant Agreement for Grant Award 23-PF-004 to adhere to the Build America Buy America Act for the 2023 sewer project awarded in the amount of \$470,801 CDBG grant funds on April 7, 2023.**

City Manager, Rod Willis provided City Council an explanation of the First Amendment to the CDBG Grant Agreement for Grant Award 23-PF-004.

Motion by Houghton, second by Smith to approve the First Amendment to CDBG Grant Agreement for Grant Award 23-PF-004 to adhere to the Build America Buy America Act for the 2023 sewer project. The motion was declared carried.

4. **Approval of Resolution No. 1117 Outstanding Uncollectible Utility Accounts to be cancelled and stricken from the City Clerk's records – City Clerk Sadie Boos.**

City Clerk, Sadie Boos provided City Council with information about uncollectible utility accounts to be cancelled and stricken from City Clerk records.

Motion by Tice, second by Gilliland to approve Resolution No. 1117 Outstanding Uncollectible Utility Accounts to be cancelled and stricken from the City Clerk's records. The motion was declared carried.

5. **Authorize Application for Permit to Appropriate Water Use for Beneficial Use for irrigation of the golf course with Osage City Country Club as applicant and the City of Osage City as owner of the property – Utilities Director Dale Schwieger.**

Utilities Director, Dale Schwieger explained to the City Council the need for approving the application for Permit to Appropriate Water Use for Beneficial Use for irrigation at the Osage City Country Club.

Motion by Smith, second by Gilliland to approve the Application for Permit to Appropriate Water Use for Beneficial Use for irrigation of the golf course with Osage City Country Club as applicant and the City of Osage City as owner of the property. The motion was declared carried.

6. **Mayor's Summit for the Cities of Osage County will be hosted by Osage City on Monday February 19, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Santa Fe Depot. Topics of discussion will include infrastructure and hazardous waste disposal. Please RSVP by February 5th as Mayors and City Council Members are invited – City Clerk Sadie Boos.**

Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer, Katie Hodge provided details for Mayor's Summit on February 19, 2024.

7. Winter Storm Gerri Update dated January 17, 2024 – Dixie Riedel, KMGA.

City Manager, Rod Willis provided the City Council with an update regarding the effects Storm Gerri had on gas prices in January.

8. Project Updates.

Sewer project bids are due back February 6, 2024

Applied for a grant to assist with Lead & Copper survey. A second round of flyer will be mailed to the citizens of Osage City in June 2024.

The cardboard recycling trailer owned by Osage County was picked up and repaired and should be returned 01/24/2024.

9. Discussion on KDOT City Connecting Link Improvement Program (CCLIP) Bureau of Local Projects (BLP) memo regarding projects for State fiscal years 2026 and 2027 with applications due March 23, 2024 to be considered.

City Manager, Rod Willis and Street & Sanitation Superintendent, Fred Hallowell led discussion regarding preliminary numbers for CCLIP projects. Preliminary numbers were provided by Jason Hoskinson with BG Consultants.

Motion by Gilliland, second by Tice to table Discussion on KDOT City Connecting Link Improvement Program (CCLIP) until the February 13, 2024 regular meeting. The motion was declared carried.

10. Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel to include Mayor and City Council, City Attorney and City Manager

Motion by Tice, second by Gilliland to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for non-elected personnel to include Mayor, City Council, City Attorney and City Manager. The motion was declared carried.

Mayor Stromgren declared the meeting entering into executive session at 8:05 p.m. Mayor Stromgren declared the meeting back into open session at 8:20 p.m. with no action taken.

Motion by Tice, second by Handly to return to executive session for a period of 15 minutes for non-elected personnel to include Mayor, City Council, and City Manager. The motion was declared carried.

Mayor Stromgren declared the meeting entering into executive session at 8:25 p.m. Mayor Stromgren declared the meeting back into open session at 8:40 p.m. with no action taken.

Motion by Gilliland, second by Handly to return to executive session for a period of 10 minutes for non-elected personnel to include Mayor, City Council, City Manager and Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer. The motion was declared carried.

Mayor Stromgren declared the meeting entering into executive session at 8:42 p.m. Mayor Stromgren declared the meeting back into open session at 8:52 p.m. with action to be taken.

Motion by Gilliland, second by Handly to offer the City Manager position to Deputy City Manager/ City Treasurer, Katie Hodge effective June 28, 2024. Houghton "Yea", Smith "Yea", Gilliland "Yea", Bausman "Yea", Tice "Yea", Handly "Yea", Tincher "Nay", Absent: Swarts. The motion was declared carried 6 to 1.

Motion by Gilliland, second by Tice to search for City Treasurer. The motion was declared carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

At the request of Council Member Smith and on her motion, seconded by Council Member Handly and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED: Brian D. Stromgren
Brian D. Stromgren, Mayor

ATTESTED: Sadie Boos
Sadie Boos, City Clerk

