

CITY OF OSAGE CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
January 12, 2021

ROLL CALL: Now on this 12th day of January, 2021 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 were: Mayor: Becky Brewer. Council Members: Dale Schwieger, Bruce Schoepflin, Jeanette Swarts, Sharon Larson, Karey Heiserman and Jim Peterson. Council Members excused were Catheryn Houghton and Mike Gilliland. Officials present: Rick Godderz, City Attorney; Rodney Willis, City Manager; Katie Hodge, City Treasurer; Terri Fultz, City Clerk; Kris Kline, Director of Utilities; Fred Hallowell, Street & Sanitation Superintendent and Sadie Boos, Deputy City Clerk. Others present: Gary Rush, Ed Berends, Brian Ramey, Dean Davidson, Diana Annett, Jeff Crocker and Clarissa Meek. There were two citizens that attended through on-line services.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

RECOGNITION OF VISTORS: None

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of December 8, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of December 22, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.
3. Approval of Resolution 1062 GAAP Waiver for 2020 Cash Basis & Budget Laws.
4. Approval of Resolution 1063 Appropriation by Fund for the 2021 Budget Year.
5. Approval of Resolution 1064 Designating the Official City Newspaper.
6. Approval of Resolution 1065 Designating Depositories of Funds & Authorized Signatures on Osage City Funds.

Motion made by Swarts, second by Schwieger to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was declared carried.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL :

1. **Discussion to re-evaluate the “Authorized Vehicles Only ” restrictions on C Street adopted November 10, 2020 in Ordinance No. 1648 - Mayor Becky Brewer:**

Mayor Brewer explained that since adopting Ordinance No. 1648 restricting C Street between 14th Street and 15th Street to “Authorized Vehicles Only”, there has been additional information to consider. This item is brought back before the City Council for further discussion to revisit whether this restriction on C Street should be changed. Ed Berends, Brian Ramey, Jeff Crocker and Diana Annett expressed their concerns with the vehicle restrictions on C Street and asked for the reasons why it is not an open road.

It was the general consensus of the City Council to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 1648 and bring back to the next meeting for approval.

2. Approval of Osage City, Kansas Primary Power Line Tree Trimming Agreement in the total amount of \$38,907.70 with Asplundh Tree Expert LLC for the 2021 contract season:

Motion made by Schwieger, second by Schoepflin to approve the second part of the Power Line Tree Trimming Agreement with Asplundh Tree Expert LLC in the amount of \$38,907.70. The motion was declared carried.

3. Approval to set a Public Hearing for the Star Block Building at 520 and 522 Market Street on Tuesday January 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for the Community Development Block Grant Commercial Rehabilitation Program for downtown buildings in small Kansas communities. CDBG Commercial Rehabilitation Grants up to \$250,000 for exterior improvements for reduction of blight and historical renovation of downtown buildings is available for qualified buildings and owners. Owner Nathan Willis of Washington DC addressed the City Council on June 9, 2020 to determine City Council interest as the applicant for the grant program. Since that time, the 1883 Star Block building has been placed on the State and Federal Historical Registers, Ben Moore Studio - Architect of Manhattan, Kansas is working on the renovation design and the Brownfield Inspection for asbestos and lead-based paint is set for January 14th & 15th:

City Manager Rod Willis explained that the Public Hearing date of January 26th would need to be changed to Tuesday February 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. due to the timing of information received for publishing the notice of the public hearing in the Osage County Herald Chronicle.

Motion made by Heiserman, second by Larson to set a Public Hearing for the Star Block Building at 520 and 522 Market Street on February 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for the Community Development Block Grant Commercial Rehabilitation Program. The motion was declared carried.

4. Information - Osage County Planning & Zoning Commission Notice of Public Hearing for a Variance on Road Frontage at 23545 North 4th Street owned by Gary and Irene Dayhoff. Osage County Planning & Zoning Commission notified all property owners within 1,000 feet which includes the City of Osage City site for the new solar farm being built by Evergy in 2023:

City Manager Rod Willis provided the Notice of Public Hearing received from Osage County Planning & Zoning Commission for a variance on road frontage owned by Gary and Irene Dayhoff at 23545 North 4th Street.

5. Executive session for data relating to financial affairs of second parties to include City Council, City Attorney, City Treasurer, City Clerk, Utilities Director, and City Manager:

Motion made by Schwieger, second by Heiserman at 7:31 p.m. to recess to Executive Session for the purpose of discussion for Data Relating to Financial Affairs of Second Parties for a period of 10 minutes to include Mayor, City Council, City Attorney, City Treasurer, City Clerk, Utilities Director, and City Manager. The motion was declared carried.

At 7:41 p.m. Mayor Brewer declared the meeting back into open session with no formal action to be taken.

ADJOURNMENT: At the request of Council Member Schwieger at 7:44 p.m., and on his motion, seconded by Council Member Larson and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED: _____

ATTESTED:

Rebecca Brewer
Mayor

Teresa Fultz
City Clerk