

CITY OF OSAGE CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
February 13, 2024

ROLL CALL: Now on this 13th day of February 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, Jeff Tice, Eric Tincher, Mike Handly and Jeanette Swartz. Excused: Shirley Bausmann. 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, Tom Harm, Jeanette Stromgren, Jeff Davis, Merrilee Meisner, Sharon Larson, Andrew Gantenbein, Dustin & Erika Jo Swander, Bruce Boettcher, Keyton Bass, Broch Baxter via GoTo Meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of January 23, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Appointment of Michelle Ferrer of 630 South 6th Street to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as recommended 5-0 by the Park Board

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

BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

1. **Congratulations to City Clerk Sadie Boos for transferring to the position of City Treasurer upon Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer Katie Hodge becoming City Manager on June 28, 2024 – City Manager Rod Willis**

City Manager, Rod Willis announced transfer of City Clerk Sadie Boos to the City Treasurer position upon Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer Katie Hodge becoming City Manager effective June 28, 2024.

2. **Osage City Library Annual Report 2023 – Report provided by Library Director Jeanette Stromgren**

Library Director, Jeannette Stromgren provided City Council an overview of the 2023 Library Annual Report including programs and services offered to the citizens of the City of Osage City.

3. **Presentation by Osage City High School Engineering Pathway on building a small electric vehicle to enter in school competition. Tabled January 23, 2024 – OCHS Math/Science Teacher Brock Baxter, OCHS Students.**

Osage City High School Senior, Keyton Bass provided City Council with additional information regarding the need for support for the OCHS Engineering Pathway Program electric vehicle project.

Motion by Tincher, second by Houghton to approve a \$500.00 donation to the Osage City High School Engineering Pathway Program for building a small electric vehicle to enter in school competition. The motion was declared carried.

4. **Proposal by OCHS Head Football Coach Andrew Gantenbein for a OCHS Indian landscape located at the football stadium – OCHS Language Arts/Journalism Teacher and Head Football Coach Andrew Gantenbein.**

Osage City High School Head Football Coach, Andrew Gantenbein provided City Council with an explanation of plans for landscaping ideas at the north end of the football field located in Jones Park.

Motion by Tice, second by Gilliland to approve proceeding with landscape plans at the north end of the football field located in Jones Park contingent on approval if needed from Kansas Wildlife and Parks. The motion was declared carried.

5. **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. Tabled January 23, 2024 – Bruce Boettcher, P.E., BG Consultants, Emporia.**

BG Consultant Representative, Bruce Boettcher provided City Council with an explanation of program options for the KDOT City Connecting Link Improvement Program (CCLIP).

Motion by Tincher, second by Tice to approve City staff to work with BG Consultants to apply for the KDOT CCLIP Pavement Restoration (PR) program funding of improvements on Hwy 31 from 4th Street to the Fire Station. The motion was declared carried.

6. **Recommend a Water Plant tour by the Mayor and City Council at 6:00 p.m. before a Regular City Council meeting. What date of February 27th, March 12th, or March 26th works best for the Mayor and City Council? – City Manager Rod Willis, Utilities Director Dale Schwieger**

Utility Director, Dale Schweiger invited Mayor and City Council members to tour the City of Osage City Water Plant

Motion by Tice, second by Houghton to schedule a special meeting prior to the regular scheduled meeting on March 26, 2024 at 6:00 PM for a tour of the City of Osage City Water Plant for the Mayor and City Council members. The motion was declared carried.

7. **Feral cat concerns - Dustin Swander, 267 Main Street, Osage City**

Residents, Dustin & Erica Jo Swander addressed the City Council regarding the trailer court located at 254 Main St. The Swanders are concerned with that area being a breeding/housing area for feral cats and other potential safety concerns. They requested an update as to where the City is at in the condemnation process.

8. **Approval of Ordinance No. 1685 Amending Sections 4-136, 4-158, 4-187 and 4-218 of Chapter 4, Alcoholic Beverages of the Code of the City of Osage City, Kansas, Regarding Hours of Sale of Alcoholic Liquor – Deputy City Clerk/City Treasurer Katie Hodge, City Attorney Rick Godderz.**

Deputy City Clerk/City Treasurer, Katie Hodge provided City Council with an explanation of the need to amend Sections 4-136, 4-158, 4-187 and 4-218 of Chapter 4, Alcoholic Beverages of the Code of the City of Osage City, Kansas, Regarding Hours of Sale of Alcoholic Liquor.

Motion by Gilliland, second by Tice to approve Ordinance No. 1685 Amending Sections 4-136, 4-158, 4-187 and 4-218 of Chapter 4, Alcoholic Beverages of the Code of the City of Osage City, Kansas, Regarding Hours of Sale of Alcoholic Liquor. The motion was declared carried.

9. **Mayor's Summit Monday February 19, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Santa Fe Depot including topics of discussion infrastructure, hazardous waste, housing, neighborhood revitalization, training – City Clerk Sadie Boos**

City Clerk, Sadie Boos reminded City Council of the Mayor's Summit Monday February 19, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Santa Fe Depot. Topics of discussion include infrastructure, hazardous waste, housing, and neighborhood revitalization.

10. **Sanitation 2018 International truck emergency repairs approval after the fact in the amount of \$16,810.50 to Rush Truck Center in Topeka – City Manager Rod Willis, Streets & Sanitation Superintendent Fred Hollowell**

Street and Sanitation Superintendent, Fred Hollowell provided City Council an explanation of the emergency repairs needed for the 2018 International sanitation truck during the month of January.

Motion by Swartz, second by Houghton to approve the emergency repairs done to the 2018 International Sanitation truck in the amount of \$16,810.50 to be paid to Rush Truck Center in Topeka. The motion was declared carried.

11. **Project Updates**

Utility Director, Dale Schwieger – There are about 30 water valves left to locate before the GIS mapping will be completed. They would like to have locates done by mid-March.

A solar field meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2024

Working with BG Consultants to complete a Water Plant Assessment.

12. **Kansas Municipal Gas Agency (KMGA) WoodRiver contract benefit of \$111,312 to the City of Osage City during the Winter Storm Gerri 10-day event – Graphs and information provided by KMGA Director of Natural Gas Dixie Riedel**

City Manager, Rod Willis provided City Council with an explanation of the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency (KMGA) WoodRiver contract benefit of \$111,312 to the City of Osage City during the Winter Storm Gerri 10-day event.

13. **Approval of Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer Katie Hodge to become the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency (KMGA) permanent alternate director and the executive committee member upon City Manager Rod Willis' retirement**

Motion by Tincher, second by Houghton to approve appointment of Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer Katie Hodge to the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency (KMGA) permanent alternate director and the executive committee member upon City Manager Rod Willis' retirement. That motion was declared carried.

14. **CIC blackout for server migration is Wednesday February 21, 2024 so no access to the City will be available during the server migration which could be a few hours or all day depending on how things proceed during the process – Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer Katie Hodge**

Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer, Katie Hodge provided City Council with an explanation of the server migration process and the affect on the citizens of the City of Osage City for that day. A Facebook post will be made prior to February 21, 2024 to inform citizens.

15. **Executive session for confidential data relating to 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 by Tice, second by Smith to enter executive session for a period of 20 minutes for confidential data relating to 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.

Mayor Stromgren declared the meeting entering into executive session at 8:20 p.m. Mayor Stromgren declared the meeting back into open session at 8:45 p.m. with no action taken.

16. **Executive session for Non-Elected Personnel to include Mayor, City Council, and City Attorney.**

Motion by Tice, second by Smith to enter into Executive session for a period of 10 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel to include Mayor, City Council, and City Attorney. The motion was declared carried.

Mayor Stromgren declared the meeting entering into executive session at 8:50 p.m. Mayor Stromgren declared the meeting back into open session at 9:00 p.m. with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

At the request of Council Member Tice and on his motion, seconded by Council Member Gilliland and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned.

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

ATTESTED: Sadie Boos
Sadie Boos, City Clerk

