

CITY OF OSAGE CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
March 28, 2023

ROLL CALL: Now on this 28th day of March 2023, 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: Board President Bruce Schoepflin presided. Council Members: Cathryn Houghton, Brian Stromgren, Bruce Schoepflin, Shirley Bausman, Jeff Tice, Sharon Larson, and Eric Tincher. Excused: Mayor Mike Gilliland and Council Member Jeanette Swarts. Officials present: Rick Godderz, City Attorney; Rod Willis, City Manager; Katie Hodge, Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer; Sadie Boos, City Clerk; and online Dale Schwieger, Utilities Director. Others present: Pam Rudd, Sandy Loquist, Eric Loquist, Kaylee Cable, April Cable, Stevie Walker, Brad Teig, Leeanna Walker, Marc McFarland, Kathi Webster, Addie Couch for Kyle Couch.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Tincher, 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 March 14, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Appointment of Colleen Mendoza, Osage County Economic Development Director to the Industrial Committee as recommended by Industrial Committee
3. Appointment of Housing Committee members Casey Mussatto, Janet Steinle, Jeannine Colstrom, Joe Humerickhouse, Melissa Herdman, Michelle Rickel, Nathan Theel, Quintin Robert, Rick Bryan, Robyn Williams, Roger Marshman, and ex-officio members Colleen Mendoza, Dale Schwieger, Jeanette Swarts, Katie Hodge, Mike Gilliland, Rod Willis as recommended by Industrial Committee

Housing Committee is a sub-committee with a broader regional knowledge base to advise the Industrial Committee on potential housing development opportunities.

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

BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

1. **Approval of Proclamation honoring Alayna Wurdeman, 5th Grader in Osage City, State Winner of the Kansas Arbor Day Poster Contest with over 700 entries.**

Alayna Wurdeman was honored for her accomplishment and presented with a proclamation from the City of Osage City. Kathi Webster, Tree Board President, described the poster competition and the importance of trees in our community valued at \$6 million on city owned property. Osage City is a Tree City USA for 32 years and has participated in Arbor Day since 1973.

2. **Conditional use decision on the application from Eric and Sandy Loquist for automotive service and repair at 264 and 268 Ellinwood Street. Planning and Zoning Committee recommendation is to deny the conditional use permit following the Public Hearing held on March 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

Letters of support for the automotive service and repair shop were obtained from six neighbors living within 200' of Eric and Sandy Loquist and were presented along with further commentary from Eric Loquist were presented to City Council during the meeting.

Council Member Sharon Larson wants more time to investigate the conditional use request and suggests giving Eric a year trial run as done for Williamson in the past. City Attorney Rick Godderz stated the 14-day protest period ends March 29th, so the vote on the conditional use will need to wait until the next meeting on April 11th.

Motion by Tincher, second by Tice to table the conditional use decision to the next meeting on April 11th. The motion was declared carried.

3. **Approval of Ordinance No. 1675 Authorizing Execution of the Natural Gas Prepay Participation Agreement with the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency**

Motion by Houghton, second by Stromgren for approval of Ordinance No. 1675 authorizing Execution of the Natural Gas Prepay Participation Agreement with Kansas Municipal Gas Agency. The motion was declared carried.

4. **Tabled March 14th - Approval of Cullum & Brown of Kansas City, Missouri proposal for a Duplex Reciprocating Air Compressor in the amount of \$9,461.08 for replacement of the Water Plant compressor. Other bid received was Quality Automotive Equipment & Service of Paola, Kansas in the amount of \$11,957.20 total – Water & Gas Superintendent Ken Talkington and Utilities Director Dale Schwieger. Since this item was tabled March 14th with direction to staff for higher capacity compressors, the following bids were received from Cullum and Brown at \$13,261.00 total, Quality Automotive Equipment & Service at \$13,157.20 total, and North Central Air of Downs, Kansas at \$11,800.00 total – Utilities Director Dale Schwieger**

Utilities Director Dale Schwieger explained the new bids were comparing the compressor models on an equal capacity basis.

Motion by Larson, second by Tice to approve North Central Air of Downs, Kansas in an amount not to exceed \$12,500 including any supplies needed for the complete installation of the new compressor. The motion was declared carried.

5. **Request for Qualifications for Utility GPS Collection and GIS Implementation received from Surveying and Mapping, LLC (SAM) of Maryville, Missouri and Banning Engineering of Plainfield, Indiana – Utilities Director Dale Schwieger**

Discussion only for the City Council to acquaint themselves with the two RFQ submissions. Utilities Director Dale Schwieger sent out six RFQ requests, but only two were received back. The RFQ is to pick a firm based on the ability to perform the GPS and GIS needs of the City.

6. Trap Neuter Vaccinate Return (TNVR) Program for Feral Cats in Osage City – Council Member Sharon Larson

Updates were given by City Council Member Sharon Larson, including the need for local animal control code to match the TNR guidelines. City Council Member Larson will meet with Chief of Police Fred Nech on animal code changes needed to prohibit TNVR animals marked by a straight cut ear from being intentionally trapped, harmed or removed.

7. 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 by Tice, second by Tincher to go into executive session for financial affairs of second parties for 10 minutes 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.

Executive session was entered at 7:52 p.m. and ended at 8:02 p.m. with action to follow:

Motion by Larson, second by Tice to enter into the Sale Contract with Hawkeye Helicopter for the purchase of the airport red hanger (old Skydive hanger) by Hawkeye Helicopter. The motion was declared carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

APPROVED: _____
Bruce Schoepflin, President

ATTESTED: _____
Sadie Boos, City Clerk