

CITY OF OSAGE CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
April 8, 2025

ROLL CALL: Now on this 8th day of April, 2025, 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: Kathy Ayers, Shirley Bausman, Mike Gilliland, Mike Handly, Cathryn Houghton, Susan Smith, Jeanette Swarts, and Jeff Tice. City Staff present: Sadie Boos, City Treasurer; Katie Hodge, City Manager; Rick Godderz, City Attorney; Dale Schwieger, Utilities Director; Amy Woodward, City Clerk. Others Present: Dani & Colton Hallgren with Osage Hardware; Brandon Sack, Dave Norton & Lindsay Freeman with Evergy; Larry Kleeman with Ranson Financial.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Swarts, second by Tice to approve the agenda. The motion was declared carried (8-0).

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Casey & Cheryl Mussatto, Diane Denham, Perry Thompson, Rod Willis, Evan Godderz.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of March 25, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Crosswinds Letter of Support

Motion by Smith, second by Ayers to approve the consent agenda. The motion was declared carried (8-0).

BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

1. **Downtown Flower Baskets Discussion (Information/Possible Action)-Dani Hallgren**

Dani Hallgren, with Osage Hardware, proposed to Council adding flower baskets to beautify the downtown area. She proposed options regarding number of baskets and maintenance plan options.

Motion made by Houghton, second by Handly to approve City Staff pursue available funding and table the discussion until the next regularly scheduled council meeting. The motion was declared carried (8-0).

2. **Potential Solar Farm Project Information (Information/Possible Action)- Brandon Sack & Dave Norton, Evergy**

Evergy representative, Brandon Sack, presented information regarding the proposed solar project in Osage County (not within Osage City limits). He is seeking a letter of support from Council. Sack discussed that the proposed 250 MW project would generate significant income for Osage County. Sack confirmed they have willing landowners for the project. Also, of note, Osage City would not be a haul route for construction of the project.

Public Response to Evergy Proposal:

Meeting Attendee, Casey Mussatto, spoke to Council. Mussatto is opposed to the commercial production of wind and solar. He noted this project will not lower taxes or bring housing or tourism. He asked Council to not support the project and keep in mind it's not just solar but also wind turbines that would be allowed if the moratorium is removed by the Osage County Commissioners.

Meeting Attendee, Diane Denham, spoke to Council. Denham is opposed to the project. She cited county zoning regulations that state to promote and encourage family farms and to preserve agriculture land in Osage County. She does not want to see the land turned into an industrial complex. She stated everyone needs to respect the 25-year moratorium.

Meeting Attendee, Perry Thompson, spoke to Council. Thompson identified himself as a landowner who has agreed to lease land to this project. He believes it is a good project for Osage County and will benefit City during construction and benefit the Community including the Library, Schools and Fire Districts.

Motion made by Gilliland, second by Smith to table the discussion and bring back at a later date to set a town hall meeting to gather additional input from Citizens before signing a letter of support. The motion was declared carried (8-0).

3. Review and approval of Bond Sale documents for the new CAT Generators (Action Required)-Larry Kleeman, Attorney & Municipal Advisor/Ranson Financial

Larry Kleeman, Bond Salesman with Ranson Financial will return next month to bring bond bids for funding of the new CAT Generators.

Motion made by Bausman, second by Houghton to approve Resolution No.1133A authorizing electric utility systems improvements and the issuance of general obligation bond of the City of Osage City, Kansas to pay costs of such improvements. The motion was declared carried (8-0).

Motion made by Bausman, second by Swarts to approve Resolution No.1135 to authorize the offering for sale of general obligation bonds, series 2026, of the City of Osage City, Kansas. The motion was declared carried (8-0).

4. Approval of Change Order No. 2 for Project No. C20 1677 01 (Action Required)-Dale Schwieger, Utilities Director

Dale Schwieger, Utilities Director, discussed with Council the need to inspect the sewer ally between 8th & 9th streets from Lincoln to Prospect, due to repeated issues in this area.

Infrastructure Solutions will provide this service. The cost will be covered under a change order for their existing contract upon approval by Council.

Motion made by Swarts, second by Tice to approve Change Order No. 2 for the KWPCRF Project No. C20 1677 01 for an increase of \$2,712.0 for a total revised contract price of \$2,578,284.17. The motion was declared carried (8-0).

5. Ordinance No. 1696 Surcharge (Action Required)-Katie Hodge, City Manager

City Manager, Katie Hodge, shared with Council a proposed Ordinance #1686 which would repeal Ordinance #1525. This new ordinance would allow for a surcharge for all Electric Customers related to the bond for CAT engines and would also allow for the city to adjust the rate as loads and sales change.

Motion made by Gilliland, second by Smith for City Staff to table for a discussion at the next regularly scheduled meeting. The motion was declared carried (8-0).

6. Set Work Session to be held on May 20th for CIP & Equipment (Action Required)-Sadie, Boos, City Treasurer

City Treasurer, Sadie Boos, reviewed with Council the purpose of the work session and suggested an earlier start time of 6:00 p.m. if the Council would agree.

Motion made by Tice, second by Ayers to hold a work session for CIP & Equipment on May 20th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. The motion was declared carried (8-0).

7. Ordinance No. 1697 Electric Customer User Rates (Action Required)-Katie Hodge, City Manager

City Manager, Katie Hodge, reviewed Ordinance No. 1697 which would repeal Ordinance No. 1688. The purpose of the new ordinance is to update typos.

Motion made by Tice, second by Houghton to approve Ordinance No. 1697, repealing Ordinance No. 1688. The motion was declared carried (8-0).

8. Approval of GRDA Agreement and Resolution No. 1136 for 1 MW (Action Required)-Katie Hodge, City Manager & KMEA

City Manager, Katie Hodge, explained the resolution and purchase agreement

Motion made by Gilliland, second by Houghton to repeal Resolution No.1131 and approve Resolution No. 1136 authorizing the execution of the power purchase agreement (Grand River Dam Authority Power Supply Project No. 2) between the City of Osage City, Kansas and the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency; and making certain covenants and agreements to provide for the payment and security and authorizing certain documents and actions in connect. The motion was declared carried (8-0).

Motion made by Bausman, second by Smith to authorize the mayor to sign the purchase power agreement. The motion was declared carried (8-0).

9. Information for City Council Ward Positions up for election and filing for election (Information)

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10. Donation from Linda Jackson from Clyde's memorial donation specific to baseball as Clyde coached years ago and helped when his grandson played (Information)-Katie Hodge, City Manager

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ADJOURNMENT: *At the request of Council Member Bausman and on her motion, seconded by Council Member Smith and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned.*

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

ATTESTED: Amy Woodward
Amy Woodward, City Clerk

