

CITY OF OSAGE CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
April 22, 2025

ROLL CALL: Now on this 22nd 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; Rick Godderz, City Attorney; Katie Hodge, City Manager; Dale Schwieger, Utilities Director; Amy Woodward, City Clerk; Fred Hallowell, Street & Sanitation Superintendent; Donnie Bailey, Facilities & Parks Superintendent. Others Present: Kyle Spielbusch of Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, P.A.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

Mayor Stromgren shared with Council an early 1900's photograph of a steam engine that had exploded in or near Osage City. Mayor Stromgren asked City Clerk, Amy Woodward, to mail a thank you note to the sender.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of April 8, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

1. **2024 Audit presentation (Information) – Kyle Spielbusch, CPA Jarred, Gilmore, and Phillips, P.A.**

Kyle Spielbusch, CPA with Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA gave the presentation of the City of Osage City Annual Audit for year ending December 31, 2025.

2. **Public Hearing for amending the 2025 Budget (Action Required) – Katie Hodge, City Manager & Sadie Boos, City Treasurer**

Mayor Stromgren opened the public hearing at 7:18 pm. There were no public comments. Mayor Stromgren closed the public hearing at 7:19 pm.

Motion made by Gilliland, second by Ayers to approve the 2025 Budget Amendment as presented. The motion was declared carried (8-0).

3. Downtown Flower Baskets (Potential Action) – Fred Hallowell, Street Superintendent

Street & Sanitation Superintendent, Fred Hallowell, commented to Council that although the baskets are beautiful, it has caused a sight issue at the corner of 6th & Market streets.

Facilities & Parks Superintendent, Donnie Bailey, echoed the sight concerns and also wants to make sure our poles are capable of handling the weight of the baskets. Utilities director, Dale Schwieger, agreed that some of our light poles downtown are in bad shape.

Council members discussed concerns regarding the cost of the baskets, given the recent news of Orbis's departure, and lower revenue to the City due the loss of Orbis as a utility customer.

Motion made by Smith, second by Bausman to reject the options available for pursuing installation and maintenance of downtown live flower pots. The motion was declared carried (8-0).

4. Railroad Cars Order Approval (Action Required) – Fred Hallowell, Street Superintendent

Street & Sanitation Superintendent, Fred Hallowell, reviewed with council the cost comparison & process for bridge replacement utilizing the railcars. Pursuing this option for bridge replacement will save the City a considerable amount of money. City Manager, Katie Hodge, commended Hallowell for his approach for finding way to get projects completed while saving money.

Motion made by Tice, second by Ayers to approve the purchase of the bridge replacement materials from the Railroad Yard in the amount not to exceed \$28,150.00. The motion was declared carried (8-0).

5. Change Order No. 3 for the Sewer Project (Action Required) – Dale Schwieger, Utilities Director

Change Order No. 3 allows for an increase in cost for concrete to be removed and replaced in the ally North of Market street between 4th & 5th streets, and decreased cost for less rock usage and damage.

Motion made by Handly, second by Houghton to approve Change Order No. 3 in and amount not to exceed \$56,273.37. The motion was declared carried (8-0).

6. Change Order No. 4 for the Sewer Project (Action Required) – Dale Schwieger, Utilities Director

Change Order No. 4 is for the repair of the sewer line from Lincoln to Prospect streets between 8th to 9th street.

Motion made by Gilliland, second by Smith to approve Change Order No. 4 in an amount not to exceed \$141,835.00. The motion was declared carried (8-0).

7. Fireworks SB199 passed by Governor Kelly (Discussion/Action) – Katie Hodge, City Manager

Current Ordinance allows for sales from June 27th to July 5th. The new state law allows for selling as a permanent retailer year-round. It allows temporary retailers to extend their selling season from June 20th to July 7th. Council discussed the impacts of changing our existing fireworks ordinance on the community.

Motion made by Houghton to match the state regulations. This motion died.

Motion made by Tice, second by Ayers to table for a later discussion. The motion was declared carried (8-0).

8. FEMA Resolution No. 1137 (Action Required) – Katie Hodge, City Manager

City Manager, Katie Hodge, explained the resolution and its purpose for ensuring the City is integrated into the Kansas Homeland Security Region J Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion made by Houghton, second by Smith approve Resolution No. 1137 adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region J Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion was declared carried (8-0).

9. Roof repairs to water plant – Dale Schwieger, Utilities Director

Utilities Director, Dale Schwieger, reviewed with Council the needed roof repairs and bids he had received for these repairs.

Motion made by Swarts, second by Handly to approve Midwest Coating in an amount not to exceed \$42,300.00 and to check in with the company to see if there could be a bid reduction to do the roof in tandem with USD 420's new roof. The motion was declared carried (7-1) with Houghton dissenting).

10. Hawkeye Helicopter Building Lease

City Manager, Katie Hodge, reviewed current lease that will expire in May 31, 2025. Hodge recommended entering executive session. Mayor Stromgren requested council enter executive session for five minutes for discussions that would include financial affairs of 2nd parties, and to include City Council, City Attorney, City Manager, City Treasurer, City Clerk, Utilities Director, Street & Sanitation Superintendent, and Facilities & Parks Superintendent.

Mayor Stromgren declared Council in executive session at 8:22 pm. At 8:27 pm Mayor Stromgren declared Council return to regular session.

Motion made by Bausman, second by Handly to offer a one-year lease at \$1000.00 per month plus utilities. The motion was declared carried (8-0)

**11. Executive Session for personnel matters of non-elected personnel – Katie Hodge
City Manager**

Mayor Stromgren requested a motion for an executive session related to non-elected personnel to include City Council.

Motion made by Bausman, second my Ayers to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes, to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, to include City Council, City Manager and City Attorney. The motion was declared carried (8-0).

Mayor Stromgren declared Council in executive session at 8:30 pm.

Mayor Stromgren declared council back in regular session at 8:40 pm

Motion made by Smith, second my Handly to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes, to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, to include City Council, City Manager and City Attorney. The motion was declared carried (8-0).

Mayor Stromgren declared Council in executive session at 8:40 pm.

Mayor Stromgren declared council back in regular session at 8:45 pm with no action taken.

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

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

ATTESTED: Amy Woodward
Amy Woodward, City Clerk

