

CITY OF OSAGE CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
October 8, 2024

ROLL CALL: Now on this 8th day of October 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: Susan Smith, Mike Gilliland, Shirley Bausman, Mike Handly, Jeanette Swarts, Cathryn Houghton, Jeff Tice, Kathy Ayers. Officials present: Rick Godderz, City Attorney; Katie Hodge, City Manager; Sadie Boos, City Treasurer; Amy Woodward, City Clerk; Craig Croucher, Gas Water Sewer Superintendent; Corey Linton, Recreation Director. Excused: Dale Schwieger, Utilities Director. Others Present: Rose Mary Saunders, Municipal Consultant with Ranson Financial; Nathan Willis, Owner Star Block.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of September 24, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

1. **Approval of the pay application for Evergreen Design/Build for the Star Block project (Action Required)—Rose Mary Saunders, Municipal Consultant with Ranson Financial**

Saunders reviewed with Council the project's progress and answers questions related to the project and invoice from Evergreen.

Motion made by Swarts, second by Houghton to approve the payment to Evergreen Design-Build, LLC for work performed on the Star Block building in the amount of \$200,000.00. The motion was declared carried.

Saunders asked Council to extend the contract by 30 days.

Motion made by Houghton, Second by Smith to grant a 30 day time extension for processing of paperwork through CDBG. The motion was declared carried.

2. Approval of the Parks & Recreation updated Attendance Policy (Action Required)—Corey Linton, Recreation Director

Linton shared with Council the background and reasoning for the proposed Attendance Policy.

Motion made by Swarts, second by Ayers to approve the implementation of the Parks & Recreation Board attendance policy contingent upon review by City Attorney Godderz. The motion was declared carried.

3. Approval of purchase of a toddler playset for Lincoln Park (Action Required)—Corey Linton, Recreation Director & Sadie Boos, City Treasurer

Linton discussed with Council the purchase of a toddler play set for Lincoln Park.

Motion made by Houghton, second by Gilliland to purchase a toddler play set for Lincoln Park in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

4. Approval of Osage County landfill fee from regular services and fall cleanup (Action Required)—Katie Hodge, City Manager

Hodge reviewed with Council the need to approve the higher than normal land fill fee payment for the month of September, due to fall cleanup effort.

Motion made by Smith, second by Tice to approve the Osage County invoice for landfill fees in an amount of \$12,417.55. The motion was declared carried.

5. Approval of the purchase of utility light poles (Action Required)—Dale Schwieger, Utilities Director

Craig Croucher reviewed with Council the purchase of light poles.

Motion made by Bausman, second by Handly to approve the purchase of light poles in the amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 from Stella.Jones. The motion was declared carried.

6. Approval of the purchase of gas ERT's (Action Required)—Dale Schwieger, Utilities Director

Craig Croucher reviewed with Council the needed to replace 40g ERTs. This is equipment that works with our billing and meter reading software.

Motion made by Swarts, second by Tice to approve the purchase of gas ERTs not to exceed \$5,000.00. The motion was declared carried.

7. Approval of the purchase of turbidity meters (Action Required)—Dale Schwieger, Utilities Director

Craig Croucher, reviewed with Council need to replace the turbidimeters at the water plant. These were last replaced in 1996.

Motion made by Gilliland, second by Tice to approve the purchase of 6 turbidimeters for water plant not to exceed \$36,000.00. The motion was declared carried.

8. 619 Market discussion

Hodge led a discussion with Council regarding the recently purchased property at 619 Market street.

Motion made by Swarts, second by Gilliland to meet at 6:30 on October 22nd at 619 Market Street to walk through the property. The motion was declared carried.

9. Review of the Regional Summit (Information)

Information Only - Hodge reviewed with Council the successful Regional Summit held at the community building on October 2nd. This was a work session where area communities brought their community project needs/ideas to find alignment and then begin the search for grants.

10. Reminder of October 24th @ 1:30 pm Ribbon Cutting for Solar Farm (Information)

Information Only

11. Overview of Shred Day on October 5th (Information)—Amy Woodward, City Clerk

Information Only – Woodward shared with Council the outcome of the 2024 Shred Day. The City collected shred material from 42 citizens totaling 3750 lbs. This was three times the amount collected at the last hosted shred event.

12. Reminder of the Fall Fest (Information)

Information Only

13. Executive Session for non-elected personnel to include City Council, City Attorney, and City Manager

Motion by Swarts, second by Tice to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for non-elected personnel to include Mayor and City Council, City Attorney, and City Manager. The motion was declared carried.

Mayor Stromgren declared the meeting entering into executive session at 8:15 p.m. Mayor Stromgren declared the meeting back into open session at 8:30 p.m. with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

ATTESTED: Amy Woodward
Amy Woodward, City Clerk

