

CITY OF OSAGE CITY

COUNCIL MEETING

December 14, 2021

ROLL CALL: Now on this 14th day of December 2021 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 were: Mayor: Becky Brewer. Council Members: Cathryn Houghton, Jim Peterson, Bruce Schoepflin, Karey Heiserman, Mike Gilliland, Jeanette Swarts and Sharon Larson. Officials present: Rick Godderz, City Attorney; Rod Willis, City Manager and Katie Hodge, Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer; Terri Fultz, City Clerk; Dale Schwieger, Utility Director; Fred Hallowell, Street and Sanitation Superintendent; Kevin Stromgren, Assistant Water/Gas/Sewer Supervisor. Others present: Jeff Tice, Eric Tincher and Tim Hayes.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion made by Heiserman, second by Swarts to approve the amended agenda. The motion was declared carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Approval of November 23, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.**
- 2. Approval of recommended Park Board nominees P.J. Heptinstall, Chelsi Gardner and Jessica Noble to replace Brian Poertner, Dustin Hokanson and Richard Lamb who have served three consecutive two year terms.**
- 3. Approval of 2022 Cereal Malt Beverage License Renewals**
 - Marilyn's Restaurant
 - Jerry's Thriftway
 - Casey's General Store #1255
 - Pizza Hut
 - Osage City Municipal Golf
 - HAAG, Inc. (BP)

Motion made by Schoepflin, second by Heiserman to approve the consent agenda. The motion was declared carried.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- 1. Approval to purchase a 2012 Ford F750 XL SD Dump Truck in the amount of \$39,750.00 from Reed Company in Wamego for the Gas/Water/Sewer Department. Approved 2021 Budget has \$40,000.00 for the purchase of a dump truck – Water and Gas Superintendent Ken Talkington:**

Motion made by Larson, second by Houghton to approve the purchase of a 2012 Ford F750 XL SD Dump Truck in the amount of \$39,750.00 from Reed Company, LLC for the Gas/Water/Sewer Department. Schoepflin – Nay. The motion was declared carried.

- 2. Approval of Stanion Wholesale Electric Company quote in the amount of \$2,133.74 for Disconnect Fusible Safety Switch for new underground feeder line to Ag Choice due to old underground feeder line failure – Electrical Distribution Superintendent Jason Mullinix:**

City Manager Rod Willis explained that Electrical Distribution Superintendent Jason Mullinix was approached with the question by Ag Choice if the City could help with costs for a disconnect fusible safety switch. Ag Choice, due to failure of the old underground feeder line was just checking to see if there would be any type of cost share the City offered. There is no cost share program or policy that would allow the City to help with paying the disconnect fusible safety switch. The cost would be the property owner's responsibility.

Motion made by Schoepflin, second by Peterson to table this item until the next council meeting. The motion was declared carried.

- 3. Approval of Hooper Roofing of Topeka proposal in the amount of \$46,960.00 to furnish and install a new Power Plant roof system for the concrete roof areas only – Power Plant Superintendent John Rice:**

Motion made by Gilliland, second by Larson to approve Hooper Roofing of Topeka to install a new roof for the concrete roof areas of the Power Plant in the amount of \$46,960.00. The motion was declared carried.

- 4. Discussion on Jones Park RV Electrical Pedestal Hookup Policy changes as recommended by Chief of Police Fred Nech:**

City Manager Rod Willis explained that Chief Nech asked if the RV Electrical Pedestal Hookup Policy could be reviewed and language added so that it would be easier for the Police Department to enforce.

Motion made by Schoepflin, second by Heiserman to approve the changes to the RV Electrical Pedestal Hookup Policy. The motion was declared carried.

- 5. Discussion on painting white stripes on edge of driving lanes on Lakin Street to improve safety for night time driving – Council Member Sharon Larson:**

Council Member Sharon Larson has asked if striping could be done on Lakin Street to mark the edges of the street. Fred Hallowell, Street and Sanitation Superintendent explained that the striping would need to be done when weather is warmer. Fred said he would check with Osage County when they hire a company to mobilize to do striping on County resurfacing projects. It might be a possibility that Osage City could also hire the same company to come into town and do striping on selected city streets in the summer months of 2022.

6. Approval of Resolution No. 1080 Outstanding Uncollectible Utility Accounts to be cancelled and stricken from the City Clerk's records – City Clerk Terri Fultz:

This item is something that the City does on a yearly basis. The uncollectible utility accounts are kept track of during the year, then asked to be written-off at the last council meeting of the year.

Motion made by Schoepflin, second by Gilliland to approve Resolution No. 1080 to write-off Outstanding Uncollectible Utility Accounts. The motion was declared carried.

7. Appointment of Utilities Director Dale Schwieger as Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) Director 2 (Special Term) to fill the vacancy of former Utilities Director Kris Kline:

Motion made by Gilliland, second by Larson to approve the appointment of Utilities Director Dale Schwieger as Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) Director 2 (Special Term) to fill the vacancy of former Utilities Director Kris Kline. The motion was declared carried.

8. Appointment of Utilities Director Dale Schwieger as Kansas Municipal Gas Agency (KMGA) Director (Unexpired Term) to fill the vacancy of former Utilities Director Kris Kline:

Motion made by Heiserman, second by Schoepflin to approve the appointment of Utilities Director Dale Schwieger as Kansas Municipal Gas Agency (KMGA) Director (Unexpired Term) to fill the vacancy of former Utilities Director Kris Kline. The motion was declared carried.

9. Custodian Brenda Dorsey retirement December 21, 2021 after 25 years of service:

City Manager Rod Willis made the announcement of Brenda Dorsey's retirement after 25 years of service working for the City in the Janitorial Position.

10. Municipal Judge Marian Burns retirement December 27, 2021 after 43 years of service and presiding over 500+ Court sessions:

City Manager Rod Willis made the announcement of Judge Marian Burns as Municipal Judge for the City after 43 years of service would be retiring after the last municipal court in December.

11. Magistrate Judge Kevin Kimball of Ottawa begins as Municipal Judge on Monday January 24, 2022:

City Manager Rod Willis announced that Kevin Kimball of Ottawa will begin as Municipal Judge for the City.

- 12. Appointment of President of the City Council due to the resignation of former Council President and Mayor-elect Dale Schwieger on November 23, 2021 to become the new Utilities Director on December 13, 2021. The new President will become the Mayor on Monday January 10, 2022 to serve the two year Mayor's term until the next election. Information from League of Kansas Municipalities and K.S.A. 14-204 and K.S.A. 14-308 – City Attorney Rick Godderz:**

Council Member Jeanette Swarts nominated Council Member Jim Peterson as City Council President and for him to become Mayor on Monday January 10, 2022 to serve the two year term as Mayor. All Council Members seconded and approved the motion to appoint Council Member Jim Peterson. The motion was declared carried.

- 13. Approval of the Official Proclamation for Tree City USA, An Arbor Day Foundation Program:**

Motion made by Heiserman, second by Gilliland to approve the Proclamation for Tree City USA, An Arbor Day Foundation Program. The motion was declared.

- 14. Executive Session for matters of 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 made by Heiserman, second by Schoepflin at 7:47 p.m. to recess to Executive Session for a period of 20 minutes for Matters of Data Relating to Financial Affairs of Second Parties to include Mayor, City Council, City Attorney, Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer, Utilities Director, City Clerk and City Manager. The motion was declared carried.

At 8:07 p.m. Mayor Brewer declared the meeting back into open session with no formal action to be taken.

- 15. Executive Session for matters of 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 made by Heiserman, second by Schoepflin at 8:08 p.m. to recess to Executive Session for a period of 10 minutes for Matters of Data Relating to Financial Affairs of Second Parties to include Mayor, City Council, City Attorney, Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer, Utilities Director, City Clerk and City Manager. The motion was declared carried.

At 8:18 Mayor Brewer declared the meeting back into open session.

Motion made by Schoepflin, second by Heiserman at 8:20 p.m. to recess to Executive Session for a period of 10 minutes for Matters of Data Relating to Financial Affairs of Second Parties to include Mayor, City Council, City Attorney, Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer, Utilities Director, City Clerk and City Manager. The motion was declared carried.

At 8:40 p.m. Mayor Brewer declared the meeting back into open session with no formal action to be taken.

ADJOURNMENT: *At the request of Council Member Heiserman at 8:36 p.m., and on her motion, seconded by Council Member Schoepflin and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned.*

APPROVED: _____ ATTESSED: _____
Rebecca Brewer **Teresa Fultz**
Mayor **City Clerk**