

Osawatomie, Kansas. **January 14, 2016.** The Council Meeting was held in Memorial Hall. Mayor Govea called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Dickinson, Farley, Hunter, LaDuex, Maichel, Hampson, Walmann and Wright. Also present was City Attorney Dick Wetzler, City Manager Don Cawby and City Clerk Tammy Seamands. Members of the public were: Brandon Badders, Clint Graham, Jennifer McDaniel with Osawatomie Graphic, Brian Love, Robert Couture, Jada Hodgson.

INVOCATION. Jada Hodgson with Plum Creek United Methodist Church.

CONSENT AGENDA. Approval of January 14th agenda, December 10th and 17th Minutes, Appropriations Ordinance 2015-12 and Waterline Project – Application for Payment #2 and #3. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Hunter to approve the Consent Agenda as presented except December 17th minutes. Yeas: All. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Hunter to approve the December 17th minutes with the correction of page A6 of the packet to strike out ‘although it was just a confirmation of the information they had’ on the Council Report presented by Farley.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

Jada Hodgson, Plum Creek United Methodist Church, spoke that the church focuses primarily on the children in the community, finds their needs and serves them to the best that they can.

PRESENTATIONS. none

PUBLIC HEARINGS. none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

ORDINANCE – SPECIAL USE VEHICLES. City Manager, Don Cawby, explained that he cleaned up a few issues that were brought up in the previous meeting regarding special use vehicles. These provisions included allowing golf carts, work site utility vehicles (UTV’s) and micro trucks; ATV’s not being allowed; equipment with a speed of 25 mph and under required to have a slow moving emblem; unrestricted driver’s license; liability insurance; registration; fees and exemptions for government vehicles. **Motion** made by Maichel, seconded by Hampson to approve the Special Use Vehicle Ordinance as presented. Yeas: (4) Dickinson, Maichel, Hampson and Walmann. Nays: (4) Hunter, Wright, LaDuex and Farley. Mayor casting a tie vote of no. **Motion** failed.

EXTENDED CATERPILLAR WARRANTY & SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR GENERATORS. City Manager Cawby explained that to get an extended three (3) year warranty following the original warranty, we would need to purchase at this time in order to take advantage of cheaper price. **Motion** made by Hunter, seconded by Dickinson to pass the Extended Caterpillar Warranty & Service Agreement for Generators not to exceed \$50,000. Yeas: All.

RURAL FIRE CONTRACT. Don Cawby explained that the memo he wrote up regarding the rural fire contract explains where he is at with the contract and that if the council would like to go into more details regarding it, he recommends going into executive session. After four (4) different versions of the contract, there is still no agreement. Cawby is asking the council for permission to submit a letter to the rural fire board until after negotiations are complete with the mediation of the County Administrator. This letter will contain they will hold the responsibility of directly paying the firefighters for all rural calls along with related costs to those calls, the fire department will be allowed one meeting per month subject to additional meetings to be approved by the city manager and that the city will begin paying rent to the county for the smel pumper truck upon receiving payment to the city for rent, utilities and equipment storage. **Motion** made by Hunter, seconded by Hampson to authorize the city manager to draft the letter advising of our actions. Yeas: All.

NEW BUSINESS.

UTILITY LOSS AUDIT PROPOSAL. During the generation project, we have seen higher than expected loss rates in our electric sales. Energy Management Group has suggested that we look at performing a billing review for our utilities. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Hunter to engage in a Utility Loss Audit Proposal for 1 year. Yeas. All.

RESOLUTION – 2016 FEE RESOLUTION. The 2016 fee schedule was approved in December, but we did not have the rate increase from L&K Trash Services for 2016. This is a proposed 2% rate increase. **Motion** made by Dickinson, seconded by Hampson to pass the 2016 Fee Resolution with the Revision of Refuse Rates from L&K. Yeas: All.

COUNCIL REPORTS. None

MAYOR’S REPORT.

Reminder that the deadline for running for city council is January 26th at noon to file. January 27th is government day in Topeka, its free to register and a good opportunity for everyone.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT.

Water project update, Nowak hit rock in the 1100 block of Main Street that caused some issues. The city received a tree inventory from the State Forester a couple days ago, will be providing that in the future to the council. Year-end budget will be presented soon as well. Applications are being looked at for the utility clerk position, as well as the police department have been holding interviews for the open positions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. None

OTHER DISCUSSION/MOTIONS.

Motion made by Hunter, seconded by Dickinson to adjourn. Yeas: All. Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

/s/ Ashley Kobe
Ashley Kobe, Deputy City Clerk