

Osawatomie, Kansas. **March 10, 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 (arrived at 6:32 p.m.), Hampson, and Wright. Absent was Walmann. Also present was City Manager Don Cawby, City Attorney Dick Wetzler and City Clerk Tammy Seamands. Members of the public were: Director of Public Works and Utilities Blake Madden, Richard Alonzo, Marti McDougal, and Jennifer McMahan.

INVOCATION. Marti McDougal with United Methodist Church.

CONSENT AGENDA. Approval of March 10th Agenda, February 11th Minutes, and Appropriations Ordinance 2016-2. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Hunter to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of item 5.D Nowak Construction Pay Application #4 – Waterline Project. Yeas: All. Councilman Farley asked about the progress with the project and if it was complete. **Motion** made by Hunter, seconded by Farley to approve the Pay Application #4 to Nowak Construction for the Waterline Project. Yeas: All.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

Marti McDougal with the United Methodist Church reported that her church is taking the opportunity to reach out and improve the relationship with public schools by providing teachers meals at parent teacher conferences. Last year the Church done some improvements on the church by changing out some windows, this year they will be working on the basement floor of the church. The United Methodist Church along with 10 other churches will be hosting a Good Friday Service at the Old Stone Church on Good Friday at 7:00p.m. A group of churches will also be providing an event called ‘Kids Jam’ at the park on the Saturday of the John Brown Jamboree.

Richard Alonzo, 700 block of Walnut (next door to the electric and fire department), brought up that the dumpster that is in the parking lot of our department is being a dump site for people and is not a great site. He also stated that he never sees the current council speaking with residents and addressing their concerns as council in the past has done.

Jennifer McMahan, 32899 Primrose Road, explained that she does not live in Osawatomie, but does love Osawatomie and wants to address some concerns. She stated that there are a lot of homeless people in town and the main location for them to stay has been the local laundry mat. She would like to help, but does not know where to start. So she is encouraging the council to look more closely at their ward and address abandoned homes that they might be staying in. She hopes to help with the homeless and drug situation.

PRESENTATIONS. none

PUBLIC HEARINGS. none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. none

NEW BUSINESS.

APPOINTMENTS TO KMEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS. City Manager Don Cawby explained that we currently are having issues that we would like to have a director at the meetings for regularly than we have had. Therefore, he recommended Stewart Kasper to be the 2nd Director appointed. **Motion** made by LaDuex, seconded by Dickinson to Appoint Stewart Kasper as the 2nd Director and Mayor Mark Govea as the Alternate for the KMEA Board of Directors. Yeas. All.

APPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING COMMISSION. City Manager Cawby reported that at this time we do not actually have an appointment for the Planning Commission. We currently have 3 out of the 5 members that their term has expired, although they can still serve until there are new appointments. We are currently advertising for the vacancies and will come to council for appointments at a later meeting.

AWARD BID – 72” MOWER. City Manager Cawby went over the bids that were received for the mower as well as the trade in value that was received for one of the current mowers within the Parks and Facilities Division. The trade in value that was received on all bids did not come close to what was felt the value was. Therefore, Cawby recommended approving that we transfer the current mower to the Wastewater Treatment Plant and transfer \$4,776 from the Sewer Fund to the Special Parks and Recreation Fund. As well as purchasing the Kubota ZD1211 mower from Romans Outdoor Power. **Motion** made by Hunter, seconded by Dickinson to transfer the mower and funds for the current mower as well as purchasing the Kubota from Romans Outdoor Power for \$12,875. Yeas. All.

MAIN STREET PROJECT LIGHT REPLACEMENT PROPOSAL. City Manager Cawby explained that staff had been evaluating the replacement of the light poles between 1st and 5th Street. Staff recommends to purchase new LED light fixtures at an estimate of \$63,000, where \$31,000 would come from the Main Street Project and \$32,000 from the Electric Fund. **Motion** made by Hampson, seconded by Maichel to move forward with the Light Replacement of LED lights from 1st to 4th Street to be consistent with the other light poles. Yeas. All.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Ted Hunter reported that walking down Main Street it is starting to look like spring.

John Farley hopes the gas company gets things fixed. (Cawby will go into in his report.)

Tamara Maichel looking forward to going out and meeting Ward 4 residents.

MAYOR’S REPORT.

No report, but was asking about a timeline for the Main Street Project and when they were going to start.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

Kansas Heavy Construction visually was inspecting Main Street before coming in and tearing up the streets. At the corner of 3rd and Main Street they noticed that the gas service lines were not at the depth they were supposed to be at. They subsequently learned that all service lines crossing the road were not at the depths indicated by Kansas Gas Service. KGS is working with the City and Kansas Heavy Construction to get the gas lines to the right depth. Right-of-Way Ordinance is something that can be worked on in the future to help with this in coming years.

City Hall staff will be changing in the next few weeks. Dee Leach will be starting in the utility office. Ashley Masoner which is currently in the utility office will be moving to the Meter Reader / Nuisance Officer position.

Mark Wills was signed as the headliner for the John Brown Jamboree as well as the opening bands that include the John Brown Boys.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. None

OTHER DISCUSSION/MOTIONS.

Motion made by Hunter, seconded by LaDuex to adjourn. Yeas: All. Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

/s/ Ashley Kobe

Ashley Kobe, Deputy City Clerk