

**CITY OF OSAGE CITY
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING**

January 08, 2024

ROLL CALL: Now on this 8th day of January 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: Cathryn Houghton, Susan Smith, Mike Gilliland, Shirley Bausman, Jeff Tice, Eric Tincher, Mike Handly and Jeanette Swarts. Officials present: Rod Willis, City Manager; Katie Hodge, Deputy City Manager /City Treasurer; Dale Schwieger, Utilities Director, and Sadie Boos, City Clerk. Excused: Rick Godderz, City Attorney. Others: Council Member Sharon Larson and Mayor Bruce Schoepflin to Sine Die, Derald Stromgren, Jeanette Stromgren and Sydney Stromgren

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA TO POINT OF SINE DIE:

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

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Motion made by Houghton, second by Gilliland to approve the December 12, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was declared carried.

APPROVAL OF THE CANCELLED DECEMBER 26, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Motion made by Gilliland, second by Tice to approve the cancelled December 26, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was declared carried.

ADJOURN TO SINE DIE:

Motion made by Larson, second by Tice to adjourn to Sine Die. The motion was declared carried. Former Mayor Bruce Schoepflin and former City Council Member Sharon Larson were presented with service plaques and thanked for their years of service to the City of Osage City.

INSTALLATION AND OATH OF OFFICE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

The following elected officials were installed and given the Oath of Office by City Clerk Sadie Boos:

Mayor: Brian Stromgren
Ward 1: Eric Tincher
Ward 2: Mike Handly
Ward 3: Cathryn Houghton
Ward 4: Jeff Tice

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOLLOWING SINE DIE:

Motion made by Swarts, second by Tincher to approve the Agenda following Sine Die. The motion was declared carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Approval of Resolution 1113 GAAP Waiver for 2023 Cash Basis & Budget Laws**
2. **Approval of Resolution 1114 Appropriation by Fund for the 2024 Budget Year**
3. **Approval of Resolution 1115 Designating the Official City Newspaper**
4. **Approval of Resolution 1116 Designating Depositories of Funds & Authorized Signatures on Osage City Funds**

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

BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

1. **Expression of Interest application form received from Susan M. Smith residing at 524 South 9th Street for the Ward 4 vacancy created by former City Council Member Brian Stromgren being elected as Mayor. Candidate selected will be installed and receive the Oath of Office to serve the remaining two years of the four-year term that expires Monday January 12, 2026 following the Tuesday November 4, 2025 elections**

Susan Smith gave a brief introduction and answered the question on her reason for serving.

Motion by Tincher, second by Houghton to appoint Susan M. Smith to the Ward 4 vacancy on the City Council. The motion was declared carried and the Oath of Office was given to appointed Ward 4 City Council Member Susan Smith by City Clerk Sadie Boos.

2. **Project Updates**

Solar Project progress and schedule presented by Evergy power point slides.

Flint Hills Trail punch list resulting from the January 4th meeting of representatives from KDOT, Bettis Asphalt, BG Consultants and Osage City was presented.

Tree trimming for the electrical distribution lines by Trenary Tree Care, LLC of Pomona will soon be completed and the KMEA Line Crew and the City are pleased with the quality of their workmanship as much was done by hand with ladders because of muddy conditions.

3. **Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel to include Mayor and City Council, City Attorney and City Manager**

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

Mayor Stromgren declared the meeting entering into executive session at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Stromgren declared the meeting back into open session at 7:45 p.m. with action to be taken.

Motion by Tincher, second by Gilliland to accept with regret the notice of retirement date of Friday June 28, 2024 for City Manager Rod Willis. The motion was declared carried.

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

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

ATTESTED: Jodie Boos
Sadie Boos, City Clerk

