

## **CITY OF OSAGE CITY**

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 26, 2021**

**ROLL CALL:** Now on this 26th day of January, 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: Dale Schwieger, Bruce Schoepflin, Jeanette Swarts, Mike Gilliland, Karey Heiserman, Cathryn Houghton and Jim Peterson. Council Member excused: Sharon Larson. Officials present: Rick Godderz, City Attorney; Rodney Willis, City Manager; Katie Hodge, City Treasurer; Terri Fultz, City Clerk; Kris Kline, Director of Utilities and Sadie Boos, Deputy City Clerk. Others present: Gary Rush. Jim Jackson attended through on-line services.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

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

**RECOGNITION OF VISTORS:** None

#### **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of January 12, 2021 amended Regular Meeting Minutes.

*Motion made by Schoepflin, second by Schwieger to approve the amended Consent Agenda. The motion was declared carried.*

#### **BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:**

1. **Congratulations to Parks and Recreation Director Corey Linton for being voted to serve on the Kansas City Barbeque Society Board of Directors, resulting from 15 years of Corey's involvement and direction in the annual Smoke In the Spring BBQ events:**

Mayor Brewer expressed her congratulations to Park and Recreation Director Corey Linton for his opportunity to serve on the Kansas City Barbeque Society Board of Directors.

2. **Discussion on building a sand volleyball court utilizing Tom Lane Memorial funding and donated labor and equipment – City Council Member Jeanette Swarts:**

Council Member Jeanette Swarts said she was approached by the Tom Lane family about doing something in memory of Tom Lane. Jeanette and the Lane family talked about several ideas. The family has not yet set up the memorial fund. The family came

up with the idea to build a sand volleyball court possibly in Huffman Park. One of Tom Lane's sons, Martin Lane has offered to help in building the court by using his skills and equipment from his years of owning and running a laser leveling business.

Jeanette said after more discussion with the family, they thought it would be possible to have a more definite plan by the spring or summer of this year to present.

City Manager Rod Willis told the City Council that he would do some more checking and make sure that this is something that would be allowed by the City Memorial Policy and whether it would be allowed to be placed in Huffman Park.

**3. Discussion on a mask requirement in public – Jim Jackson of 134 Holliday Street:**

Mr. Jackson asked if like other surrounding cities, would the City Council consider putting a mandated mask requirement in place. He mentioned other cities that have passed an ordinance mandating wearing a mask when out in public.

Mayor and City Council discussed at a previous meeting where they asked the City Staff to wear a mask when on duty and to practice social distancing for both the health and safety of the employees but also for the citizens.

There was discussion whether to pass an ordinance to mandate mask wearing. There was discussion about the difficulty to enforce an ordinance if passed. The discussion was to direct staff to draft a public service notice letting the citizens know the City Council encourages and supports wearing masks when out in public and to practice social distancing for public health through this pandemic.

*Motion made by Gilliland, second by Heiserman to direct staff to create a Public Awareness Notice to be published for a length of time and also on social media to let the citizens know that the City Council supports wearing a mask when in public and exercising social distancing to protect yourself and others. Roll call vote; Houghton-Nay, Peterson-Yea, Schoepflin-Yea, Heiserman-Yea, Schwieger-Nay, Gilliland-Yea and Swarts-Yea. The motion was declared carried.*

**4. Kansas State High Schools Activities Association (KSHSAA) updates regarding fan participation per player – Parks & Recreation Director Corey Linton:**

It was the general consensus of the City Council to go with the recommended updated fan attendance for Osage City recreational basketball.

**5. Information – Sewer Rehabilitation Project Phase 2 & Phase 3 documentation from Waldo Margheim, P.E. of Burns & McDonnell:**

City Manager Rod Willis presented the Preliminary Plan of Operation for Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Sanitary Sewer Improvements, as provided by Waldo Margheim, P.E. of Burns & McDonnell including the Chronological Summary of Implementation Dates:

Advertisement for Bids: January 28, 2021

Bid Opening: March 2, 2021. Bids accepted until 1:30 p.m. at City Hall. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately following the acceptance time at the Osage City Council Chamber.

Notice of Award: March 9, 2021

Notice to Proceed: April 13, 2021

Projected Substantial Construction Completion: September 10, 2021

Projected Final Construction Completion: October 10, 2021.

Funding for Phase 2 will be from the Kansas State Revolving Loan Fund. Phase 3 funding will be from the \$600,000 CDBG Grant, with the remaining funds from the Kansas State Revolving Loan Fund.

**6. Approval of Ordinance No. 1651 to rescind Ordinance No. 1648 restricting C Street to Authorized Vehicles Only – City Attorney Rick Godderz:**

*Motion made by Peterson, second by Gilliland to adopt Ordinance No. 1651 rescinding Ordinance No. 1648 restricting C Street to authorized vehicles only. The motion was declared carried.*

**7. Appointment of Rod Willis as Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) Director 1 to serve another two year term beginning May 1, 2021:**

*Motion made by Schwieger, second by Schoepflin to approve the appointment of City Manager Rod Willis to the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) Director 1 position beginning May 1, 2021 for another two year term. The motion was declared carried.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** *At the request of Council Member Heiserman at 7:31 p.m., and on her motion, seconded by Council Member Schwieger and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned.*

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ ATTESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rebecca Brewer**  
Mayor

**Teresa Fultz**  
City Clerk