

## **CITY OF OSAGE CITY**

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 13, 2021**

**ROLL CALL:** Now on this 13th day of April, 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, Dale Schwieger, Karey Heiserman, Mike Gilliland, Sharon Larson and Jeanette Swarts. Rodney Willis, City Manager excused. Officials present: Rick Godderz, City Attorney; Katie Hodge, City Treasurer; Terri Fultz, City Clerk; Director of Utilities, Kris Kline and Chief of Police, Fred Nech.

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

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

**RECOGNITION OF VISTORS:** None

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

- 1. Approval of March 23, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.**
- 2. Fireworks Permit for Public Display Application – Garrett’s Fireworks April 24, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.**
- 3. Appointment of Tammy Ordonez to replace Vida Lewis and Debbi McCue to replace Heather Wurdeman on the Library Board.**
- 4. City Wide Spring Cleanup – April 19 through April 23.**

*Motion made by Heiserman, second by Swarts to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was declared carried.*

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

- 1. Approval of Ordinance No. 1653 Establishing Stop Signs at Designated Intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Lincoln Street for east and west bound traffic – Police Chief Fred Nech, City Attorney Rick Godderz:**

Police Chief Fred Nech provided additional information to support placing stop signs at 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Lincoln Street for east and west bound traffic.

*Motion made by Schwieger, second by Schoepflin to adopt Ordinance No. 1653 establishing stop signs at the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Lincoln Street for east and west bound traffic. The motion was declared carried.*

- 2. Update on crosswalk safety measures including possible electronic crossing lights at estimated cost of \$5,000 per crossing at \$2,500 per each direction of**

**traffic. In addition, the Police Department has increased crosswalk surveillance – Council Member Jeanette Swarts, Police Chief Fred Nech:**

Police Chief Fred Nech gave an update from the monitoring of the crosswalks at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Market Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Market Street and crosswalks by the school. The officers were stationed in their patrol cars at those crosswalks, but once drivers see the patrol cars they become more aware and obey the laws. Chief Nech said he and the officers would like to act as pedestrians walking the crosswalks to observe what violations are being made.

Chief Nech told the City Council that he would like to observe intersections for a few more weeks and bring back what was observed. He could then recommend which are the more used pedestrian cross walks being used.

The City Council agreed that in the future they would like to look into funding and placing flashing lights at pedestrian crossing.

- 3 Authorize Mayor Brewer to execute Phase 2 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project documents of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor in the amount of \$849,361.00 between City of Osage City as Owner and Utility Solutions LLC as Contractor, with City Attorney Approval as to Form:**

*Motion made by Heiserman, second by Schwieger to authorize the Mayor to execute Phase 2 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project documents of Agreement between the City of Osage City and Utility Solutions LLC, with form approval from City Attorney. The motion was declared carried.*

- 4. Authorize Mayor Brewer to execute Phase 3 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project documents of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor in the amount of \$868,805.79 between City of Osage City as Owner and Utility Solutions LLC as Contractor, with City Attorney Approval as to Form:**

*Motion made by Schoepflin, second by Heiserman to authorize the Mayor to execute Phase 3 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project documents of Agreement between the City of Osage City and Utility Solutions LLC, with form approval from City Attorney. The motion was declared carried.*

- 5. Authorize Mayor Brewer to execute Phase 2 Notice to Proceed to Utility Solutions LLC:**

*Motion made by Schwieger, second by Schoepflin to authorize the Mayor to execute the Phase 2 Notice to Proceed to Utility Solutions LLC. The motion was declared carried.*

- 6. Authorize Mayor Brewer to execute Phase 3 Notice to Proceed to Utility Solutions LLC:**

*Motion made by Schoepflin, second by Schwieger to authorize the Mayor to execute the Phase 3 Notice to Proceed to Utility Solutions LLC. The motion was declared carried.*

- 7. Authorize Mayor Brewer to execute Burns & McDonnell Task Order No. 05 for Phase 2 Sanitary Sewer Improvements (Construction Phase Services) not to exceed \$128,800.00:**

*Motion made by Larson, second by Swarts to authorize the Mayor to execute Burns & McDonnell Task Order No. 05 for Phase 2 Sanitary Sewer improvements, not to exceed \$128,800.00. The motion was declared carried.*

- 8. Authorize Mayor Brewer to execute Burns & McDonnell Task Order No. 06 for Phase 3 Sanitary Sewer Improvements (Construction Phase Services) not to exceed \$184,100.00:**

*Motion made by Heiserman, second by Schwieger to authorize the Mayor to execute Burns & McDonnell Task Order No. 06 for Phase 3 Sanitary Sewer Improvements not to exceed \$184,100.00. The motion was declared carried.*

- 9. Information - Osage City Municipal Airport awarded \$275,000.00 to update the Airport Master Plan announced by Senator Jerry Moran:**

City Treasurer Katie Hodge explained that the City was awarded a grant in the amount of \$275,000.00 that can be used toward the updating the Airport Master Plan. This year the Kansas Department of Transformation is waving the City's match.

- 10. Information – Arbor Day Foundation names Osage City a 2020 Tree City USA:**

Osage City was notified by the Arbor Day Foundation to congratulate the City for its participation as one of more than 3,600 Tree City USA communities and the efforts to do a part in providing solutions to the issues of air quality, water resources, personal health and well being worldwide. Osage City has been a Tree City USA for 30 years in 2020.

- 11. Authorize the removal of Water Sludge Septic Haulers (Osage County) category and fees from the Utilities Comprehensive Fee Schedule due to the Kansas Water Pollution Control Permit issued to the City of Osage City prohibiting discharge of portapotty wastewater or septage to City's collection system or wastewater lagoons:**

Director of Utilities Kris Kline explained that it is difficult to monitor wastewater discharge since it is not gated or requires controlled access. Most of the time waste water sludge septic haulers in Osage County discharge the sludge into fields but because of the wet weather they have not been able to get into these fields. A few times the haulers have discharged the sludge into the old wastewater disposal

site located on Superior Street. This is no longer allowed due to the Kansas Water Pollution Control Permit.

*Motion made by Gilliland, second by Schwieger to approve removing from the Comprehensive Fee Schedule the option to allow Osage County sludge septic haulers to no longer use the disposal site as a place to discharge the sludge. The motion was declared carried.*

**12. Executive session for discussions prior to acquisition of real estate to include City Council, City Attorney, City Clerk, City Treasurer, Utilities Director, and City Manager:**

*Motion made by Schwieger, second by Schoepflin at 7:37 p.m. to recess to Executive Session for the purpose of discussions prior to acquisition of real estate to include Mayor, City Council, City Attorney, City Clerk, City Treasurer, Utilities Director and City Manager. The motion was declared carried.*

At 7:42 p.m. the Mayor declared the meeting back into open session.

*Motion made by Schwieger, second by Schoepflin to approve the purchase of a track of land owned by Elizabeth Hess, legal description S26, T16, R14E, ACRES 0.2, BEG 659.3S 1055W (S) NE COR SE1/4 SW1/4 TH W266 (S) 36.6N 266.6E (S) TO POB more commonly know as 00000 S 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Osage City, KS in the amount of \$2,950.00 plus one half of the title and closing costs. The motion was declared carried.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** *At the request of Council Member Heiserman at 7:45 p.m., and on her motion, seconded by Council Member Schoepflin and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned.*

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ ATTESTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Rebecca Brewer** **Teresa Fultz**  
**Mayor** **City Clerk**