

CITY OF OSAGE CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
April 23, 2024

ROLL CALL: Now on this 23th day of April 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, Mike Gilliland, Shirley Bausman, Jeff Tice, Eric Tincher, Mike Handly, Jeanette Swarts. Excused: Susan Smith. Officials present: Rick Godderz, City Attorney; Rod Willis, City Manager via GoToMeeting; Katie Hodge, Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer; City Clerk, Sadie Boos; City Clerk, Amy Woodward. Excused: Dale Schwieger, Utilities Director. Others: Kyle Spielbusch.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Tincher, second by Gilliland to approve the amended agenda. The motion was declared carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of April 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Alice Keazer as a new Library Board Member to replace Nancy Lamb as recommended by the Library Board

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

BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

1. **Presentation of the City of Osage City 2023 Annual Audit by Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA of Chanute, Kansas – Kyle Spielbusch, CPA**

Kyle Spielbusch Reviewed 2023 City of Osage City Annual Audit by Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA.

2. **Reminder – Council Work Session for May 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. for planning the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) and Equipment purchases for developing the 2025 annual budget – Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer, Katie Hodge**

Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer, Katie Hodge reminded City Council of an upcoming work session scheduled for May 21, 2024 @7:00 p.m. for the purpose of planning the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) and Equipment purchases for developing the 2025 annual budget.

3. **Information - Water Service Line Material Survey for lead and copper water lines second mailing to all the water utility users – Utilities Director, Dale Schwieger**

Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer, Katie Hodge notified City Council of the second mailing for lead and copper water lines sent to all city water utility users.

4. **Shaffer Lombardo Shurin Attorneys at Law letter from Heather F. Shore including fully executed Settlement Agreement between West Bend Mutual Insurance Company (Surety) and the City of Osage City in the amount of \$849,361.00 on the Phase 3 Sewer Project not completed by Utility Solutions, LLC plus internal financial explanation of Phase 2 and Phase 3 remaining balances by City Manager Rod Willis**

City Manager, Rod Willis reviewed with City Council a letter from Heather F. Shore, who is with Shaffer Lombardo Shurin Attorneys at Law. The letter explained a fully executed Settlement Agreement between West Bend Mutual Insurance Company (Surety) and the City of Osage City in the amount of \$849,361.00 on the Phase 3 Sewer Project not completed by Utility Solutions, LLC plus internal financial explanation of Phase 2 and Phase 3 remaining balances

5. **Information – Lincoln Park will be shut down until mid-May to pull the mulch back to allow new surfacing under the playground equipment the first part of May - Parks and Facilities Superintendent Gary Thompson**

Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer, Katie Hodge informed City Council of the Lincoln Park closure for resurfacing under playground equipment to be completed during the first part of May.

6. **Information - Emergency HEAL grant program for downtown building owners was presented April 2nd by Brett Waggoner of Governmental Assistance Services and Colleen Mendoza, Osage County Economic Development Director**

Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer, Katie Hodge informed City Council of HEAL grant program presented to downtown building owners on April 2nd by Brett Waggoner of Governmental Assistance Services and Colleen Mendoza, Osage County Economic Development Director.

7. **Information – Kansas Community Empowerment (formerly PRIDE) and Kansas 105 Initiative was presented to Industrial Committee on April 17th by Jamie Menon and Rebecca McFarland of KSU Frontier Extension**

City Manager, Rod Willis provided City Council with an overview of an April 17th meeting between the Industrial Committee and representatives from the KSU Frontier Extension, Jamie Menon & Rebecca McFarland. Menon & McFarland shared information regarding Kansas Community Empowerment (formerly PRIDE) and Kansas 105 Initiative with attendees.

8. **Information – AdVanced Title Settlement Statement on the City of Osage City purchase of 619 Market Street on April 19th – City Manager Rod Willis**

City Manager, Rod Willis informed City Council of the purchase of the property at 619 Market Street, signed and closed at AdVanced Title on April 19th.

9. **Executive session for non-elected personnel to include Mayor and City Council, City Attorney and Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer**

Motion by Tice, second by Houghton to enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes for non-elected personnel to include Mayor and City Council, City Attorney, and Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer. The motion was declared carried.

Mayor Stromgren declared the meeting entering into executive session at 8:10 p.m. Mayor Stromgren declared the meeting back into open session at 8:15 p.m. no action taken.

Motion by Handly, second by Swarts to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for non-elected personnel to include Mayor and City Council, City Attorney, and Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer. The motion was declared carried.

Mayor Stromgren declared the meeting entering into executive session at 8:17 p.m. Mayor Stromgren declared the meeting back into open session at 8:27 p.m.

Motion by Tincher, second by Gilliland to approve the City Manager contract as corrected by City Attorney, Rick Godderz, effective June 28, 2024. The motion was declared carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

At the request of Council Member Houghton and on her motion, seconded by Council Member Tice and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned.

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

ATTESTED: Sadie Boos
Sadie Boos, City Clerk

