

CITY OF OSAGE CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
April 12, 2022

ROLL CALL: Now on this 12th day of April 2022, 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: James Peterson. Council Members: Cathryn Houghton, Brian Stromgren, Bruce Schoepflin, Karey Heiserman, Jeff Tice, Mike Gilliland, Sharon Larson and Jeanette Swarts. Officials present: Rick Godderz, City Attorney; Rod Willis, City Manager; Katie Hodge, Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer; Terri Fultz, City Clerk; Dale Schwieger, Utility Director and Sadie Boos, Deputy City Clerk.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of March 22, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- 1. Public Hearing for 2022 Budget Amendment regarding the adopted Sanitation Fund budget increasing from \$364,500 to \$437,350 amended expenditures and the adopted Sewer Fund increasing from \$377,661 to \$1,742,661 amended expenditures – Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer Katie Hodge:**

At 7:03 p.m. Mayor Peterson opened the Public Hearing to receive public comments.

Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer Katie Hodge explained that the budget amendment to increase both the Sanitation Fund and Sewer Fund budgets is to allow the increase to budget authority in each fund. The increase in expenditures was caused by the Osage County Landfill disposal cost increase and fuel cost increases. The Sewer Fund budget authority increase is due to not having to draw down more from the State Revolving Loan Fund but to spend from funds from the Sewer Fund for Phase 2 and Phase 3.

After hearing no spoken or written public comments, Mayor Peterson at 7:10 p.m. closed the Public Hearing.

- 2. Approval of 2022 Budget Amendment increasing the adopted Sanitation Fund budget from \$364,500 to \$437,350 amended expenditures and the adopted Sewer Fund budget from \$377,661 to \$1,742,661 amended expenditures – Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer Katie Hodge:**

Motion made by Schoepflin, second by Larson to approve the 2022 Budget Amendment increasing the adopted Sanitation Fund budget from \$364,500 to \$437,350 amended expenditures and the adopted Sewer Fund budget from \$377,661 to \$1,742,661 amended expenditures. The motion was declared carried.

- 3. Approval of Overholt Construction of Lyndon bid in the amount of \$47,500 to install a 24-gauge metal roof on the Power Plant building and to nullify the Hooper Roofing bid in the amount of \$46,960 that was re-awarded to Hooper Roofing of Topeka on December 14, 2021 after waiting approximately two years on the original bid by Hooper Roofing – Utilities Director Dale Schwieger:**

Utilities Director Dale Schwieger explained that after trying to contact Hooper Roofing several times, there was always an excuse as to why the job could not be done.

Lawrence Overholt with Overholt Construction was asked to look at another leak problem in the Power Plant. At that time, he was asked to look at the roof and asked if he would be interested in putting in a bid to do the job. His bid is \$47,500 to install 24-gauge material. He would fasten 2x4's to the concrete tiles with tap cons, install 2x6 facial on both sides of roof, install double bubble (a moisture barrier and great reflective properties) on top of 2x4's and install 24-gauge metal panels as roofing.

Motion made by Gilliland, second by Schoepflin to table the item due to questions about weight, alternative ways to fasten the material down and if metal cleats would be installed. Houghton-nay, Stromgren-yea, Schoepflin-yea, Heiserman-yea, Tice-yea, Gilliland-yea, Larson-yea and Swarts-yea. The motion was declared carried.

- 4. Consider the National League of Cities (NLC) Service Line Warranty Program for private water and sewer infrastructure for homeowners within Osage City limits – Utilities Director Dale Schwieger:**

Utilities Director Dale Schwieger presented a service line warranty program offered by Utilities Service Partners, a HomeServe Company which partnered with the National League of Cities and the League of Kansas Municipalities to educate property owners about their service line responsibilities and help with out-of-pocket expenses for private service line repairs and replacements. If the City entered into the NLC Service Line Warranty Program the City logo and name on letterhead would be used for advertising, and marketing materials that would be used to introduce the product to water and sewer utility customers of Osage City.

The City currently has a Basement Drain Removal, Sewer Cleanout Repair, Sewer Connecting Lateral Repair, or Other Qualifying Repair Policy which provides financial assistance to users of the public sanitary sewer system. There is a certain amount of funds budgeted each year for this assistance. The service line warranty program would possibly

be helpful in making the City's budgeted funds go towards customers basement drain removal which in turn would help the inflow and infiltration into the public sewer system.

Motion made by Larson, second by Gilliland to table this item until next meeting due to questions about references from citizens that have participated in the program on how it works and if there is satisfaction by participants that have used the program. Also, asking if an area representative of the company could be present to answer questions. The motion was declared carried.

- 5. Authorize the City Manager to provide a letter of support to Kansas Department Wildlife Parks & Tourism (KDWPT) for their Federal RAISE Grant application for further Flint Hills Trail development in the rural areas and a second letter of commitment to provide a dual Electric Vehicle (EV) Station at the Gilday Gas Station, which is part of the trailhead at Santa Fe Park. The five largest cities on the Flint Hills Trail have been asked to provide letters, Osawatomie, Ottawa, Osage City, Council Grove, and Herington – Requested by KDWPT Region Supervisor Jeff Bender:**

Motion made by Houghton, second by Larson to authorize the City Manager to provide a letter of support to the Kansas Department of Wildlife Parks & Tourism (KDWPT) for their Federal RAISE Grant application for the Flint Hills Trail development in rural areas and the second letter for commitment to provide a dual Electric Vehicle (EV) Station at the Gilday Gas Station, the trailhead at Santa Fe Park. The motion was declared carried.

- 6. Set a 2023 Budget Work Session on Tuesday May 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. as authorized by Osage City Code – Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer Katie Hodge:**

Motion made by Swarts, second by Gilliland to set a 2023 Budget Work Session on Tuesday May 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The motion was declared carried.

ADJOURNMENT: At the request of Council Member Heiserman at 8:15 p.m., and on her motion, seconded by Council Member Houghton and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED: _____
James Peterson
Mayor

ATTESTED: _____
Teresa Fultz
City Clerk