

CITY OF OSAGE CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
May 13, 2025

ROLL CALL: Now on this 13th day of May, 2025, 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: Kathy Ayers, Shirley Bausman, Mike Gilliland, Mike Handly, Cathryn Houghton, Susan Smith, and Jeff Tice (remote). Excused: Jeanette Swarts. City Staff present: Sadie Boos, City Treasurer; Rick Godderz, City Attorney; Fred Hallowell, Street & Sanitation Superintendent; Tom Harm, Police Chief; Katie Hodge, City Manager; Dale Schwieger, Utilities Director; Amy Woodward, City Clerk. Others Present: Eric Garrett, Garretts Fireworks; Larry Kleeman, Gilmore, Bell & Associates; Dawn Schoepflin.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Gilliland, second by Ayers to approve the amended agenda. The motion was declared carried (7-0).

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

Mayor Stromgren shared with Council a letter of appreciation from an attendee of the Cruis'n & Cook'n Car Show event.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of April 22, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Houghton, second by Handly to approve the consent agenda. The motion was declared carried (7-0).

BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

1. **Approval of Ordinance No. 1698 Conditional Use Permit for 1401 N 15th Street (Action Required) – Katie Hodge, City Manager**

Planning & Zoning Committee voted unanimously to recommend the Conditional Use Permit for 1401 N 15th Street. This is now presented before City Council for final approval. No public comments were received.

Motion by Gilliland, second by Houghton to approve Ordinance No. 1698 for the conditional use permit for constructing a metal home located at 1401 N. 15th Street. The motion was declared carried (7-0).

2. Approval of Ordinance No. 1699 and Resolution No. 1138 related to the issuance of bonds for purchasing the CAT Engines for our Power Plant (Action Requires) – Larry Kleeman

Kleeman, of Gilmore, Bell & Associates, reviewed the bids that were received and shared information regarding the winning bid.

Motion made by Houghton, second by Smith to the best bid from Baird. The motion was declared carried (7-0).

Motion made by Bausman, second by Houghton to approve Ordinance No. 1699 authorizing and providing for the issuance of the general obligation bonds, series 2025 for the City of Osage City, Kansas; Providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on said bonds as they become due; Authorizing certain other documents and actions in the connection therewith; and making certain covenants with respect thereto. The motion was declared carried (7-0).

Motion made by Bausman, second by Tice to approve Resolution No. 1138 prescribing the form and details of and authorizing and directing the sale and delivery of general obligation bonds, series 2025, of the City of Osage City, Kansas, previously authorized by Ordinance No. 15 of the Issuer; Making certain covenants and agreements to provide for the payment and security thereof; and authorizing certain other documents and actions connected therewith. The motion was declared carried (7-0).

3. Red Hangar Lease (Action Required) – Katie Hodge, City Manager

Council recently voted to increase rent from \$500 per month to \$1000 per month plus payment of utilities by the renter. Recommendation is to approve entering into a new lease agreement with Hawkeye Helicopter, LLC for a period of 1 year beginning June 1, 2025.

Motion made by Smith, second by Handly to approve the lease agreement with Hawkeye Helicopter, LLC with the purpose of renting the aviation building located at the Osage City Municipal Airport under the terms and conditions outlined in the lease agreement and authorize the City Manager, Katie Hodge, to sign the lease agreement. The motion was declared carried (7-0).

4. Osage County Solid Waste Invoice (Action Required) – Katie Hodge, City Manager

City Manager, Katie Hodge, reviewed the April monthly invoice for Landfill fees. The invoice totals \$13,290.25, exceeding the \$10,000.00 approval threshold. The increase was due to city-wide spring clean-up efforts combined with a rainy week resulting in heavier than normal waste.

Motion made by Handly, second by Smith to approve payment of the Osage County Solid Waste invoice totaling \$13,290.25 for the month of April. The motion was declared carried (7-0).

5. Fireworks Discussion (Potential Action) – Katie Hodge, City Manager

Kansas Senate Bill 199, which was recently signed into law on April 8, 2025, allows for an extended selling period for temporary fireworks retailers from June 20th to July 7th. The law previously allowed for selling between June 27th to July 5th. Eric Garrett, of Garretts Fireworks, spoke in support of the extended selling season.

Motion made by Houghton, second by Gilliland to approve Ordinance No. 1700. The motion was declared carried (7-0).

6. 619 Market Discussion – Katie Hodge, City Manager

Discussion Only - City Manager, Katie Hodge, reviewed progress on the property. Hodge is working with K-State TAB program to get the property into the Brownsfield program. She would like direction from council on how they would like to proceed. Council advised the current path she is taking is good and to continue.

7. Lakin Street traffic Discussion – Katie Hodge, City Manager

Council members Handly & Bausman received concerns and suggestions related to Lakin Street traffic speed and pedestrian crossings. Police Chief Tom Harm and Street & Sanitation Superintendent Fred Hallowell commented with possible solutions. Hallowell will install flags on the trail crosswalk signs on Lakin Street and Chief Harm will research cost of flashing signage options.

Motion made by Handly, second by Smith to ask City Staff to look into options for slowing down traffic on Lakin Street. The motion was declared carried (7-0).

8. Reminder: May 20th Work Session at 6 pm for CIP & Equipment Reserve (Information) – Katie Hodge, City Manager

Information Only

9. City Council Ward Positions up for election and filing deadline (Information) – Katie Hodge, City Manager

Information Only

10. CBDG Extension for Sewer Project – Katie Hodge, City Manager

City Manager, Katie Hodge, reviewed the need to extend Phase 4 of the sewer project by 90 days.

Motion made by Houghton, second by Handly to authorize the mayor to execute a letter and CDBG Contract Amendment/Request #1 requesting a 90-day completion extension for CDBG project 23-PF-004 for sanitary sewer improvements. The motion was declared carried (7-0)

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

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

ATTESTED: *Amy Woodward*
Amy Woodward, City Clerk

