

CITY OF OSAGE CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
July 11, 2023

ROLL CALL: Now on this 11th day of July 2023, 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 Bruce Schoepflin. Council Members: Cathryn Houghton, Brian Stromgren, Shirley Bausman, Jeff Tice, Eric Tincher, Sharon Larson and Jeanette Swarts. Excused: Mike Gilliland. Officials present: Rick Godderz, City Attorney; Rod Willis, City Manager; Katie Hodge, Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer; Dale Schwieger, Utilities Director; Sadie Boos, City Clerk.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of June 27, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

1. **Set the 2024 Annual Budget Public Hearing on August 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. as presented in final form – Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer Katie Hodge**

Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer explained the Kansas State Budget forms periodically change, so added a longer summary page for further explanation of the 2024 proposed budget

Motion by Tincher, second by Tice to set the 2024 Budget Public Hearing for August 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The motion was declared carried.

2. **Approval of Ordinance No. 1678 Adopting Net Metering Policy & Procedures for Customer-Owned Renewable Energy and Repealing Ordinance No. 1617 – City Attorney Rick Godderz, Utilities Director Dale Schwieger, and incorporating recommended changes from Greg Wright of Priority Power**

Due to the rapidly changing solar market for individual home owners and requests from residents of Osage City, the recommended changes deal with current situations with the understanding more changes will be needed in the near future as technology and individual demand increases going forward.

Motion by Tice, second by Larson to approve Ordinance No. 1678 on Net Metering Policy and to repeal Ordinance No. 1617. The motion was declared carried.

3. Approval of Ordinance No. 1679 Establishing Electric Customer User Rates and Repealing Ordinance No. 1618 – City Attorney Rick Godderz, Utilities Director Dale Schwieger, Greg Wright of Priority Power

Follow-up to Ordinance No. 1678 to modify the Residential Customer Net Metering System Allocation Unit (SAU) and Energy Rate due to individual solar requests by residents.

Motion by Swarts, second by Tice to approve Ordinance No. 1679 on Electric Customer User Rates and to repeal Ordinance No. 1618. The motion was declared carried.

4. Kansas Municipal Gas Agency (KMGA) Executive Committee authorized consultant WoodRiver Energy (WRE) on a one-year term basis for full requirements supply and operational management with fixed pricing, first of month index pricing or a combination. Each member city can choose the ratio between First of Month (FOM) pricing and Fixed Pricing for the year. Rate examples shown for Osage City are total first of month, total fixed, 50% first of month and 50% fixed price combination – City Manager Rod Willis

City Manager Rod Willis explained the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency (KMGA) Executive Committee made the KMGA operations decision to choose WoodRiver Energy (WRE) on a one-year trial basis for municipal gas supply for the membership. The majority of the KMGA member cities have chosen a blend of first of month pricing and fixed pricing for more stable prices by avoiding the daily price index. KMGA staff needs the blend ratio preferred by each city to relay to WoodRiver Energy. The majority of cities are choosing 60% fixed and 40% first of month for the winter season, while 40% fixed and 60% first of month for the summer. Utilities Director Dale Schwieger will contact KMGA to see what cities have decided and report back to City Council.

Motion by Tincher, second by Larson to table the decision on the gas splits until Dale reports back to City Council. The motion was declared carried.

5. Approval of Ordinance No. 1680 Feline Trap Neuter Return (TNR) following discussion at the June 27th City Council meeting.

Council Member Sharon Larson presented further suggested changes to the TNR ordinance language as proposed.

Motion by Houghton, second by Swarts to reject Ordinance No. 1680 on Feline Trap Neuter Return. Vote was Houghton 'Aye', Stromgren 'Aye', Bausman 'Aye', Tice 'Aye', Tincher 'Aye', Swarts 'Aye', Larson 'Nay'. The motion was declared carried 6 to 1.

Mayor Schoepflin received a letter for the Mayor's Summit Meeting invitation hosted by the City of Burlingame on July 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Burlingame Community Center. Mayors, City Clerks, Council Members and others interested in outstanding issues are invited. Please let City Clerk Sadie Boos know if you plan to attend by Tuesday July 18th.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

APPROVED: _____
Bruce E. Schoepflin, Mayor

ATTESTED: _____
Sadie Boos, City Clerk