

CITY OF OSAGE CITY

COUNCIL MEETING

June 22, 2021

ROLL CALL: Now on this 22nd day of June 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, Bruce Schoepflin, Karey Heiserman, Dale Schwieger, Mike Gilliland, Sharon Larson and Jeanette Swarts. Council Member Jim Peterson excused. Officials present: Rick Godderz, City Attorney; Rod Willis, City Manager; Katie Hodge, City Treasurer; Terri Fultz, City Clerk; Sadie Boos, Deputy City Clerk; Director of Utilities, Kris Kline; Electric Distribution Supervisor, Eric Heiserman and Chief of Police, Fred Nech. Others present: Mike and Donna Hanks. Present remotely: Mark Hanks.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Approval of June 8, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.**
- 2. Appointment of Loren DeBaun to the Planning and Zoning Committee as recommended at the June 16, 2021 Planning and Zoning monthly meeting.**

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

BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- 1. Approval of Ordinance No. 1657 for C-2 Conditional Use Permit for Storage Buildings and Shed on Lots 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18, in Block 15, in the Original Town of Osage City, according to the recorded Plat thereof, commonly known as 28 Market (old Sonic location) as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Committee following the May 20, 2021 Public Hearing. No objections were filed during the 14-day protest period. Property owner is Mark Hanks of Reading, Kansas:**

Motion made by Schoepflin, second by Schwieger to adopt Ordinance No. 1657 for C-2 Conditional Use Permit for Storage Buildings and Shed on Lots 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18, in Block 15, in the Original Town of Osage City, according to the recorded Plat thereof, commonly known as 28 Market (old Sonic location). The motion was declared carried.

- 2. Approval of Solar Array bid in the amount of \$43,661.15 from Wesco/Anixter of Wichita, Kansas for street lighting on West Market Street. Other solar bids received were \$38,732.32 from First Light Technologies of British Columbia,**

Canada and a bid of \$81,238.90 from Stanion Electric of Emporia, Kansas. Options also include direct underground electric wiring for the lights at \$23,472.51 for materials and supplies to build in-house, but does not include the underground boring contractor and in-house labor costs – Electric Distribution Superintendent Eric Heiserman:

Motion made by Larson, second by Gilliland to approve the bid for the Solar Array from Wesco/Anixter in the amount of \$43,661.15 for street lighting on West Market Street. The motion was declared carried.

3. Approval of the City County Connecting Links Agreement in the amount of \$342.00 for California Street – Osage County Board of Commissioners:

Motion made by Schwieger, second by Schoepflin to approve the City County Connecting Link Agreement for the maintenance of California Street in the amount of \$342.00. The motion was declared carried.

4. Regular Pay Matrix and Police Matrix adjustments and salary position wage discussion for 2022 Budget – City Treasurer Katie Hodge:

City Treasurer Katie Hodge presented a matrix drafted with a COLA increase of 5% except for the Police Department. Chief Nech provided the increases for the Police Matrix not based on a 5% increase across the board.

There were questions and discussion in great length about different options that could possibly be made to the 2022 matrix.

Let the record show that Council Member Heiserman recused herself from the bench.

Motion made by Schwieger, second by Schoepflin to approve the 2022 Matrix with a 7% COLA for all employee's except Part Time Seasonal with less than 6 years, plus adding a new Pay Classifications to incorporate operator certifications for Power Plant, Water & Gas Operators 1 & 2, Water & Gas Operators 3. The motion was declared carried.

Let the record show that Council Member Heiserman returned to the bench.

5. Revenue Neutral Rate effects on the 2022 Budget – City Treasurer Katie Hodge:

City Treasurer Katie Hodge explained that the Osage County Assessed Valuation was received last Friday. Basically, tonight the question is what percentage is the City Council comfortable with so that the Revenue Neutral Rate could be set. Previous years or since approximately 2017 the increase has held steady at a 2% increase.

It was the general consensus of the City Council to increase the Revenue Neutral Rate by 3%.

6. Budget Review for 2022 Annual Budget – City Treasurer Katie Hodge:

This agenda item is tabled.

7. American Rescue Plan discussion on \$426,143.86 funds allocated to Osage City:

City Manager Rod Willis explained that the City has been allocated \$426,143.86 through the American Rescue Plan. These funds have an eligible use for investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. There is a need for the City Council to decide what they would like to apply the funds toward within the eligible uses. Funds will be disbursed one half in 2021 and the other one half in 2022. The City may use the funds for costs incurred from March 3, 2021 to December 31, 2024, as long as the expenses incurred before December 31, 2024 and are expended by December 31, 2026.

There was discussion on which projects to use the funds towards. Projects on the horizon are improvements to the Water Treatment Plant and also there is some old cast iron waterlines that need to be replaced.

Motion made by Larson, second by Heiserman to approve the City Manager to apply for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$426,143.86 with the City Manager being the primary signer of the application and the City Clerk to be the secondary contact. The motion was declared carried.

8. Executive Session for Attorney-Client matters to include Mayor and City Council, City Attorney, City Treasurer, City Clerk, Utilities Director, and City Manager:

Motion made by Schwieger, second by Houghton at 8:27 p.m. to recess to Executive Session for a period of 5 minutes for Attorney-Client Matters to include Mayor, City Council, City Attorney, City Treasurer, City Clerk, Utilities and City Manager. The motion was declared carried.

At 8:32 p.m. the Mayor declared the meeting back into open session with no formal action to be taken.

9. Executive Session for discussions prior to acquisition of real estate to include Mayor and City Council, City Attorney, City Treasurer, City Clerk, Utilities Director, and City Manager:

Motion made by Heiserman, second by Schwieger at 8:38 p.m. to recess to Executive Session for a period of 5 minutes for the purpose of Acquisition of Real Estate to include Mayor, City Council, City Attorney, City Treasurer, City Clerk, Utilities Director and City Manager. The motion was declared carried.

At 8:43 p.m. the Mayor declared the meeting back into open session with no formal action to be taken.

10. City Council Member Dale Schwieger request for an update on Asset Lifecycle:

City Manager Rod Willis and City Attorney Rick Godderz explained that within the City Code of Ordinance there is the provision to send notification to the property owner allowing 10 days to abate the problem and give permission to enter onto the property if the problem has not been abated. Code Administrator Jim Welsh has been instructed to draft and send a notice letter in regards to the property abatement problem with the stipulation on the timeframe and entering

onto the property giving the property owner the 10 days to comply or request a hearing before the City Council.

11. City Council Member Jeanette Swarts - Blake Treinen recognition of accomplishment in his major league baseball career:

Council Member Jeanette Swarts reported that the State highway sign for Blake Treinen has been put up. Jeanette would like to embellish on Blakes baseball career by possibly putting a mural at the ball fields.

The City has a policy for Memorials Dedications which will be looked at and brought back to the next meeting.

10. Executive Session for the discussion of Non-Elected Personnel to include Mayor and City Council, City Attorney, City Treasurer, City Clerk, Utilities Director and City Manager:

Motion made by Schoepflin, second by Schwieger at 8:55 p.m. to recess to Executive Session for a period of 5 minutes for the purpose of Non-Elected Personnel to include Mayor, City Council, City Attorney, City Treasurer, City Clerk, Utilities Director and City Manager. The motion was declared carried.

At 9:00 p.m. the Mayor declared the meeting back into open session with no formal action to be taken.

Motion made by Schwieger, second by Houghton at 9:02 p.m. to recess to Executive Session for a period of 5 minutes for the purpose of Non-Elected Personnel to include Mayor, City Council, City Attorney, City Treasurer, City Clerk, Utilities Director, City Manager and Electric Distribution Superintendent. The motion was declared carried.

At 9:07 p.m. the Mayor declared the meeting back into open session with no formal action to be taken.

ADJOURNMENT: *At the request of Council Member Schwieger at 9:10 p.m., and on his motion, seconded by Council Member Heiserman and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned.*

APPROVED: _____ ATTESSED: _____
Rebecca Brewer **Teresa Fultz**
Mayor **City Clerk**