

CITY OF OSAGE CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
October 11, 2022

ROLL CALL: Now on this 11th day of October 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: Mayor: Mike Gilliland excused, City Council President Bruce Schoepflin. Council Members: Cathryn Houghton, Brian Stromgren, Shirley Bausman, Jeff Tice, Sharon Larson and Jeanette Swarts. City Attorney Rick Godderz excused. Officials present: Rod Willis, City Manager; Katie Hodge, Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer; Terri Fultz, City Clerk; Sadie Boos, Deputy City Clerk and Utility Director Dale Schwieger. Others: Eric Tincher, Bailey Ham, Quintin Robert and Waldo Margheim.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Approval of September 27, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.**
2. **Approval of Resolution No. 1090 Establishing Burn Months and Controlled Burn Conditions from Tuesday November 1, 2022 to Saturday December 31, 2022.**

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

BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

1. **Appointment of Ward 1 City Council Member resulting from Ward 1 vacancy upon President Mike Gilliland becoming Mayor with the resignation of former Mayor James Peterson on September 13, 2022. Expression of Interest Forms have been received from Bailey Ham of 1626 Brant Street, Eric Tincher of 1148 Brant Street, and Michael Gomez of 727 North 14th Street. Upon appointment the oath of office will be given by City Clerk Terri Fultz:**

Present tonight is Eric Tincher and Bailey Ham to express their interest in being appointed to Ward 1. Both gave a little background about themselves and also why they are interested in being selected to the City Council Member Ward 1 position. Michael Gomez also completed an Expression of Interest Form but was not present at the meeting.

Motion made by Swarts, second by Tice to appoint Eric Tincher to the City Council Ward 1 position. President of Council Schoepflin abstained. The roll call vote was:

Swarts-Yea for Tincher, Larson-Yea for Tincher, Tice-Yea for Tincher, Bausman-Yea for Tincher, Stromgren-Yea for Tincher and Houghton-Yea for Tincher. The motion was declared carried.

2. Executive session for financial affairs of second parties to include Mayor and City Council, Waldo Margheim, P.E. of Burns & McDonnell, Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer, City Clerk, Utility Director and City Manager:

Motion made by Tincher, second by Tice at 7:17 p.m. to recess to Executive Session for a period of 15 minutes for the purpose of Financial Affairs of Second Parties to include Mayor and City Council, Waldo Margheim, Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer, City Clerk, Utility Director and City Manager. The motion was declared carried.

At 7:32 p.m. Council President Schoepflin declared the meeting back into open session with no formal action to be taken.

3. Sewer project updates – Waldo Margheim, P.E. of Burns & McDonnell; Brett Waggoner, CDBG Grant Administrator, Governmental Assistance Services; Rick Godderz, City Attorney; and Dale Schwieger, Utilities Director:

City Manager Rod Willis said that there is still continued conversation with the Bonding Company and that the project is running behind schedule but will be completed.

4. ClearWave Fiber update – Utilities Director Dale Schwieger, and City Attorney Rick Godderz:

City Manager Rod Willis gave a brief update. City Attorney Rick Godderz was not present at the meeting tonight. Rick is currently checking with other Cities and other City Attorney's to see whether they require a Franchise Agreement and whether they charge a franchise fee. The franchise fee is still being researched and will be brought back to a future meeting.

5. Asset LifeCycle cleanup update from their representative Quintin Robert of QRC:

Quintin Robert with QRC Business Consulting, LLC and representing Asset LifeCycle, gave a follow up on progress in the cleanup request by the City.

The clean up was put out for bids with a date of September 9th allowing the contractor to complete the task prior to December 15th. The work was broken into 7 scopes of work. Bidders were allowed to choose any or all of the scopes of work to be done. Two scopes were awarded to Kevin Stromgren and the other five were awarded to Spencer Stromgren's company. The cleanup work was scheduled to begin the weekend of October 8th. Once the cleanup is completed the vinyl mesh screening will be installed on the North, West and South perimeter fences. Several loads of plastic have been removed from the exterior of the building and more is scheduled to be removed between now and the end of the year.

The City Council thanked Quintin for his update on the progress and future progress to be completed.

- 6. Set a Budget Hearing for Amending the 2022 Budget on Tuesday October 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for the Gas Fund. The amendment is required to avoid a cash basis budget violation, as \$1,235,219 for gas purchases was adopted in the 2022 Annual Budget with proposed amended expenditures of \$1,941,819 due to higher natural gas prices than expected in 2022 – Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer Katie Hodge:**

Motion made by Larson, second by Tice to set the Budget Hearing for Amending the 2022 Budget on Tuesday October 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for the Gas Fund. The motion was declared carried.

- 7. Information – Natural gas prices have tripled in the past year due to the hot summer with increased gas fired generation of electricity, global Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) demand due to Chinese and European imports with the gap in U.S. production, the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and Russia cutting energy production exports to keep prices high – City Manager Rod Willis:**

City Manager Rod Willis explained that this winter will see an increase in the cost of natural gas. He supplied to the Council information from Kansas Municipal Gas Agency (KMGA) showing projections of costs.

- 8. Executive session for financial affairs of second parties to include Mayor and City Council, City Attorney, Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer Katie Hodge, City Clerk and City Manager:**

Motion made by Tincher, second by Tice at 8:06 p.m. to recess to Executive Session for a period of 10 minutes for the purpose of Financial Affairs of Second Parties to include Mayor and City Council, Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer, City Clerk, Utility Director and City Manager. The motion was declared carried.

At 8:16 p.m. Council President Schoepflin declared the meeting back into open session with no formal action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: At the request of Council Member Tice at 8:20 p.m., and on his motion, seconded by Council Member Swarts and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED: _____

**Bruce Schoepflin
President of Council**

ATTESTED: _____

**Teresa Fultz
City Clerk**