

CITY OF OSAGE CITY

COUNCIL MEETING

October 26, 2021

ROLL CALL: Now on this 26th day of October 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: Jim Peterson, Bruce Schoepflin, Karey Heiserman, Mike Gilliland, Jeanette Swarts and Sharon Larson. Council Member: Dale Schwieger attended remotely. Council Member: Cathryn Houghton was excused. Officials present: Rick Godderz, City Attorney; Rod Willis, City Manager; Katie Hodge, City Treasurer; Terri Fultz, City Clerk ; Sadie Boos, Deputy City Clerk and Chief of Police, Fred Nech. Others present: Eric Tincher

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion made by Schoepflin, 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 October 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.**
2. **Approval of Molly Teig to the Library Board as recommended by the Osage City Public Library to replace Chelsi Ford.**

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

BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

1. **Approval of Ordinance No. 1666 Regulating Traffic and Establishing Stop Signs at the intersection of 5th Street and Lord Street for east and west, north and south bound traffic – Chief of Police Fred Nech:**

Chief of Police Fred Nech gave background information as to the reason that a four-way stop should be placed at 5th and Lord Street. After a survey of Osage City Police Officers who monitor traffic at the intersection, all agreed that a four-way stop would decrease the risks of an accident involving pedestrians and vehicles. In addition, the USD 420 School Resource Officer requested a four-way stop due to it being a heavily traveled route to school.

Motion made by Larson, second by Schoepflin to adopt Ordinance No. 1666 Regulating Traffic and Establishing Stop Signs at Designated Intersection with the City of Osage City, Kansas. Located at 5th Street and Lord Street, stop signs shall be erected for east and west, north and south bound traffic. The motion was declared carried.

2. State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) review authorizes the Star Block proposed project to proceed, as the historic property will not be damaged or destroyed in the planned renovations, included as a Heritage Trust Fund project and a National Register of Historic Places property – Patrick Zollner, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer:

City Manager Rod Willis explained that the Star Block Building renovations could not proceed until the State Historic Preservation Office reviewed what was provided by the Architect and the Engineer to determine that the historical nature of the building would not be damaged or destroyed. The review has been completed and the State Historic Preservation Office has given the go ahead to begin construction. On Friday there will be a pre-bid walk through of the building at 11:00 a.m.

3. Staff Retention Committee update by Mayor Becky Brewer:

Mayor Brewer gave a brief update of the meeting with employees on Friday October 22nd with the meeting having good attendance. Going forward the departments have chosen an employee to represent their department at the next meetings scheduled for Thursday October 28th and Thursday November 4th. There will be discussion of items employees would like to see accomplished in the future to help retain and to hire new employees.

4. Sewer Project semi-annual EPA report and Phase 2 and Phase 3 project status following the Stop Work Order to Utility Solutions LLC:

City Manager Rod Willis explained that the semi-annual EPA report is a requirement of the EPA. The reporting will continue as long as the EPA Consent Order is in effect. The EPA will respond once they review and will sent a letter back as to whether they accept the report or not.

Also provided is the Stop Work Orders letters to Utility Solutions LLC for Phase 2 and Phase 3 Sanitary Sewer Improvements. KDHE Inspection Report of SRF Project on October 18, 2021 and detailed notes provided by Waldo Margheim Burns & McDonnell in the Progress Meeting No. 4 meeting were also provided.

Update from Waldo Margheim that JD Selby, Utility Solutions LLC Contractor has been in contact with 5 contractors, 2 possibly being able to start before the end of the year to finish the open cut trench work left to be completed on the project. Waldo will also request for time extension for the completion of the project.

5. City Manager updates including Winter Storm Uri costs to gas customers:

City Manager Rod Willis explained the Kansas Attorney General is soliciting bids for a law firm to take over to see what they could do with the situation of the high cost incurred from the winter weather event. At the Federal level, Senator Marshall pressed the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) over who gained the windfall from the gas sales during the winter storm that happened in February 2021.

6. Executive session for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to include Mayor and City Council, City Attorney, City Clerk, City Treasurer and City Manager:

Motion made by Heiserman, second by Peterson at 7:29 p.m. to recess to Executive Session for a period of 5 minutes for Matters of Non-Elected Personnel to include Mayor, City Council, City Attorney, City Clerk, City Treasurer and City Manager. The motion was declared carried.

At 7:34 p.m. the Mayor declared the meeting back into open session. No formal action taken.

7. Executive session for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to include Mayor and City Council, City Attorney and City Manager:

Motion made by Peterson, second by Heiserman at 7:36 p.m. to recess to Executive Session for a period of 5 minutes for Matters of Non-Elected Personnel to include Mayor, City Council, City Attorney and City Manager. The motion was declared carried.

At 7:41 the Mayor declared the meeting back into open session.

Motion made by Schwieger, second by Gilliland to promote Katie Hodge to Deputy City Manager giving a \$1.21 per hour increase in pay. The motion was declared carried.

8. Executive session for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to include Mayor and City Council, City Attorney and City Manager:

Motion made by Schoepflin, second by Peterson at 7:46 p.m. to recess to Executive Session for a period of 5 minutes for Matters of Non-Elected Personnel to include Mayor, City Council, City Attorney and City Manager. The motion was declared carried.

At 7:51 the Mayor declared the meeting back into open session. No formal action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: *At the request of Council Member Heiserman at 7:53 p.m., and on her motion, seconded by Council Member Schoepflin and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned.*

APPROVED: _____ ATTESTED: _____

Rebecca Brewer
Mayor

Teresa Fultz
City Clerk