

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – March 3, 2016 – GATEWAY – 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Ladd Wendelin, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Roll Call of the Members of the City Council - Josh Williby, Rusty Addleman, Marilyn Horn, Jim Marchello and Brandon Oien. **Majority of the Body Present.**

Others Present – City Administrator Pete Kampfer, City Attorney Steve Hirsch arrived at 5:05pm, City Treasurer Steve Zodrow, City Foreman David Sporn, Water Supervisor Willard Perrin, Cemetery Sexton Jeremy Tally, Nick Oliver with the Oberlin Herald arrived at 5:15 pm, Marilyn Black, Mike Dempewolf, Mike & Bernita Gawith, Frieda & Bernard Goetz, Amy Haas, Ruth & Jim Miesner, Bill Cathcart, Shayla Williby and City Clerk Sandy Rush.

PROCLAMATIONS – Mayor Wendelin read the Proclamation Celebrating 48 Years of Fair Housing and proclaimed the month of April as Fair Housing Month. He also read a Proclamation by the Governor Sam Brownback in observance of March 21-25, 2016, as Flood Safety Awareness Week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Ruth Miesner, Chamber Chairman, gave details regarding the Bike Across Kansas event that will take place June 4-5, 2016 with close to 900 bikers expected. Also Mrs. Miesner proposed plans of combining Up in Smoke, Red Brick Road Car Show and a new event Reitz & Rust to be called the Sappa Fest. The possibility of 50 to 75 vendors and campers and 3,000 to 5,000 people could be attending. She said a lot of planning and volunteers would be needed and just wanted to keep the Council informed.

CONSENT AGENDA –

Approval of the minutes of the February 18, 2016 regular Council meeting.

Appropriations Ordinance – Payment of Bills

Williby moved, second by Horn to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion** carried.

New Business

Discuss 7 Things Smart Communities Do – Administrator Kampfer presented a slide presentation on how to anticipate change instead of resisting change. They discussed the top assets of Oberlin and what the seven things smart communities do. He stressed the importance of working together as a Council and the need to understand their roles and responsibilities.

Input, Planning and Discussion of the Proposed 2016 Street Pavement Management Plan – Administrator Kampfer asked each of the Council Members to report on which streets they feel are a priority for repair or replacement. After hearing the Council's comments, he stated that with the high cost of replacement that the City will have to gain the skills to do as much of the work as possible and minimize outside contractor involvement. He also informed the Council that if they wait until there is funding for total replacement for each street the project would stretch out over decades. With that in mind, he offered an alternative to complete replacement that would still yield some high benefits for the City in improving the current quality of the streets for a cost far below total replacement costs. The alternative presented was to mill off four to six inches of asphalt to get rid of the high spots in the streets and lower the height of the pavement along the gutter line. This would leave an asphalt base so that sub-grade work would not be necessary. Core samples would need to be taken to determine exactly how much material could be safely removed. Then a chip seal could be applied to seal and smooth out the surface. According to estimates provided by McCormick Excavation this process could be accomplished for around \$35,000 per block in

comparison to the nearly \$70,000 per block cost the City just incurred on the recent CDBG street project. Administrator Kampfer then asked City Treasurer Zodrow to go over the 2016 Consolidated Street Budget with the Council to review the funds available for street work in 2016. Administrator Kampfer stressed the importance of planning for the next step in the street repair process. Councilman Oien expressed his desire that the City obtain a storm water drain study before getting very far into heavily modifying or replacing the streets.

Consider Pay-As-You-Throw Solid Waste Program Proposal – Administrator Kampfer discussed a Pay-As-You-Throw Trash System as a choice that would involve people buying trash bags from the city instead of being charged a flat fee for single or family. Pickup would be made by city crews and customers could determine their own cost, based upon how many bags they put out for pickup. After a discussion of the pros and cons of the program and in light of the county considering closing the recycling program due to costs, it was decided to table the proposal.

REPORTS

Administrator Report – Administrator Kampfer reported the next meeting would be March 17, 2016. He is organizing and coordinating with the county a semi or annual City-Wide Curb Pick-up Day to be considered. Addleman moved, second by Marchello to approve the day as April 22nd before 7 am. The crews would pick up these items from 8 am to 5 pm on that day. **Motion carried.**

Kampfer reported that the pump grinder in the lift station has failed and there is a clause in the procurement policy to authorize emergency purchases when necessary. The cost is approximately \$34,000.

City Foreman Report – City Supervisor David Sporn reported the storm tube relocation had started today at the south bridge on Highway 83. He said the street crew started sealing cracks in the streets with a crack seal. The relocation of wires at the baseball park above the playground equipment was almost done. Sporn reported the sprinkler system was being put in at the park. According the water department, an average of 150,000 gallons per day was being pumped. Council Addleman requested Sporn check the street sweeper because it was leaving a high pile of dirt.

Executive Session #1

At 6:30 pm Williby moved, second by Horn to enter into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Not related to contracted personnel, to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney and City Administrator. **Motion carried.**

Back in session at 6:45 pm with no action taken.

Executive Session #2

At 6:50 pm Williby moved, second by Horn to enter into another executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Not related to contracted personnel, to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney and City Administrator. **Motion carried.**

Back in session at 7:00 pm with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT - At 7:10 pm Williby moved, second by Horn the meeting be adjourned. **Motion carried.**

Sandy Rush, City Clerk

Ladd Wendelin, Mayor