

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING –December 15, 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** - Brandon Oien, Rusty Addleman and Deb Lohofener. Majority of the Body Present.

Absent: Josh Williby, Jim Marchello and City Administrator Troy Haas

**Others Present:** City Attorney Steve Hirsch, City Foreman David Sporn, Steve Zodrow, Cynthia Haynes with the Oberlin Herald, Marilyn Black, Heather McDougal, Brice Meitl Britton Scott, Caleb & Jamie Peterson and City Clerk Sandy Rush

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS** – Oien moved, seconded by Addleman to approve Councilwoman Lohofener to fill the vacant opening on the tree board left by Marilyn Horn. She would be finishing out the term and it would end in December 2017. **Motion carried.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of minutes – for November 30, 2016 regular Council meeting.

Appropriation Ordinance - Payment of Bills.

Oien moved, second by Addleman, to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Emergency Mitigation Plan** – Decatur County Emergency Management Director Jacque Boultinghouse presented a resolution for the council to consider and adopting for the Regional Emergency Mitigation Plan. This would include nine counties and helps reduce the impact of disasters before they happen. It also qualifies the county to be in compliance with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regulations in the event of a disaster. Addleman moved, second by Lohofener to approve Resolution #702. **Motion carried.**

**Tree Rebate Program** – Jeremy Tally with the Tree Board, presented a brochure outlining rules and guidelines and guidelines for a tree rebate program for the Council’s approval. He explained the City had budgeted \$3000 and the program had also received money donated from the Bargain Box to help with advertisement. Oien moved, seconded by Lohofener to approve the brochure. **Motion carried.**

Tally explained in 2014, a tree inventory done by the Kansas Forest Service showed 764 public trees with 45 different species that are valued at \$852,797. Suggestions from the survey included removal of any aging/declining Siberian Elm and Honey Locust populations and to continue building species diversity.

**Mowing Contract** – City Attorney Hirsch presented a revised mowing contract for independent contractor; Larry Fought with Fought Enterprises, for approval. The contract would be valid for three mowing periods of March 1, 2017 to October 31, 2019. After a short discussion, Oien moved, seconded by Addleman to approve the revised contract as presented. **Motion carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) License Approvals** – Oien moved, seconded by Lohofener to approve Cobblestone Inn & Suites, Crossroads Express, Oberlin-Decatur EDC, The Re-Load and Rayes Grocery CMB licenses. **Motion carried.**

**FAA Grant Pay Request #6 Authorization** - Oien moved, seconded by Lohofener to authorize the payment of \$7,097.51 to Olsson & Associates for #6 request. **Motion carried.**

**Council Workshop/Training – Open Meeting’s Act** – City Attorney Hirsch gave a slide presentation to review elected officials’ duties & responsibilities as a councilmember.

At 6:30 Oien left the meeting.

## **REPORTS**

Mayor Report – Wendelin reported

- Reminded all that Judy Wenger’s retirement party would be held Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 pm.

Public Works Report

- City Foreman report is attached.
- Reported there should be less loss of electric due to the change out of radio read meters. Approximately 900 meters, combined electric and water, had been changed out which includes all previous meters that had customers call in readings.

Treasurers Report

- Cash Flow Report and Airport Cost Summary attached.
- Reported on the electric rate review as requested. He presented six cash flow projections for the electric funds based upon different assumptions.
- Presented water usage statistics as requested by the Council. Report showed that 75% of the City’s water users use 750 cubic feet or less per month. The report also showed that 1.3 million cubic feet less of water was sold in 2016 as compared to 2015. He recommended not changing the water rates and see if the usage comes back in 2017.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:40 PM Mayor Wendelin declared the meeting adjourned.

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**Sandy Rush, City Clerk**

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**Ladd Wendelin, Mayor**