

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING –March 2, 2017 - 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, Brandon Oien, Rusty Addleman and Deb Lohofener. Majority of the Body Present.

Absent – Councilman Jim Marchello

Others Present: City Administrator Troy Haas, City Attorney Steve Hirsch, City Foreman David Sporn, City Treasurer Steve Zodrow, Linda Bunny with the Oberlin Herald, LaVerne Rippe, Brice Meitl, Ruth & Jim Miesner and City Clerk Sandy Rush

PROCLAMATION – Mayor Ladd Wendelin presented a Proclamation by Governor Sam Brownback declaring Flood Safety Awareness Week will begin March 6, 2017. Mayor Wendelin read a list of flood safety guidelines.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes – for February 16, 2016 regular Council meeting.

Appropriation Ordinance - Payment of Bills.

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

NEW BUSINESS

211 N Garfield Property Deed from Miesner's – The late Walter Pennell's property at the ball field was discussed and suggestions were made. Ruth Miesner told the Council it consisted of two lots and half of a vacated alley. She said Mr. Pennell desired it to be used for the recreation program in Oberlin. When asked if the city would be responsible for tearing the house down or moving it, Mrs. Miesner indicated it was to be donated as is. The sale of small appliances, furnace, air condition, carport and other donations were to be used to help pay for Mr. Pennell's funeral. Williby moved, second by Oien to table a decision until a quote on the removal of the house could be obtained. **Motion carried.**

Community Cleanup – City Administrator Haas asked the Council for suggestions for a community cleanup. Haas inquired about roll-offs and found it would be more of a headache for the crew to monitor what was dumped in them for non-allowable items. Councilman Williby suggested a curb side pickup again as the previous year since it went over so well. He proposed looking into asking kids from the high school that could use community service credits to help and coordinate with the free dump day with the County.

REPORTS

Mayor Report – Wendelin reported Oberlin was a part of the spring 2017 Home State Artist special issue of KANSAS, showcasing Sappa Park.

Public Works Report - City Foreman David Sporn reported that the electric department had received forty 3-phase meters from Garden City free of charge, saving the city approximately \$12,000. He also sold 100 of the old digital meters to the City of Glasco for \$5 each with the help of one of the City's electrical suppliers.

Sporn received bids for flowable fill for the underground tank as requested by the Council. The lowest bid was \$5,500. The quote for the contractor to be on site should be lower than \$6,241.50 as quoted since they quoted for the abandonment of three instead of two tanks. Williby moved, second by Oien to complete the abandonment of both tanks by purchasing flowable fill for the one tank and removing the other. **Motion carried.**

Treasurers Report – Cash Flow and Sales Tax Report were available for discussion.

Other Reports – Councilman Addleman said the Chamber of Commerce asked if the City would consider taking ownership of the fireworks equipment that they are applying for through a Hansen Grant. After a discussion, it was decided Addleman should talk to the Decatur County Commissioners since they purchase the fireworks and insurance each year.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:40 PM Williby moved, second by Lohofener the meeting be adjourned. **Motion carried.**

Sandy Rush, City Clerk

Ladd Wendelin, Mayor