

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING –January 5, 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, Jim Marchello, Brandon Oien, Rusty Addleman and Deb Lohofener. Majority of the Body Present.

Others Present: City Attorney Steve Hirsch, City Administrator Troy Haas, City Foreman David Sporn, Steve Zodrow, Jeremy Tally, Cynthia Haynes with the Oberlin Herald, Marilyn Black, LaVerne Rippe, Heather McDougal, Brice Meitl, Shayla Williby, Rick Pauls, Brianna Glaze, Tom Mullen, Sid Metcalf, Marcia Lohofener, Carrie Morford, Caleb & Jamie Peterson and City Clerk Sandy Rush

BOARD APPOINTMENTS – Mayor’s Recommendations are as follows:

- **Airport Advisory Board:** Williby moved, seconded by Lohofener to approve reappointing Brad Uehlin to the Airport Advisory Board for three years. **Motion carried.**
- **Board of Zoning & Planning Commission:** Addleman moved, second by Williby to approve the reappointing of Amanda Fortin for three years to both boards. **Motion carried.**
- **Tree Board:** Oien moved, second by Lohofener to approve the reappointing of Janice Shobe and the new appointment of Dave Olson for three years. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes – for December 15, 2016 regular Council meeting.

Appropriation Ordinance - Payment of Bills.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Sappa Park Trails Grant Permission Request from Pheasants Forever – Brianna Glaze and Rick Pauls with Pheasants Forever and Shayla Williby with Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp. asked the Council for permission to apply for grants to improve the walking trails with asphalt. This would be applied on top of the existing trails and the approximate cost would be \$76,878 to include the millings, labor and transportation. A map of the trails, comprised of five miles was shown to the council. Williby moved, second by Oien to permit the group to apply for grants. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Reports from Boards – Administrator Haas requested that he would like to see each of the boards give a report to Council three times a year.

- **Airport Advisory Board** – Sid Metcalf reported the Board had met recently to discuss the next airport project which would include expanding the runway apron for the fiscal year 2018. He said the new AWOS card was in place and that plenty of parts were available.
- **Art & Humanities Commission** – Tom Mullen reported the commission had scheduled seven to eight programs for the year. City Treasurer Zodrow reminded the council that they had increased the budget from \$8,000 to \$10,000 for the Arts & Humanities for this year.
- **Chamber of Commerce** – Carrie Morford reported on the Chamber and listed all the events they had sponsored for the community and the upcoming happenings.
- **Convention Visitors Bureau** – Marketing Representative Caleb Peterson, reported that they are working on two projects funded by Dane G. Hanson grants, way finding signs and the other is a thirty minute spot with Smoky Hill. Peterson was working on a digital brochure and a brand for the town.
- **Economic Development Corporation** – Shayla Williby presented an update on the EDC. She also reminded the council of the follow up meeting for First Impressions on January 19. A flyer was presented

on the Kansas Individual Development Account (IDA) program to be discussed at the Golden Age Center January 16.

- Library Board – Marcia Lohofener discussed all the numerous building updates that had been made at the library, paid for by Dane G. Hanson grants. Lohofener said the basement had now been cleared to hold classes.
- Sappa Park Renovation Committee – Rick Pauls reported the Up in Smoke group has donated back to the park and designated it for a pictorial history of Sappa Park to be displayed in the breezeway of the Shelter House. He indicated the front entry sign needed to be updated, showing electric hookups were available.
- Tree Board – Jeremy Tally reported a new board had been appointed and the ordinance had been updated. Advertising for the tree rebate program would be started.

Resolution #703 Authorizing Burning – Administrator Haas presented a resolution authorizing burning yard waste. When asked if they had to have a resolution, Haas told them yes, according to the Burn Ordinance, if the county lifts the burn ban, the city would have to approve a resolution to authorize burning in the city. After a short discussion, Williby moved, seconded by Marchello to approve Resolution #703 authorizing a period for burning yard waste effective January 1 through May 1 of each year unless a county wide burn ban is in effect. The city tree pile may be burned at any time while there is no county wide burn ban and it is safe to do so. **Motion carried.**

Resolution #704 GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) – Oien moved, seconded by Williby to approve Resolution #704 waiving preparation of financial statements in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). **Motion carried.**

Electric Subsidy for 2017 – Addleman moved, second by Williby to provide an electric subsidy of \$1200 a year for the Sunflower Cinema, \$3500 to Last Indian Museum and \$3500 to the Oberlin Golf Course. **Motion carried.**

Designation of Depository Banks for The City of Oberlin- Williby moved, second by Addleman to approve The Bank, First National Bank and Farmer’s Bank & Trust as depository banks for the City of Oberlin. Oien recused himself due to conflict of interest. **Motion carried.**

REPORTS

Mayor Report – Wendelin thanked all those representing boards for coming and giving their reports.

Administrator Report – Haas reported he had received a thank you from Judy Wenger for her retirement party and gift. A police report was made available.

Public Works Report - City Foreman David Sporn’s report was available. He handed out a Street Improvement Options for the council to review. Sporn informed the Council the need for Christmas wreaths to be replaced.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:00 PM Addleman moved, seconded by Williby the meeting be adjourned. **Motion carried.**

Sandy Rush, City Clerk

Ladd Wendelin, Mayor