

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING –August 17, 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 Jim Marchello by phone. Majority of the Body Present.

Absent: Deb Lohofener

Others Present: City Attorney Steve Hirsch, City Administrators Halley Roberson and Troy Haas, City Foreman David Sporn, City Treasurer Steve Zodrow, Faith Meitl with the Oberlin Herald, Brice Meitl, Marilyn Black, Amy Haas, Bernita Gawith, Ruth Miesner, Sid Metcalf, Phil Fraker, Mark Fraker, Kris & Melissa Mathews, Brad & Shelby Uehlin, Dale Kempf, Janet Anthony and City Clerk Sandy Rush.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

1. **Convention & Visitors Board (CVB):** Williby moved, second by Oien to appoint Halley Roberson to the CVB, replacing Troy Haas, term to end September 2018. **Motion carried.**
2. **League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM):** Addleman moved, second by Williby to appoint Administrator Halley Roberson as voting delegate & Mayor Ladd Wendelin as alternate for the LKM. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes – for July 27, 2017 regular Council meeting.

Appropriation Ordinance - Payment of Bills.

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

CLOSE REGULAR MEETING: Open 2018 Budget Hearing - Williby moved, second by Addleman to close the regular meeting and open the budget hearing. **Motion carried.**

City Treasurer Zodrow answered questions from the council regarding if there were any changes made after the initial discussion. He explained that there was enough wiggle room to increase employees pay from 1% to 3%. If the budget were to be changed now, and if the tax levy were to increase, they would need to republish then hold a hearing again. Council questioned if they were to start a street project and still wanted to proceed with the electric project, how would the electric project be funded. They were informed that it could be funded through the Electric Reserve Fund. Haas informed the council that a claim on a Power Plant motor had been made to the insurance company after the blizzard.

Addleman moved, second by Williby to approve the proposed 2018 Budget as published. **Motion carried.**

Oien moved, second by Williby to close the budget hearing and open the regular meeting. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Airport Memorial Sign Discussion** – Sid Metcalf explained the origination of the Fraker Field sign located at the Airport and its placement that was not approved by council originally. He said it was easier to ask forgiveness than permission and requested the sign be put back in the original place. After a discussion, council requested and hoped the Airport Advisory Board and the Fraker Family would work out a solution with the administrator as that was listed as one of her duties. To “Have care and management over all city-owned property, land, buildings or equipment”.
2. **Approve Uniform Public Offense Code Ordinance (UPOC) No. 897** – Addleman moved, second by Oien to approve Ordinance 897 as presented. **Motion carried.**

3. **Approve Standard Traffic Ordinance (STO) No. 898** – Williby moved, second by Oien to approve Ordinance 898 as presented. **Motion carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

#1 Mayor called for a 5-minute Executive Session for Attorney/Client privilege to discuss a consulting contract. To include mayor, administrator, city attorney and council starting at 5:25 p.m. Oien moved, second by Williby. **Motion carried.** Resumed at 5:30 p.m. with no action taken.

#2 Mayor called for a 10-minute Executive Session for Attorney/Client privilege to discuss dealings with land acquisition. To include mayor, administrator, city attorney and council starting at 5:35 p.m. Oien moved, second by Addleman. **Motion carried.** Resumed at 5:45 p.m. with no action taken.

REPORTS

Administrators Report – Roberson reported

- Informed council the Total Eclipse Viewing Party was being coordinated by the CVB, EDC and the Chamber, to be held at the fairgrounds.
- Reported meeting with the Airport engineer Diane Hofer with Olsson's to work out final paperwork for the Airport Runway Extension Project.
- Updated them on the pool and the challenges of staffing during back to school.
- Decatur County has cleaned up the property at the baseball field.
- Thanked Foreman David Sporn, Journeyman Logan Fortin and Treasurer Steve Zodrow for their reports for the meeting with FEMA after the blizzard.

Police Report - available for discussion. Janet Anthony thanked the police for helping her into her pickup during a difficult time.

Public Works Report

- City Foreman report is attached.

Treasurers Report

- Cash Flow report available for discussion.
- Reported the pool cash flow had exceeded all his expectations and was very pleased.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:55 PM Williby moved, second by Addleman to adjourn. **Motion carried.**

Sandy Rush, City Clerk

Ladd Wendelin, Mayor