

Oberlin City Council meeting
5:00 pm
July 5, 2018



AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Gateway 1 & 2 – Oberlin, Kansas
July 5, 2018
5:00 PM

Meeting Called to Order – Mayor Ladd Wendelin

ROLL CALL of the Members of the City Council and determination of quorum.
Oien____ Marchello _____ Lohofener____ Garner _____ Gawith _____

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the Flag

PROCLAMATIONS

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Oral Communications from the Audience

CONSENT AGENDA: Discussion and possible action by motion to approve the following items and or reports:

- Approval of minutes of previous meetings
- Appropriation Ordinance (Payment of Bills)
Motion_____ Second_____

HEARING TO VACATE COLDREN STREET RIGHT OF WAY

- Close regular meeting
- Open & Close Hearing

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

1. Next Council Meeting July 19, 2018
2. EDC Meeting
3. Electrical Development
4. Hail Storm Insurance Update
5. Event Update
6. FEMA Update
7. Library Update
8. Lifeguard Pool Party

OLD BUSINESS

1. Marks Street Speed Limit

New Business

1. Library Barn Art – Kem Bryan
2. Open Burning Permit Request – Seth Lohofener
3. Ordinance #903 Vacate Coldren Street Right of Way
4. City Car
5. Budget Intro – Steve Zodrow

EXECUTIVE Sessions

#1 Executive Session on matters deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship.

REPORTS OF OTHER OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- Mayors Report
- Treasurers Report
 - Sales Tax Report

- Board Reports
 - CVB 6-20-18 Minutes
 - EDC 6-26-18 Weekly Update
- Other Reports

ADJOURNMENT

- Action – Motion to Adjourn
Motion_____ Second_____

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING –June 21, 2017 - GATEWAY- 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – Council President, in the absence of the Mayor, 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, Deb Lohofener, Scott Gawith and Jim Marchello. Majority of the Body Present.

Others Present: City Attorney Steve Hirsch, City Administrator Halley Roberson, City Foreman David Sporn, Police Chief Brad Burmaster, Treasurer Steve Zodrow, Faith Meitl with the Oberlin Herald, Brice Meitl, Marilyn Black, Troy Haas, Shayla Williby, Ken Badsky, Ruth Miesner, Intern Kenneth McBride and City Clerk Sandy Rush. At 5:15 pm Mark Starr and at 5:30 pm Lisa Votapka arrived. At 6:30 pm Hirsch and McBride left the meeting.

Absent: Mayor Ladd Wendelin and Jim Garner

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes – for June 7, 2018 regular Council meeting.

Appropriation Ordinance - Payment of Bills.

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

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT – Roberson reported

- Next council meeting will be July 5, 2018.
- Energy analysis report will be presented at the July 19, 2018 council meeting.
- Regulatory balls will be eliminated from the pool and replaced with nerf balls to prevent kids from injury. Bracelets for the lifeguards have been ordered to show if they are on or off duty.
- Speed limit changes to Marks Street has been put on hold until further study can be done. The temporary signs approved by Police Chief Burmaster will be in effect for 90 days.
- The adjuster has evaluated damages to property and vehicles of the city's and will be reporting back regarding the May 18, 2018 hail storm.
- Bids for the Hall Street Project will be opened July 11, 2018.
- Bids for the Lagoon Project will be opened July 19, 2018.
- In order to receive funds for the water project from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, it is required for the community to participate and attend a Kansas Interagency Advisory Committee (KIAC) meeting. This is to provide guidance and direction to the community regarding their proposed project. Roberson and Zodrow plan on attending the meetings in August.
- Convention Visitors Bureau met and items discussed were a new brochure, helping with the MMA fight and the Cattle Expo, Museum activities and the Way Finding Signs.

OLD BUSINESS

EDC Discussion – Roberson presented structure options for the Economic Development Committee with three choices, allowing the council to have a plan at budget time.

1. Adjust: Keeps board structure the same but with consistent reporting and makes the council aware of their goals.
2. Repair: Fosters an environment of working together with reports driven by performance measures and council initiatives adopted annually by EDC.
3. Change: City managed EDC with consistent reporting driven by performance measures and strategic planning approved by council.

After a long discussion, both the council and EDC board members; Mark Starr and Lisa Votapka agreed to the Repair option. Roberson, Starr and Votapka will be meeting to work on a list of goals and timelines with Roberson reporting back to the council with an update. The EDC Board expressed their desire for a City Council Representative to be in attendance at the EDC meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Cropland Discussion – Roberson informed the council Craig Larson had been in contact with her and asked permission to plant cane on 12-acres of land which has a weed problem. This was farmland leased by Larson and the city modified the lease so it could be used for the sewer lagoon project in the future. After a short discussion, all agreed, since the cane would be before the project began and it helps with weed control, it would benefit the city to have him plant.

Personnel Policy – Roberson asked the council if they would consider modifying the personnel policy manual to help with recruiting journeyman linemen. She would like to be able to offer an on-call rotation by allowing them to work 40 hours in 4 days and off on Friday or Monday. On their on-call weekend, work only 32 hours/week with the understanding they would either get paid 8 hours for being on call and any hours above 40 would be paid overtime. After a long discussion, Gawith moved, second by Lohofener to change the policy from 8-hours per day, 5 days a week to 40-hours per work week at the city manager's discretion. **Motion carried.** After further review by Hirsch, he recommended a revision to the policy to be worded "The normal work week shall be 40 hours, on a schedule to be assigned by the department head." Lohofener moved, second by Gawith to approve the recommended change to Article 2-104 as written. **Motion carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

#1 Acting Mayor Oien called for a 5-minute Executive Session to discuss matters deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship pursuant to the exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (2). To include mayor, administrator, city attorney and council, starting at 5:35 p.m. Lohofener moved, second by Gawith. **Motion carried.** Resumed at 5:40 p.m. with no action being taken.

#2 Acting Mayor Oien called for a 5-minute Executive Session to discuss matters deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship pursuant to the exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (2). To include mayor, administrator, city attorney and council starting at 5:45 p.m. Marchello moved, second by Gawith. **Motion carried.** Resumed at 5:50 p.m. with no action being taken.

#3 Acting Mayor Oien called for a 15-minute Executive Session to discuss matters relating to personnel matters of nonelected personnel pursuant to the exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (1). To include mayor, administrator, city attorney, council and Foreman David Sporn starting at 5:50 p.m. Lohofener moved, second by Gawith. **Motion carried.** Resumed at 6:05 p.m. with no action being taken.

REPORTS

Public Works Report

- City Foreman report is attached.

Treasurers Report

- May 2018 Cash Flow Statement is attached.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:55 PM Lohofener moved, second by Marchello to adjourn. **Motion carried.**

Sandy Rush, City Clerk

Ladd Wendelin, Mayor

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED VACATION OF STREET RIGHT OF WAY

NOTICE

Take due notice that a petition has been filed in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Oberlin, Kansas by Roger Robinson, praying for the vacation of the following street right of way:

South 10 feet of Coldren Street from Elk Avenue to Wolf Avenue and
the east 10 feet of Wolf Avenue from Coldren Street to Hall Street

A copy of this Notice shall be published in the official city newspaper for two consecutive weeks, and a hearing will be held by the City Council on July 5, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. in the second floor meeting room of the Gateway Civic Center, #1 Morgan Drive, Oberlin, KS 67749, at which time and place all persons interested can appear and be heard on the petition.

CITY OF OBERLIN, KANSAS

EDC Structure Options



Adjust

- Consistent reporting
- Council aware of EDC goals
- Keep board structure



Repair

- Consistent and relevant reporting driven by performance measures
- At least one City Council initiative is adopted annually by EDC
- Foster an environment of working together

CHANGE

Change

- City managed EDC – driving Oberlin specific agenda
- Consistent reporting – performance measures
- Strategic plan approved by council
- Board consists of Oberlin residence, and business owners

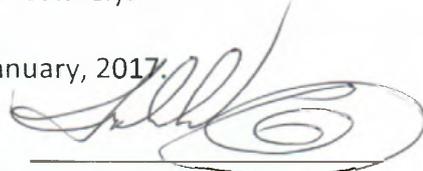
Resolution Number 703
A resolution authorizing a period for burning yard waste.

BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Oberlin:

Section 1. Pursuant to Ordinance # 871, open burning of yard waste to include and be limited to leaves and grass is hereby authorized 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 that it is deemed safe to do so and when there is no county wide burn ban.

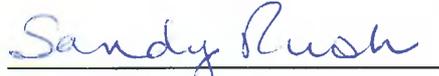
Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Passed by the governing body on this 5th day of January, 2017.



Mayor Ladd Wendelin

Attest:



City Clerk Sandy Rush

ORDINANCE #903

An Ordinance Vacating a portion of a Street Within the Corporate Limits
Of the City of Oberlin, Decatur County, Kansas

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF OBERLIN, KANSAS
that:

Section 1. The following portions of streets are of no public benefit, and therefore should
be vacated:

The South 10 feet of Coldren Street from Elk Avenue to Wolf
Avenue and the east 10 feet of Wolf Avenue from Coldren Street
to Hall Street

Section 2. Based upon the above findings, the Governing Body does declare the following
to be vacated:

The South 10 feet of Coldren Street from Elk Avenue to Wolf
Avenue and the east 10 feet of Wolf Avenue from Coldren Street to
Hall Street

Section 3. This ordinance shall be effective immediately and shall be published
one time in the official city newspaper; and, a copy shall be
transmitted to the Register of Deeds of Decatur County, Kansas,
for purposes of correcting the plat map filed in that office.

Adopted by the City Council and approved by the Mayor on this 5th day of July, 2018.

Ladd Wendelin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandy Rush, City Clerk

City of Oberlin
City Share of County 1% Local Sales Tax Receipts

Compensating Use Tax										Monthly
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Average</u>
Jan	2,162.10	1,928.89	2,392.53	2,707.47	2,002.94	3,155.46	2,012.71	2,408.53	3,492.17	2,085.63
Feb	1,586.04	1,701.94	5,510.95	3,844.13	2,456.52	3,716.75	3,359.24	2,609.32	2,651.06	2,753.88
Mar	1,378.28	3,196.88	2,972.13	3,127.11	2,849.19	2,784.87	1,864.45	690.91	2,424.20	2,095.98
Apr	1,443.17	2,815.25	1,883.10	2,305.04	2,343.70	1,887.34	1,734.48	2,937.15	2,348.93	1,927.69
May	1,688.05	2,114.40	2,312.55	3,272.42	3,699.88	4,053.90	2,818.76	2,781.28	2,734.02	2,526.80
Jun	1,689.68	1,985.61	2,219.02	3,086.82	2,950.93	3,022.07	2,154.28	2,438.86	2,256.97	2,171.92
Jul	1,627.12	1,622.84	810.36	1,716.47	5,424.82	2,431.50	2,952.70	2,086.98		2,334.10
Aug	1,745.17	2,338.23	1,223.59	3,036.72	10,391.85	2,628.84	1,969.53	3,548.13		3,360.26
Sep	1,032.55	1,657.63	3,235.03	2,034.62	2,222.39	2,468.43	3,753.76	1,644.49		2,578.41
Oct	1,633.45	3,086.81	4,550.85	2,484.72	2,652.33	2,024.88	2,107.17	3,145.15		3,097.91
Nov	1,788.18	5,262.71	3,121.62	2,739.65	3,781.95	3,056.61	2,960.89	3,120.74		3,690.34
Dec	1,929.73	4,283.98	2,338.04	2,772.63	2,068.52	3,461.62	3,257.06	2,033.23		3,163.54
	<u>19,703.52</u>	<u>31,995.17</u>	<u>32,569.77</u>	<u>33,127.80</u>	<u>42,845.02</u>	<u>34,692.27</u>	<u>30,945.03</u>	<u>29,444.77</u>	<u>15,907.35</u>	

Total Compensating Use Tax Received 271,230.70
Overall Monthly Average 102 Months 2,659.12

Sales Tax										Monthly
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Average</u>
Jan	6,898.40	8,056.73	7,895.44	9,705.66	8,715.07	8,802.89	7,449.68	7,728.77	7,204.60	7,250.29
Feb	8,853.85	7,563.12	9,806.50	8,910.41	8,026.28	10,467.31	10,852.16	7,425.74	7,777.25	7,989.49
Mar	8,175.61	8,025.64	9,039.17	9,740.19	9,921.30	8,586.58	10,654.30	8,135.63	8,873.91	8,030.94
Apr	5,566.57	7,868.51	7,334.29	7,052.35	8,248.39	8,043.10	6,099.57	8,101.92	7,370.69	6,479.41
May	8,428.02	7,849.85	7,747.17	8,925.45	16,125.51	8,313.16	9,017.49	7,528.82	8,099.84	8,215.05
Jun	7,031.11	7,338.35	8,742.74	8,371.29	9,444.98	10,594.33	6,453.21	7,325.01	7,085.21	7,255.67
Jul	6,221.77	6,740.09	8,168.76	9,177.94	9,552.90	7,783.04	8,286.20	9,574.70		8,188.18
Aug	9,208.47	9,027.57	9,165.68	9,269.31	9,578.27	9,385.60	8,742.22	9,643.26		9,252.55
Sep	7,143.11	8,258.66	8,582.63	8,742.66	12,166.72	8,729.10	7,535.60	7,276.80		9,776.47
Oct	7,194.20	9,120.12	9,241.01	9,468.34	10,086.17	9,475.65	9,912.94	8,949.90		10,492.62
Nov	8,309.46	8,763.37	7,867.79	9,035.33	12,054.47	9,953.30	8,225.62	8,548.72		10,394.01
Dec	7,330.68	8,064.92	7,383.97	9,046.04	8,402.04	8,144.67	9,498.09	7,446.89		9,331.04
	<u>90,361.25</u>	<u>96,676.93</u>	<u>100,975.15</u>	<u>107,444.97</u>	<u>122,322.10</u>	<u>108,278.73</u>	<u>102,727.08</u>	<u>97,686.16</u>	<u>46,411.50</u>	

Total Sales Tax Received 872,883.87
Overall Monthly Average 102 Months 8,557.69

Combined Total Compensating Use and Sale Tax										Monthly
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Average</u>
Jan	9,060.50	9,985.62	10,287.97	12,413.13	10,718.01	11,958.35	9,462.39	10,137.30	10,696.77	9,335.92
Feb	10,439.89	9,265.06	15,317.45	12,754.54	10,482.80	14,184.06	14,211.40	10,035.06	10,428.31	10,743.36
Mar	9,553.89	11,222.52	12,011.30	12,867.30	12,770.49	11,371.45	12,518.75	8,826.54	11,298.11	10,126.92
Apr	7,009.74	10,683.76	9,217.39	9,357.39	10,592.09	9,930.44	7,834.05	11,039.07	9,719.62	8,407.10
May	10,116.07	9,964.25	10,059.72	12,197.87	19,825.39	12,367.06	11,836.25	10,310.10	10,833.86	10,741.86
Jun	8,720.79	9,323.96	10,961.76	11,458.11	12,395.91	13,616.40	8,607.49	9,763.87	9,342.18	9,427.59
Jul	7,848.89	8,362.93	8,979.12	10,894.41	14,977.72	10,214.54	11,238.90	11,661.68	-	10,522.27
Aug	10,953.64	11,365.80	10,389.27	12,306.03	19,970.12	12,014.44	10,711.75	13,191.39	-	12,612.81
Sep	8,175.66	9,916.29	11,817.66	10,777.28	14,389.11	11,197.53	11,289.36	8,921.29	-	12,354.88
Oct	8,827.65	12,206.93	13,791.86	11,953.06	12,738.50	11,500.53	12,020.11	12,095.05	-	13,590.53
Nov	10,097.64	14,026.08	10,989.41	11,774.98	15,836.42	13,009.91	11,186.51	11,669.46	-	14,084.34
Dec	9,260.41	12,348.90	9,722.01	11,818.67	10,470.56	11,606.29	12,755.15	9,480.12	-	12,494.59
	<u>110,064.77</u>	<u>128,672.10</u>	<u>133,544.92</u>	<u>140,572.77</u>	<u>165,167.12</u>	<u>142,971.00</u>	<u>133,672.11</u>	<u>127,130.93</u>	<u>62,318.85</u>	

Total Combined Compensating Use and Sales Tax Received 1,144,114.57
Overall Monthly Average 102 Months 11,216.81

City of Oberlin
Pool Sales Tax 1.5%

Compensating Use Tax

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	Monthly Average
Jan	-	-	-	-	3,273.42	5,693.34	5,178.81	5,357.11	5,482.90	4,997.12
Feb	-	-	-	-	3,406.36	8,595.69	7,839.05	6,213.08	5,721.64	6,355.16
Mar	-	-	-	-	3,202.04	6,718.57	3,896.71	1,019.48	4,585.79	3,884.52
Apr	-	-	-	-	4,306.31	3,782.91	3,314.47	7,774.72	4,246.33	4,684.95
May	-	-	-	260.73	4,120.15	5,567.14	6,850.93	5,923.89	6,599.41	5,864.45
Jun	-	-	-	4,517.95	4,508.65	6,387.42	5,031.03	4,741.64	5,532.01	5,119.78
Jul	-	-	-	3,213.45	3,826.20	7,099.27	7,426.05	4,178.71		5,148.74
Aug	-	-	-	4,569.01	5,350.64	5,678.73	3,750.80	6,914.16		5,252.67
Sep	-	-	-	4,660.57	5,893.64	6,423.74	7,199.36	4,807.65		5,796.99
Oct	-	-	-	5,095.84	5,173.01	4,151.69	4,650.30	6,360.96		5,086.36
Nov	-	-	-	3,967.26	6,178.37	8,051.46	6,364.75	6,168.23		6,146.01
Dec	-	-	-	5,767.39	4,271.00	7,472.93	9,257.81	4,605.65		6,274.96
	-	-	-	32,052.20	53,509.79	75,622.89	70,760.07	64,065.28	32,168.08	

Total Compensating Use Tax Received 328,178.31
Overall Monthly Average 61 Months 5,379.97

Sales Tax

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	Monthly Average
Jan				-	21,840.37	22,185.60	19,892.61	22,693.78	21,821.67	21,686.81
Feb				-	22,405.81	27,058.61	31,110.30	21,062.92	20,471.90	24,421.91
Mar				-	23,355.16	22,522.33	29,562.68	22,581.58	21,664.24	23,937.20
Apr				-	21,054.83	21,343.98	18,452.57	22,085.21	20,113.35	20,609.99
May				1,206.53	25,076.99	21,538.21	25,367.82	21,625.82	22,832.18	23,529.51
Jun				20,368.23	25,364.69	27,454.88	18,982.82	21,493.94	21,049.54	22,452.35
Jul				21,708.26	25,739.97	22,021.47	22,051.06	27,478.30		23,799.81
Aug				23,798.48	25,854.25	23,967.30	23,631.02	22,878.70		24,025.95
Sep				23,147.42	26,541.39	23,509.47	21,989.46	21,206.77		23,278.90
Oct				22,748.05	26,865.98	22,634.66	24,804.44	25,560.98		24,522.82
Nov				24,908.31	24,516.89	25,434.86	24,861.51	23,251.56		24,594.63
Dec				23,123.32	21,933.31	20,196.50	25,671.92	21,698.45		22,524.70
	-	-	-	161,008.60	290,549.64	279,867.87	286,378.21	273,618.01	127,952.88	

Total Sales Tax Received 1,419,375.21
Overall Monthly Average 61 Months 23,268.45

Combined Compensating Use and Sales Taxes

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	Monthly Average
Jan	-	-	-	-	25,113.79	27,878.94	25,071.42	28,050.89	27,304.57	26,683.92
Feb	-	-	-	-	25,812.17	35,654.30	38,949.35	27,276.00	26,193.54	30,777.07
Mar	-	-	-	-	26,557.20	29,240.90	33,459.39	23,601.06	26,250.03	27,821.72
Apr	-	-	-	-	25,361.14	25,126.89	21,767.04	29,859.93	24,359.68	25,294.94
May	-	-	-	1,467.26	29,197.14	27,105.35	32,218.75	27,549.71	29,431.59	29,393.96
Jun	-	-	-	24,886.18	29,873.34	33,842.30	24,013.85	26,235.58	26,581.55	27,572.13
Jul	-	-	-	24,921.71	29,566.17	29,120.74	29,477.11	31,657.01	-	28,948.55
Aug	-	-	-	28,367.49	31,204.89	29,646.03	27,381.82	29,792.86	-	29,278.62
Sep	-	-	-	27,807.99	32,435.03	29,933.21	29,188.82	26,014.42	-	29,075.89
Oct	-	-	-	27,843.89	32,038.99	26,786.35	29,454.74	31,921.94	-	29,609.18
Nov	-	-	-	28,875.57	30,695.26	33,486.32	31,226.26	29,419.79	-	30,740.64
Dec	-	-	-	28,890.71	26,204.31	27,669.43	34,929.73	26,304.10	-	28,799.66
	-	-	-	193,060.80	344,059.43	355,490.76	357,138.28	337,683.29	160,120.96	

Total Combined Compensating Use and Sales Tax Received 1,747,553.52
Overall Monthly Average 61 Months 28,648.42

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Subject: CVB Minutes June 20, 2018 Wednesday June 20 LandMark Inn noon.

CVB was called to order by President Lisa

In attendance: Lisa, Gary, Shayla, Halley, Faith from Oberlin Herald and Anita Hirsch.

Old Business: Way Finding signs look great.

Pictures: It was felt we have a lot of great pictures already to continue work on a new multi page brochure. Anita Hirsch shared a copy of one that she is working on. Everyone was excited about the direction this project is going. Anita will continue to take pictures for it and other projects

Grants: Sharleen had reported to Lisa that the amount needed for lodging and expenses for the Paranormal 2 day event here in Oberlin in July is about \$500. Shayla motion, Halley seconded and motion passed to give Museum \$500 for this event. On August 19 the Museum is bringing in a well known Cheyenne Authority with the Maria Sandoz Society and her speaking fees, mileage and lodging will be over \$1300.00 Halley motion and Gary seconded that we give \$500 to the museum for this event and motion carried. Legion Auxiliary requested \$200 for July 4th fireworks. Discussion was held whether they needed more help then that and they said that was all they need for this year. It was motioned and passed (Gary motion, Halley seconded) that we give the Legion Auxiliary \$200 for fireworks and also spend \$500 to promote the event focusing on Oberlin, Norton and McCook since Norton and McCook do not have Jul 4th events.

Halley brought up the \$2500 grant for Up with Smoke to bring in a good band. Discussion was held whether they should pay back part of the proceeds to CVB out of the gate receipts. Pros and Cons were discussed and no decision was made but to look into it more before the next meeting.

Halley reported that the bags for brochures, etc for events had arrived, they look nice and we have plenty that will last a long time.

Lisa reported that the deadline is fast approaching to get our ad in for the Northwest KS Travel Council magazine that goes to the Sportsman and trade shows. Anita was asked to help design the ad. Shayla motion and Gary Seconded that we buy the ad for \$1600 and also pay Anita her expenses for designing it on a short notice. Motion passed.

Halley motion and Shayla seconded and motion was passed that we purchase more of the single page flyers with the City maps on the back. They seem to be well used by travelers.

Meeting was adjourned until July.

Weekly Update Highlights-- June 25-29—EDC/Chamber

Sunday—Box Office reporting for the theater; “Ocean’s 8” had 71 attendees for the weekend. Social media updates.

Monday—closed out the theater registers and sent the weekend report of ticket and concession sales to Tasha.

Received word that two local foundations were each committing \$15,000 to the dental office equipment project. A local bank also committed \$2,500 toward the moving expenses for the dentist’s family when everything is in order. These amounts will be shown as match for the grant and foundation applications I am pursuing. The amount to be raised is at \$33,000. Getting there!!!

GROW Decatur County Foundation had its monthly meeting and tabled 3 grant applications, pending more information. It was agreed by all to do the match month in December again this year.

Tuesday—McCook Glass here to give an estimate on the broken glass in the south office space. Aqua Shield looked at the dental office building; brought in a bid that was given to Mark. Repairs to the bowling alley, BEE and dental office have not started yet. Still figuring out estimates and bids.

Phone calls and emails to request letters of support for the grant and foundation applications, both for the dentist and for the Golden Age Center parking lot. I am concerned that grant funding may be denied on the premise it is infrastructure, but we still need to try as that is an accident waiting to happen for an elder. I have not heard from Brad if the city is going to pay part. I will check on that on Monday so I have the information for the grant app.

Wednesday—I received the July movie poster from Tasha and sent it to everyone on the new movie notify list. I asked KFNF if I could start sending to them for part of their PSA--yes. Posters were printed and our BEE cleaning lady took them around town. Usually her daughter does that as part of her National Honor Society community service. Mom filled in while she is away.

Sherri Jacobs was in and the Chamber will be furnishing a usable trophy for 4-H crafts at the fair. She told me about a program called Prayer in Action that she and her daughter just took part in, in Plainville. Still working out the details of how we can get it here for 2 weeks next summer. If you use Facebook and are interested, go to Prayer in Action-Salina Diocese. The page has videos of the clean-up, paint up, fix up those kids did in that town and it is amazing to say the least!

Discussion with some about the necessary funds to get the dentist here and start the practice. Where we are at and what we need to make it happen. Concerned citizens that are curious.

Received a business profile I requested, from a company wanting to possibly rent office space in the BEE. He is to look at what is available soon.

With 5 of the 7 air conditioners damaged after the storm, made sure all BEE building businesses were comfortable in their offices. So far so good—knock on wood! All rents are current.

Spoke with a man about a possible building sale in downtown. Discussed location, parking, remodel needs etc. Another building is on the market and the owner stopped in to discuss it. The cost is pretty elevated at this point. But it does have a studio apartment and garage.

Two young guys from McCook came in asking about a business opportunity. One has a construction background. We discussed the housing needs and available program of a 75% loan to build rental or owner dwellings. The state funded/NWKPD/grant housing is still on hold as of this typing. Not giving up but rather disillusioned. Available spots to build within Oberlin need to be explored. There are privately owned lots around town, but everything on the outskirts are city owned. I have mentioned to the last few city managers the desirability of the land close to my home for a possible new sub-division—maybe we can explore this further with the council.

Thursday—I worked from home. Some grant applications are very lengthy and need the concrete thoughts down on paper without distractions. That is difficult with steady walk-in and telephone traffic. After 8+ hours, the one application is basically done except the financial forms. I will complete those this weekend.

Friday-- An elderly gentleman came in, and with no family in the area he needed help with his flip phone. I know computers but not phones. 😊 Between us we figured out how to get his emergency numbers in the contact list. He is to bring his book down next week for more help.

Two women needed details about the food pantry, so they were given the resource list we keep down here, compiled by the Ministerial Alliance.

Call from the Department of Labor needing contact information for the city of Dresden.

Received Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) non-payment forms. When someone on the list does not show proof of payment that they used the money received, to pay on the student loans, after a certain amount of time, they are removed from the program. I was contacted by the Department of Commerce several weeks ago and I personally made contact with each of them. With two removed, then 2 who are on the waiting list will be moved up and they will begin receiving student loan payment assistance.

July box office reporting forms taken to the theater, for volunteers to fill out each week.

Call from a lady tracing her family heritage (get quite a few of these), and even after guiding her to the museum and Sharleen, I still get a synopsis of who and how related. 😊

Phone books and Kansas maps arrived. Will get them put out on Monday.

Many calls and walk-ins this week. Some interesting people.

Sunday the Chamber is delivering pizzas from Sunflower Rec for donations for fireworks. One of my grandsons is going to team up with me to deliver. If you are interested in helping, please call Carrie Morford at 475-8308. **44.5 hours** so far this week and it will be a working weekend to complete the funding applications.