

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – April 5, 2018 - 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** – Scott Gawith, Deb Lohofener, and Jim Marchello. Majority of the Body Present.

**Absent:** Brandon Oien and Jim Garner

**Others Present:** City Attorney Steve Hirsch, City Administrator Halley Roberson, City Foreman David Sporn, Police Chief Brad Burmaster, Treasurer Steve Zodrow, Water Supervisor Willard Perrin, Logan Fortin, Faith Meitl with the Oberlin Herald, Brice Meitl, Ruth Miesner, Marilyn Black, Troy Haas, Rusty & Sharon Addleman, Bernard & Frieda Goetz, Mark Starr entered at 5:10 pm. and City Clerk Sandy Rush.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** none

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of minutes – for March 15, 2018 regular Council meeting.

Appropriation Ordinance - Payment of Bills.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Backhoe Bid Presentation** – Administrator Roberson told the council the city had received four sealed proposals for the lease to purchase of a new tractor loader backhoe for the Water Department. They were from:

- CAT: \$98,420.00
- John Deere: \$89,677.15
- JCB: \$91,500.00
- Case: \$97,275.00

After reviewing the bids, Roberson said Water Supervisor Willard Perrin and City Foreman David Sporn had recommended awarding the bid to JCB for \$91,500. Since the city already owns a JCB and it has a proven customer service record, no training for operation would be needed and attachments are interchangeable. John Deere did not bring a demonstration model for the crew to try out. The design of the boom makes it harder to adjust and work on than the JCB model.

Marchello moved, seconded by Lohofener to approve the recommendation of lease purchasing the JCB Backhoe. **Motion carried.**

### **New Business**

1. **EDC Appropriation** – It was decided to table the EDC appropriation until it could be further discussed.
2. **CDBG Water Main Project** – Administration Roberson told the council the city qualified for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for a water main project and would like the council's approval to submit an application. After several consultations with Water Supervisor Willard Perrin and City Foreman David Sporn, Roberson presented three scenarios of different areas in need of water main replacements. If awarded, the project would not start until 2019 and the plan is for the project to cost \$1 million. The project would be funded with 50 percent CDBG and 50 percent matching funds from the Water Reserve account according to Treasurer Steve

Zodrow. Roberson said if any of the streets within the areas needed replaced at the same time she would like to look into also scheduling repairs. Councilman Gawith commented he would like a long range 5-10 year plan in place for the city. After a discussion, Marchello moved, seconded by Lohofener to allow Roberson and the crew to pick which area to be submitted for a grant.

**Motion carried.**

3. **IES Contract** – David Sporn presented a quote and contract from Integrated Electrical Services (IES), Holdrege, for man-hours for the on-going ten-year electrical infrastructure project. This would be year six for the project. Marchello moved, second by Scott to approve the contract as presented and to waive the procurement policy. **Motion carried.**
4. **Town Cleanup** – Marchello moved, seconded by Lohofener to approve the town cleanup to be held at the end of April or early May. This would be held in conjunction with the county's free dump week. **Motion carried.**

## REPORTS

- Administrators Report
  - Next Council Meeting April 19, 2018
  - **Preliminary Energy Analysis Report** – The preliminary energy analysis report had been received and was included in the packets. She will be presenting their suggestions of improvement later.
  - **Mobile Home Update** – The mobile home in violation of code, located at Griffith and Frontier Pkwy had been removed.
  - **Event Update** – Celtic Fire brought a lot of people to Oberlin and some of the restaurants had to turn customers away. Roberson said she was unsure yet how much the event was short. Marchello commented the economic impact and additional exposure had to have been good.
  - **Sound System Update** – A Dane G. Hansen Grant had been awarded for the sound system at The Gateway. Roberson thanked Rusty and Sharon Addleman for raising money for a flat-screen monitor in the lobby at The Gateway.
  - **Airport Terminal Update** – Terminal update will begin the end of May. Roberson reported the water heater does not need replaced so it will help keep the bid down to the awarded KDOT Grant of \$10,000.
  - **Pool Update** – Pool prep is being done by the water department. Pool Manager and lifeguard applications are being accepted.
- Public Works Department
  - Report Available for Discussion
- Treasurers Report
  - Sales and Use Tax History Report Available for Discussion
- Board Reports
  - Library Minutes
  - Tree Board Minutes
- Other Reports
  - Gateway Calendar

## ADJOURNMENT

At 6:10 pm Lohofener moved, second by Marchello to adjourn. **Motion carried.**

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**Sandy Rush, City Clerk**

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**Ladd Wendelin, Mayor**