

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – April 19, 2018 - GATEWAY- 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – President Brandon Oien 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, Scott Gawith, Deb Lohofener, Jim Garner and Jim Marchello by phone conference. Majority of the Body Present.

Absent: Mayor Ladd Wendelin and City Attorney Steve Hirsch

Others Present: City Administrator Halley Roberson, City Foreman David Sporn, Police Chief Brad Burmaster, Treasurer Steve Zodrow, Water Supervisor Willard Perrin, Faith Meitl with the Oberlin Herald, Brice Meitl, Ruth Miesner, Marilyn Black, Troy & Amy Haas, Heather McDougal, Dog Park Committee members: Cemetery/Parks Manager Jeremy Tally, Johanna Mason, Susan Nelson and Penny Fringer; Swim Team Club member Shannon Addleman; EDC committee members: Director Shayla Williby, John Sater, Danielle Wasson and Mark Starr; Park Committee members: Kandi Ketterl, Deb Klima and Valisha Raile; and City Clerk Sandy Rush.

Lohofener moved second by Gawith to approve councilman Oien preside over the meeting as Acting Mayor. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kandi Ketterl with the Parks committee asked for a letter of approval from the council to apply for a grant from the GROW foundation. It would be for \$500 to fund meals at the park for volunteers during the construction of the new playground equipment. Ms. Ketterl told the council the equipment is to be delivered May 9 and the plans call for ideally twenty workers to work 4-5 days on the installation. Roberson indicated the city crew would require many volunteers to accomplish the task. For this reason, Ketterl explained the committee would be advertising for bids locally to do the work and applying for a Hansen grant to fund it. She asked if there was money in the budget to help with the process. After a discussion, Lohofener moved, second by Gawith to approve the applications for a GROW grant and to fund the project with \$5000 as budgeted. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes – for April 5, 2018 regular Council meeting.

Appropriation Ordinance - Payment of Bills.

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

OLD BUSINESS

EDC Appropriation – Marchello discussed his desire to cease funding the EDC until the city's expectations are met. Oien proposed the city do an analysis on EDC during the budget discussion but to pay the quarterly appropriation at this time. Gawith reminded all to remember the secondary benefits of the businesses that were already here and assisted by EDC. Lohofener disagreed with the perception of what EDC was or was not accomplishing. After a long discussion, Lohofener moved, second by Gawith to pay the full amount of the quarterly appropriation. **Motion carried.**

New Business

Swim Team Meet – Shannon Addleman with the Oberlin Swim Club requested the council to consider closing the pool June 16th so they can host a meet. Lohofener moved, second by Garner to approve. **Motion carried.**

Dog Park – Jeremy Tally presented a summary of the dog park survey results showing a positive interest in a dog park. The top two concerns were discussed and they were diseases and neighborhood. Tally is seeking the approval of the council to continue with the grant application. Garner moved, second by Gawith to approve. **Motion carried.**

Pool Pricing and Opening Date – Administrator Roberson asked the council to review the proposed Pool Brochure showing hours, rules and prices for 2018. All agreed, no changes needed to be made.

REPORTS

- Acting Mayor Oien remarked he felt the council owed the citizens an analysis of the EDC.
- Administrators Report
 - Next Council Meeting is to be May 3, 2018 but several would be gone that week to a KMU meeting in Wichita. She requests the council consider different days in May for the meeting. Lohofener moved, second by Gawith to change the next two meetings to May 10 and May 24. **Motion carried.**
 - 2018 KMIT Assessment results showed the city receiving a Gold Star for their Worker's Compensation Package which awards a five percent discount on the annual premiums.
 - Alternative Housing – Roberson was asked permission by a citizen to build in a zone that does not allow for alternative housing. All agreed to have the administrator discuss it with the planning and zoning committees to come up with a plan to allow such homes.
 - Events Update – The MMA promotor has once again scheduled an event at the Gateway for Saturday, October 13, 2018.
 - Cattle Expo – The Strategic Doing Group is helping to organize local businesses, veterinaries and producers to launch a cattle exposition, to be held at the Gateway. This is scheduled for December 4th and 5th.
- Public Works Department
 - Report Available for Discussion
 - Water Main Information was presented for the recommendations proposed for water main projects to be done in the future if a CDBG grant were to be awarded.
- Treasurers Report
 - March Cash Flow Statement Available for Discussion. A new fund for the ticket sales has been created; Gateway Events.
 - Sewer rates have been calculated with the median rate staying approximately the same this year at \$17.58.
- Police Report
 - March 2018 Police Report attached.
- Board Reports
 - Chamber Report attached.
 - EDC Report: Shayla's Accomplishments, Minutes & Revised Bylaws attached.
- Other Reports

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:20 pm Gawith moved, second by Lohofener to adjourn. **Motion carried.**

Sandy Rush, City Clerk

Brandon Oien, Acting Mayor