

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – October 4, 2018 – GATEWAY THEATER – 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 - Brandon Oien, Scott Gawith, Deb Lohofener and Jim Marchello entered at 5:10 pm. Majority of the Body Present.

Absent: Jim Garner

Others Present – City Attorney Steve Hirsch, City Administrator Halley Roberson, City Treasurer Steve Zodrow, Police Chief Brad Burmaster, Dayna Mannebach with the Oberlin Herald, Marilyn Black, Heather & Garret McDougal, Ruth Miesner, Brice Meitl, Dan Meitl, Elizabeth Orr and City Clerk Sandy Rush.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Arts & Humanities – Oien moved, second by Gawith to approve Janice Shobe to finish the Arts & Humanities term of Darren Glading ending July 2020. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes of September 20, 2018 regular council meeting and the approval of bills. Lohofener moved, second by Gawith to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried.**

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

- **Next Council Meeting** October 18, 2018
- **Gateway hail damage update** – Roberson said the air conditioners on the Gateway have been replaced which created new leaks. The roof will be replaced on October 22th.
- **Airport conference call** – Roberson, airport manager Brice Meitl and Councilman Jim Marchello participated in a conference call with the Federal Aviation Administration regarding the upcoming airport projects.
- **Reminder of upcoming conferences** – Roberson and City Clerk Sandy Rush will be attending the League of Kansas Municipalities annual conference in Topeka.
- **RFP discussion** – Roberson told the council Project Genesis, a data processing company, is looking for Request for Proposals (RFP) from cities within the Midwestern states to locate their business. The request came September 25, 2018 and is due October 8, 2018. The project would create 260 jobs with an estimated \$800 million economic impact. Land availability and discounted electricity were discussed and all agreed it would be beneficial to lease land for one dollar per year or if sold, the city would have the first opportunity to buy back. She presented a rough draft of a proposal and asked for the council's approval to respond to the RFP. Gawith moved, second by Lohofener to approve sending the RFP when completed as a good exercise and to identify strengths and weaknesses. **Motion carried.**
- **Energy study discussion** – Roberson asked if the council were ready to vote on the Energy Study Project yet. Councilman Oien requested they wait until the next meeting to vote.
- **KDHE Power Plant** – Informed the council KDHE had recorded a compliance issue at the power plant. It stemmed from the City looking for advice from them, Roberson said KDHE came back with a penalty of \$30,000.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 906 Modifying Zoning from Residential to Commercial-Central Business- Oien moved, second by Lohofener to approve the proposed ordinance modifying the location at Hall and Cass St. **Motion carried.**

Ordinance No. 907 Regarding Open Burning – Oien moved, second by Marchello to approve the proposed ordinance allowing bonfires for special school events. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

CMB License MMA – Oien moved, second by Gawith to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License to Conquest Promotions for the MMA event to be held October 20th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor called for a 5-minute Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel to include mayor, city attorney, council, treasurer and clerk starting at 6:15 p.m. Gawith moved, second by Marchello. **Motion carried.** Resumed at 6:20 pm.

Oien moved, second by Gawith to extend the Executive Session for another five-minutes. Resumed at 6:25 pm. Marchello moved, second by Oien to increase Administrator Roberson’s annual salary to \$60,000. **Motion carried.**

OTHER REPORTS

Mayor Report – Mayor Wendelin informed the council he had received Councilman Jim Garner’s resignation effective October 3, 2018 and would be accepting applications until November 15th to fill the vacancy.

All agreed to keep the council meetings at 5pm with no changes.

Public Works Department – Foreman 9-17-18 report available for discussion.

Treasurer Report – Sales tax report available for discussion.

Board Reports – Gawith and Oien both commented it was a good exercise to respond to the RFP and would prep them for the next RFP. Marchello said he thought there were great strides in the last year and a half.

Oien moved, second by Gawith to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Sandy Rush, City Clerk

Ladd Wendelin, Mayor