

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – October 18, 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 and Deb Lohofener. Majority of the Body Present.

Absent: Jim Marchello

Others Present – City Attorney Steve Hirsch, City Administrator Halley Roberson, City Foreman David Sporn, City Treasurer Steve Zodrow, Police Chief Brad Burmaster, Cynthia Haynes with the Oberlin Herald, Marilyn Black, Heather McDougal, Ruth Miesner, Brice Meitl and City Clerk Sandy Rush.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes of October 18, 2018 regular council meeting and the approval of bills.

Motion by Gawith, seconded by Oien to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried.**

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Next Council Meeting - November 1, 2018.

Event Update – MMA will be held Saturday, with weigh-in at the Legion on Friday.

Airport Update – The airport terminal remodeling will be completed as soon as the painting is finished.

Project Genesis – Oberlin is still in the running to get the data-processing company that needs a new home.

Farmers Market – Oberlin Farmers Market has been selected for a pilot project for the state's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the new name for Food Stamps, next year.

OLD BUSINESS

Energy Study Project – Roberson recommended Energy Solutions Professionals (ESP) over Control Technology & Solutions (CTS) to do an energy audit of the city's buildings and electrical system since ESP had done projects in Kansas and was familiar with the regulations here. Also ESP was very clear on the cost.

Motion by Oien, seconded by Gawith to approve ESP to do the energy audit for the city. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Park Ground Cover – Sporn reported the park needed more mulch to comply with government safety regulations and the second delivery of mulch was much darker and was wood chips instead of cedar chips. He asked for and received their approval to use the wood chips.

Christmas Decorations – Heather McDougal, Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce co-president, expressed the Chamber's desire to apply for Hansen grants to replace the Christmas decorations lining both highways 83 and 36. With the help of Parks Supervisor, Jeremy Tally, they had decided on lighted snowflakes with LED bulbs to replace the wreaths.

Motion by Oien, seconded by Lohofener to approve the Chamber applying for grants with the crew's approval of the decorations purchased. **Motion carried.**

Highway Signs – Laurie Wasson presented a five-foot tall, metal plate with a cutout of a windmill and the word Oberlin running down its side. She told the council, her son had designed several motifs and she would like to ask the DCHS metalworking class to make the banners. She wished to apply for a Hansen grant for help with the purchase of approximately 55 of the banners to fill the poles on both highways. They would be put up when the Christmas decorations came down by the City crew and stored by the City also. Administrator Roberson agreed to seek permission with Kansas Department of Transportation for the banners.

Motion by Oien, seconded by Gawith to approve Ms. Wasson applying for a grant with the crew's approval of banners and brackets to be made. **Motion carried.**

REPORTS OF OTHER OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- Mayors Report – Wendelin reported he had received one application to fill the council vacancy left by Jim Garner so far and will be making a recommendation soon.
- Public Works Department
 - IES Project Update – Sporn presented a slide show of the improvements and excellent work done by IES this year.
 - Storage Building Update – Sporn reported he had looked for a used building to fit the needs of a shop for the city equipment and found none. After checking with one of the bidders, he was told a building could be installed at the budgeted amount, with less doors, windows and using the concrete. Council agreed for him to get new bids of \$60,000 or less for a building.
 - Report Available for Discussion
- Treasurers Report – Sep18 Cash Flow Statement Available for Discussion
- Police Report – Sep18 Report Available for Discussion
 - Police Chief Brad Burmaster reported Officer Randy Brink graduated from the police academy.
- Board Reports
 - Chamber – Aug18 Minutes & Oct18 Agenda
 - EDC – Sep18 Agenda, Minutes & Balance Sheet

Motion by Gawith, seconded by Oien to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Sandy Rush, City Clerk

Ladd Wendelin, Mayor