

CITY OF OAKLAND
REGULAR MEETING
15 EAST MAIN ST., CITY HALL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015

The regular meeting of the Oakland city council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with five councilmen present. (Drake, Woodworth, Stark, Stolz, and Ehler) (Newlin absent) Also present were Mayor Harris, Duncan MacGibbon with Francis Associates, Kevin McReynolds with Coles County Regional Planning, Chief Sanders, Dale Hanner, Treasurer Dan Mathews, Janice Hunt, and Clerk Grace Thompson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Motion-Stolz, 2nd-Woodworth. Motion approved 5 ayes.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion-Stolz, 2nd-Woodworth. Motion approved 5 ayes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Add Sales Tax Rate. Motion-Stolz, 2nd-Drake. Motion approved

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

POLICE REPORT: 42 Traffic Citations, 4 driving while license suspended or revoked, 1 criminal arrest. Responded to: a domestic at Marathon Lane, an impaired driver (vehicle was stopped & the driver was not impaired), false alarm at Casey's General Store, 2 loud noise complaints (Quality Housing and 200 block of East North St.), theft of live animal trap, assisted Sherriff's Office with a burglary in progress in Ashmore, a violent juvenile just west of town (transported to hospital), attended a meeting with law enforcement agency heads & Judge Shick re: drug laws, interviewed a Champaign armed robbery suspect that might be connected to our bank robbery (unfounded), and numerous reports of coyotes in the city limits.

PUBLIC WORKS: 1,772,000 Purchased
- 1,390,100 Accounted for 78.4% down 11%
381,900

Read water meters -- Ran Consumption Report -- 2 rereads
Checked for water leak at 2 locations. Collected and mailed monthly BacT sample to IEPA. Collected quarterly TTHN and HAA samples and mailed to IEPA. 4 JULIE locates. Repaired unmetered water leak Dec. 1 and a second Dec. 12. Took bulk quarters for deposit.

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Worked on bulk water machine. It needs a new solenoid valve (\$785).
Put up Christmas decorations and removed them.
Street maintenance. Vehicle maintenance. Building maintenance. Equipment maintenance. Worked on MFT expense report for 2014. Needs approved.
Called for recycle bin twice. Shut down sewer plant discharge for the winter.
Collected and delivered monthly wastewater sample to Charleston lab. Completed wildlife nuisance permit yearly report -- mailed to IDNR.

Sent information on the lightning strike to the Johnson lift station to the insurance company, they said we had a \$500 deductible then said we didn't have any lift stations listed on the insurance policy. They did decide to cover this but the city needs to decide what to do about adding the lift stations to its coverage. The replacement cost of the main lift station would be \$175,000, and the other four lift stations have estimated replacement costs of \$150,000, \$85,000, \$60,000 and \$60,000.

Motion to fix the solenoid valve at a cost of \$785 –Woodworth, 2nd-Stolz. Motion approved 5 ayes.

OLD BUSINESS: CONTRACT TO PAINT WATER TOWER – Duncan MacGibbon with Francis Associates spoke to the council about painting the tower. The exterior of the tower has some rust areas on it and it needs the paint stripped. The interior is in good condition, but the concern is that the rust on the exterior will work its way inside eventually. An option is to build a new tower at a cost of \$750,000. Grants are available to build one but typically aren't there to help with maintenance costs. Kevin McReynolds will look into the grant funding. David Stolz mentioned having the exterior inspected as to the life left in it. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS: SALES TAX RATE – Dan reported Oakland receives 6.25%, Charleston 6.75%, Champaign 9%, Mattoon 7.75%, and Arcola 8%. The council discussed how much to increase it and will ask Jim Grant about the legal way to do this next month.

APPROVE MOTOR FUEL TAX EXPENDITURES FOR 2014 – Motion-Stolz, 2nd-Drake. Motion approved 5 ayes.

BILLS REVIEWED AND VOTED PAYABLE: Motion-Stolz, 2nd-Woodworth. Motion approved 5 ayes.

ADJOURNED: 9:30 P.M. **Motion**-Woodworth, **2nd**-Stolz. Motion approved 5 ayes.

Grace Thompson, City Clerk