

CITY OF OAKLAND
REGULAR MEETING
15 EAST MAIN ST., CITY HALL
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015

The regular meeting of the Oakland city council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with six councilmen present. (Drake, Ehler, Newlin, Stark, Stolz, and Woodworth) Also present were Mayor Harris, Treasurer Dan Mathews, Attorney Jim Grant, Dale Hanner, Chief Sanders, Kevin McReynolds with Coles County Regional Planning, Roger Ashmore with Trial and Tribulations Event, Janice Hunt, several citizens, and Clerk Grace Thompson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Motion-Stolz, 2nd-Woodworth.
Motion approved 6 ayes.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion-Stolz, 2nd-Woodworth. Motion approved 6 ayes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Add Pole Barn Zoning. Motion-Stolz, 2nd-Woodworth. Motion approved 6 ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Roger Ashmore with the Lincoln Trial & Tribulations Program asked the council for a \$1,000 donation and permission to use the Columbian building with no rental fee for the three dates and one day before each program.
Janice Hunt proposed putting up no parking signs at the corner of Blevins & Logan Streets instead of stop signs.

POLICE REPORT: 7 traffic citations, 1 warning citation, 3 criminal arrests.
Responded to: a civil standby, well-being check, physical threat of bodily harm on Marathon Lane, assisted Oakland ambulance twice, report of a man possibly armed with a gun (unfounded), one identity theft, violation of order of protection (unfounded), report of someone saying on social media that they killed someone in Oakland (unfounded), set up as an observer for tornado watch, criminal damage to property at Quality Housing, assisted sheriff's department with an accident southwest of town, a burglary (unfounded), the squad car was hit and it will be fixed, and two new portable radios.

PUBLIC WORKS: 1,869,000 Purchased
- 1,443,200 Accounted for 77.2% down 6%
425,800

Read water meters - ran consumption report - 4 rereads. Collected and sent monthly water sample to IEPA. Completed and mailed end of month reports to IEPA.
Repaired unmetered leak on Lake Shore Drive (2 this reading period). 6 JULIE requests.
Regular maintenance of vehicles, equipment, buildings, and the streets.

Collected and delivered wastewater samples to Charleston. Worked on Johnson west lift station. Attended IAWPCO awards banquet in Springfield. Oakland was one of the top 5 wastewater plant of the year. Put up and took down voting booths.

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OLD BUSINESS: FRANCIS ASSOCIATES, Change Order #1 -- **Motion** to paint the tower white with black lettering on one side--Stolz, **2nd**-Stark. Motion approved 6 ayes.

MEDIACOM AGREEMENT – This will be on the June agenda.

STOP SIGNS ON BLEVINS ST. & LOGAN STREET – After some discussion, the council decided to have Dan Drake meet with the school board about speed limit signs and no parking signs.

LIQUOR LICENSE ORDINANCE – A committee will come up with ideas for the city council to approve. There will be a couple of public hearings on this and it will be on the June agenda.

TRIAL & TRIBULATIONS DONATION -- The council decided to table this till the June meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: MIKE JOINES – He would like to lease the Columbian Building on a monthly basis for auctions, and he would have it available for annual and special events. He would not rent it out for individual parties or events. **Motion** to work with Mr. Joines on a lease agreement for the Columbian Building for an auction service--Stolz, **2nd**-Newlin. Motion approved 6 ayes. The contact person will be David Stolz.

SALES TAX REFERENDUM—Oakland receives 1% of the 6 ¼% sales tax. Dan would like to make it 2% to Oakland. This would need to be done in June or July to be on the next ballot.

POLICY USE OF THE COLUMBIAN BUILDING – The Illinois Municipal League wants the City to have individuals have their own insurance. There was some discussion on this with the city's attorney. No Action Taken. The council will work with Mr. Joines and see what happens.

AUDIT PROPOSAL FROM GILBERT, METZGER & MADIGAN – Mayor Harris signed the agreement letter for the annual audit with a fee of \$8,250 - \$9,250. **Motion**-Newlin, **2nd**-Drake. Motion approved 6 ayes.

JULY 4TH FIREWORKS DISPLAY – Mike Huff discussed the events of the day. (A cruise-in car show, frisbee baseball, a parade, and inflatables for children) **Motion** to close the street on the east side of the square, and donate \$1973 for fireworks—Stark, **2nd**-Newlin. Motion approved 6 ayes.

POLE BARN BUILDING ZONING --Fred Ehler asked about pole barn zoning in the city. David Stolz checked the zoning rules and there are no rules against them. The use of the building determines the zoning classification.

BILLS REVIEWED FOR PAYMENT – Motion-Newlin, **2nd**-Woodworth. Motion approved 6 ayes.

BUILDING PERMITS/COMMITTEE REPORTS – 2 Permits -- David Volk, Shane Gould.

May 5 the Personnel Committee met to discuss pay raises. Dale handed in a letter of retirement with a list of benefits he is owed. Steve recommends paying the benefits at the current dollar hourly rate he earns. Steve recommends the City give the entire work force a 1% raise with the exception of Dale Hanner. We recommend a merit raise of \$350 per month, to be terminated September 15, 2015.

Motion for 1% raise to employees-Woodworth, 2nd-Newlin. Motion approved 6 ayes.

Motion to work on a structured payment with Dale Hanner for his due benefits, and pay him a merit increase of \$350 per month to be terminated September 15 – Newlin, 2nd-Stolz.

8:45 P.M. RECESSED TILL MAY 21 FOR A BUDGET MEETING – Motion-Stolz, 2nd-Drake.
Motion approved 6 ayes.

Grace Thompson, City Clerk