

City of Oakland
Regular Meeting
City Hall
15 East Main Street
Thursday, February 4, 2016
7:00 P.M.

Council members present: Dan Drake, Donnie Woodworth, Steve Newlin, David Stolz, Fred Ehler,

Also present: Mayor Jamie Harris, Clerk Kelsey Willison, Randy Duzan, Chief Jack Sanders, Treasurer Dan Mathews, Jim Grant, Kevin McReynolds, Janice Hunt, Kim Southworth, Jim Miller, Mike Huff, and Darrell Duzan

Mayor Jamie Harris started the meeting with the 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: Motion-Newlin, 2nd-Stolz Motion approved 5 ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jim Miller asking lots of questions about the liquor license. Who all was issued Liquor license? What are the hours of liquor sales? Etc. He had concern about annexing in the VFW .

POLICE REPORT. 12 Traffic Citations, 1 warning, 1 Criminal arrest. Responded to: Battery involving 2 juveniles unfounded, Domestic battery (under review), child custody issue –ongoing, assisted Coles County with criminal trespassing (south east of town)and a suicide threat- no action was taken.

PUBLIC WORKS: water accounted for 89%, Maintenance of vehicles, building, equipment, and streets. Shut off Christmas lights, removed Christmas trees from the square. Took monthly water sample's, worked on shut off list, burned brush pile. Put snow plow on truck and plowed snow. Put new ceiling tile in and painted City Hall. Read water meter's, and cleaned probe sensor in sewer plant. Need to do some research on recycling program dumpster call Advantage and check on rate for the next year.

Unfinished Business:

Water Rate increase Kevin McReynolds showed the council a report using previous expenses, with 465 paying customers. An increase of \$1 to the water bill making it \$34 (for up to 2,000 gallons) Which is a 3 percent increase. Also each additional 1,000 gallons will be charged an extra .50 cents, a 5.7 percent increase to 9.30.

Motion: Stolz, 2nd Woodworth Motion approved 4ayes

NEW BUSINESS:

Tara Jordan Steinert-AFLAC would like to offer Aflac insurance to the city employees At least three employees have to sign up. **Motion-Newlin 2nd Ehler** Motion approved 5ayes

Donation to power pak (snacks for school children on the weekends) will donate \$125.00 **Motion-Woodworth 2nd- Ehler** Motion approved 5ayes

Annexing in VFW Darrell Duzan said “ he wanted to ensure that the VFW is supporting the community not the county” The city limits have to extend in a continuous boundary meaning the property that sits between the VFW and current city limits would also have to be annexed in. That would require approval by those owners, who would need to sign a petition about the change. Annexation would change the way those parcels are taxed, as they currently aren’t subject to city taxes. If the property owners involved agree, the council would then pass an ordinance to finalize the change. Jim Grant will proceed with the paperwork process.

Motion: Stolz 2nd Newlin Motion approved 5ayes

Allowing chickens/rabbits in town Amend the ordinance to allow up to 20 chickens and up to 10 rabbits at any one time in a clean cage or pen. No roosters allowed! Jim Grant will amend .

Motion Stolz 2nd Newlin Motion approved 5ayes

Updating computer software-can stay with company we have now (acs) or switch to a more updated utility billing program (United systems technology inc / assyst) which has additional programs that can be added on later (treasure, police) cost of 3,885.00.

Motion Stolz 2nd Woodworth Motion approved 5ayes

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

ADJOURNED: 8:35 PM **Motion**-Woodworth, 2nd-Newlin Motion approved 5 ayes.

Kelsey Willison , City Clerk

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