

City of Oakland
Regular Meeting
City Hall
15 East Main Street
Thursday, Nov 7, 2019
7:00 P.M.

Council members present: Fred Ehler, Steve Newlin, Jack Turner
Bradley Lee Jr., David Stolz, Donna Taylor

Also, present: Mayor Bob Michaels, Clerk Vickie McQueen,
Treasurer Dan Mathews, Caleb Maxedon, Jack Sanders,
Janice Hunt, Attorney Jacob Smallhorn, Nick Sibenaller,
Mike Patterson, Jack Berkery, Ryan Si, Rachel Wright, Jami
Hopper, Colt Guthridge, Lauren Kyser, Haley Zeien, Ylin
Andrews, Dave Bailey, Roger Hale, Laurie Neese

Bob Michaels started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Motion-Stolz, 2nd-Ehler, Motion approved 6 ayes

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion-Newlin, 2nd-Lee Motion approved 6 ayes

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion- Stolz, 2nd- Ehler Motion approved 6 ayes

Mayor Michaels Presented Plaque to Roger Hale for 19 Years with The City

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rick Boes spoke that he lives 50 feet from a plot of hemp just east of the golf course that was growing this year and he didn't even know it was there. It did not bother them at all.

Jamie Hopper, who lives outside of city limits but owns a house in town, said he was uneasy about the council meeting to discuss what someone can or cant do on their own property. He does not want to see the golf course go but stated that he feels it was not right to have a meeting to discuss an ordinance that limits someone of what they can do on their own property.

Colt Guthridge, who lives across the street on Reel St, stated that the planned use of the land would affect property values of the homes in that area. He feels that it is extreme to change the golf course to growing something cannabis-related there.

Jack Berkery, who lives in Hinsdale with his wife Dr. Kris Andrews Berkery, drove 3 hrs to speak on the golf course/ cannabis-related issue. He and his wife have a home outside of Oakland and spend half of their weekends here, and they utilize the golf course often. Berkerys had offered to create a nonprofit group to purchase the golf course at fair market value and have the nonprofit entity operate the course. He never received a reply from the Willison's (who own the course). He now would urge the council to adopt a one year moratorium. "to temporarily prohibit cannabis and cannabis-related business from operating within city limits." Berkery suggested that a temporary prohibition be in effect for one year, with the possibility of two six-month extensions. That would give the city time to made an ordinance.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

POLICE REPORT:

Police Report for October 2019

- 7 traffic citations.
- Intoxicated pedestrian walking on rt. 133 on the east edge of town. Unable to locate.
- Attempted to find housing for 2 stranded motorists. Tow truck driver gave them shelter for the night.
- Report of a possible residential burglary. Unfounded.
- Responded to a complaint of someone shooting a BB gun. Person was instructed to cease.
- Theft of money from a debit card account. Suspect was contacted and refused to be interviewed. Report forwarded to SA office for review.
- Civil Standby on Silver Street.
- Damage to some mailboxes on rt. 133 near the elevator. Probably farm equip.
- Assisted CCSO with a pursuit. Suspect was on parole and charged with possession of meth, DUI, and numerous other traffic offenses.
- Domestic dispute involving a minor and mother. Social services agency was called on scene and the matter was resolved.
- Hit & run in which a parked vehicle was damaged. Still under investigation.

- Numerous intoxicated individuals yelling at one another at 211 N. Pike. Participants became verbally abusive towards the responding officer.
- Suicide threat. The individual assured responding officer that they would not harm themselves.
- We successfully completed firearms qualification.
- Citizen complained about receiving annoying phone calls regarding their automobile warranty.
- Officer Brewer attended 2 training seminars. "Vehicle Reclamation" and "DUI field sobriety refresher".

PUBLIC WORKS:

Usage: 1,773,000

Daily: 57,200

Bulk: 20,400

- Replaced water lines, valves and hydrant on Lincoln and Parker
- Replaced hydrant on Silver Street
- ran street sweeper
- Replace sidewalk on Logan St 60ft (probably it for the year)
- Caleb Ard is now working weekends
- New light in Street Dept building
- Mutual Aide at Ashmore Nov. 7, 2019
- Shut off the Lion water fountain for the winter
- fixed sewer pump lift station problems
- replaced bulbs in the Christmas Lights

Mayor thanked Caleb for their work on Lincoln & Parker

Unfinished Business:

Regional Code book update: Everyone is working on their sections. David Stolz reported he thinks they need to add a zoning map to the ordinance. Hope to have a Code book meeting before Dec 5 meeting

New Business:

Approved Resolution for Improvement under the Illinois Highway Code

Motion: Turner 2nd: Ehler Motion Approved 6 Ayes

Approve Sewer Disconnect for Kimberly Crunk 15 North St

Motion: Stolz 2nd: Newlin Motion Approved 6 Ayes

Nick Sibenaller gave the Audit report

Dan Mathews gave the Annual Treasurers Report

Discussed No Comp time for Part-time Employees

Approved to Donate \$100 to FCCLA Organization for Thanksgiving Baskets

Motion: Newlin 2nd: Stolz Motion Approved 6 Ayes

Recycled Bin Sign

Vickie will order a sign for the Recycle Bin that states what is acceptable and what is not acceptable to put in bin. Also will add the City Hall phone number and Mayor Bob Michaels number. Smaller sign that states not to leave bags outside of the bin

Past Due Water Bills

It was discussed the amount of past due water bills there are. End of October turned about 10-12 people off and collected over \$2050 from that. It seems in the past they have let them go a little longer than we should and they have added up. We will keep on top of them and if they can even keep making payments so they don't get so far behind. A lot of the large overdue balances are from sewer bills that when someone moves or they have their water shut off they still have to continue to pay the sewer and they are just not doing it.

Discussion on Hemp/Marijuana: with possible action taken:

Mayor Bob Michaels asked the council members to take the Golf Course out of the discussion. The discussion is about the growth of hemp/marijuana. We do not know enough about this to make a decision now, we need to educate ourselves more. Mayor wants to vote at Dec 5 meeting on adopting a moratorium that would temporarily prohibit cultivation of hemp and marijuana. This would give council time to research before making a permanent decision. The golf course is privately owned and we are not regulating what they can or cant do on their property, but we are here to look at the bigger picture, if hemp and marijuana can be grown in town.

Jack Turner, retired from the Champaign Police Dept. shared comments from his past experiences. He has dealt with this many times. People have gotten hemp that is being grown and are selling it on the streets as marijuana.

Committee Reports/ Building Permits: None

Bills Reviewed and Voted Payable:

Motion: Stolz 2nd Newlin Motion approved 6 ayes

Adjourned: 8:02 P.M.

Motion- Newlin 2nd - Stolz Motion approved 6 ayes

Vickie McQueen, City Clerk