

City of Oakland
Regular Meeting
City Hall
15 East Main Street
Thursday, Dec 5, 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, Jack Sanders,
Janice Hunt, Attorney Jacob Smallhorn, Mike Patterson,
Michael Huff, Pete Taylor, Nic Taylor, Roger Hale, Laurie
Neese, Amy Michaels, Jason Zeien, Jim Miller, Kim Lee,
Colt Guthridge, Roy McCammon, Audry Jorns, Rachel
Wright, James Taylor, Dave Bailey, Rick Boes, Ashlie Lee,
and Randy Isbell

Bob Michaels started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

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

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion-Stolz, 2nd-Lee Motion approved 6 ayes.

Mayor Michaels Amended the Agenda: Unfinished Business-Recycling Update

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion- Newlin, 2nd- Turner Motion approved 6 ayes

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were several comments regarding the hemp.

Jim Miller, Audrey Jorns, Colton Guthridge, Mike Patterson, Michael Huff.

Several are against it with a few for it. Most of the comments against were regarding the view, the smell it will have, the thought of it causing problems in town and crime going up. One comment from a neighbor was that they have a field behind them and the Angus Farm down the road and they can deal with that because the smell from either is not that often, but the hemp will have a nasty skunk smell for a long period of time and they do not want to be on house arrest while the hemp is in full bloom.

Another comment was that the owners are not factoring in the neighboring houses. There was a petition on social media (facebook) that Colton Guthridge brought & presented to the council that had 172 signatures against the growing of hemp in city limits.

One resident said there are other issues the council should act on. He placed a stack of papers with pics from around town that the council should view and take action on.

Roy McCammon spoke regarding the July 4th fireworks possibly being moved to the school grounds. He is talking with school to move them there so we can continue to have the festivities. Will keep council updated.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

POLICE REPORT:

Police Report November 2019

- 14 traffic citations.

- 13 warning citations.

- 2 traffic accidents.

- 3 criminal arrests.

- Haley R. Kessinger, 18, Mendota Illinois arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

- Nathan A. Hodge, 21, Mendota Illinois arrested for Possession of Cannabis 10-30 grams and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

- Joshua J. Skinner, 28, 210 W. North St. Oakland was arrested on an Illinois Dept of Corrections warrant for parole violation.

- Assisted Douglas Co. S.O. with an arrest in Hindsboro.

- A collection agency on the east coast reported that an Oakland resident had threatened one of their employees when their employee called the debtor on the phone.

- I testified in a jury trial that took up a whole work day.

- Responded to an unknown situation at the school. Explain

- 2 suicide threats. Both times the individual was transported via ambulance.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Ran Street Sweeper
- Pulled and cleaned pumps at Johnson Dr lift station

- Mutual Aid with Ashmore
- Spread 2 ton of cold mix
- Hung Christmas Lights
- Plowed Snow
- Got snow plows ready
- Winterized sewer plant
- Furnace fixed at water plant
- Cleaned leaves, branches and mulched leaves at town square
- The white truck has a bad fly wheel and fixed. Charleston Service Center can fix for between \$1000-\$2000 (this is to be scheduled)

Unfinished Business:

Regional Code Book: Council members are reviewing and about finished with their sections and will turn in to Vickie. David Stolz did say that his section needs to include a zoning map. Discussed property line, how far back of property line do you have to go. Believe it is 5ft but Jacob is checking for sure. Once all sections have been turned in, Bob will take to Jacob at his office.

Discussion and Possible Adopting of Moratorium to Temporarily Prohibit Cultivation of Hemp and Marijuana in City Limits.

Bob said he is not against industrial hemp but he is against it being grown in town where it could put residents a risk. His main concern is public safety. Public Safety is our responsibility. He read a list of places in Illinois and other states that have dealt with hemp in the past year or few months. He read examples of where hemp plants were stolen, there were 3 incidents in 2 weeks involving firearms. Another where \$8000 worth of hemp was stolen, another where tens of thousands of dollars stolen. \$2million worth of a 32 acres farm was stolen in one night. The golf course is in a residential neighborhood but it would be putting town in a huge risk.

Donna mentioned Willison's are planning to install a fence on one side and soy beans on another.

Before vote Bob let the council know Jacob has been contacted by an attorney who threaten the city with Litigation.

Moratorium is a temporary ban that will give the city more time to work on a permanent ordinance. 12Months

Approval of Moratorium on Cannabis Business Establishments and Infusers and The Growing of Industrial Hemp.

Motion: Lee 2nd:Stolz 4 ayes
2 nays

Recycling Update: The signs were bought costing \$93. They have not been hung yet but will be. Have received \$2995. \$500 was donated by OHCF. In future will check on getting some more rock for around the bin area.

New Business:

Approve Addendum 1: (Employee Policy Effective March 5, 2019) Compensatory Time: Only Permanent Full Time Employees will be Allowed to Accrue Compensatory Time.

Was voted on at November meeting and everyone is still in favor 6 ayes

Discussed if there is an ordinance prohibiting an Anhydrous Ammonia/Fertilizer Company to go in west of town. No Ordinance to prohibit that.

Committee Reports/ Building Permits: None

Motion to go into Closed Session

Motion: Turner 2nd: Newlin

Motion for go back to Reg Session

Motion: Turner 2nd Stolz

Bills Reviewed and Voted Payable:

Motion: Stolz 2nd Newlin Motion approved 6 ayes

Adjourned: 8:14P.M.

Motion- Turner 2nd - Lee Motion approved 6 ayes

Vickie McQueen, City Clerk