

City of Oakland
Regular Meeting
City Hall
15 East Main Street
Thursday, Jan 2, 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,
Kurk Allen, John Kraft, Roy McCammon, Ethan Brewer

Bob Michaels started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

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

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: John Kraft, Co-Founder of Edgar County Watchdogs, explained that the state's Public Office Prohibition Activities Act prohibits an alderman from being hired or a city job. Caleb Maxedon was hired for city job while he was still an alderman. The council will city council is making plans for a meeting to correct this. Kraft did add that he is not going to publish a report on the issue on the Watchdogs website. Public works committee will have a meeting on Jan 16 to discuss correcting this issue.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

POLICE REPORT:

Police Report December 2019

-7 Traffic citations including Phyllis L. Stonebraker, 29, Danville for D. U. I.

-6 Warning citations.

-2 Criminal arrests.

-Aforementioned Ms. Stonebraker on an arrest warrant from Edgar Co. Officer Brewer seized that vehicle and we expect it will be sold at auction. The city will receive 65% of the selling price.

-Joshua J. Skinner, 28, 204 S. Pike was arrested for Domestic Battery. The S.A. office filed felony charges as he has a prior conviction. A parole violation warrant was subsequently issued.

Responded to:

-Theft and Crim Dam to Prop report. It was unfounded.

-Car deer accident outside of town.

-A report of a juvenile entering a residence uninvited. Spoke with juvenile and guardians.

-2 Domestic at 204 S. Pike. One of which resulted in an arrest.

-Assisted CCSO with 2 domestics in Ashmore.

-Assisted them attempting to locate a stolen Jeep from Indiana. Was able to locate the location via GPS. Vehicle left the area before we could locate it. It reappeared a couple days later southeast of Mattoon.

-Assisted the U.S. Marshall's service in attempting to located a fugitive.

-Had to involuntarily admit subject for Psychological Evaluation. The subject fought and threatened officers and hospital personnel and had to be physically restrained.

-911 invoice. Jack reported that he has discovered that for years the Coles County 911 service has been billing the city for non-emergency calls made to the Oakland Ambulance service. The City has been paying this bill all along, it has been running \$3200 but jump to close to \$4200. 911 was under the assumption Oakland Ambulance was though the City which it is actually through Oakland Community Fire Dept. Jack has spoken with the Fire Dept and they will work on resolving the issue.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Plowed snow 2 days
- Worked on mower deck
- Worked on street truck plow
- New controller for white truck plow
- Got backhoe full serviced
- Hung Christmas lights
- Took down Christmas lights
- Ditch burning at sewer plant
- New door knob on public restroom
- Worked on pumps at sewer plant
- Worked on pumps at Johnson Drive
- Will work on replacing ballast at City Hall

Unfinished Business:

Approve Annual Tax Levy Ordinance 2019-0-4

Motion: Stolz 2nd: Lee 6 Ayes

New Business:**Scheduled upcoming committee meetings.**

January 16,

6pm Police & Public Safety

Discuss upcoming retirement of Jack Sanders, Police Chief

6:30pm Ordinance Committee

- Discuss getting a handle on abandoned properties around city and properties that are in disrepair.
- Discuss permanent ban on growing of hemp and cannabis related activities in the city limits
- Updating of city code book

7pm Public Works Committee

- address the hiring of city alderman Caleb Maxedon for city job

Replacing Tractor for Public Works

Jim Clifton reported that the old tractors are leaking hydraulic fluid and oil. Birkeys said it would cost around \$5000 each to repair. Board approved purchase of a Massey-Ferguson tractor. Will have 60" mower deck, quick-detach front loader and a quick-detach backhoe. The cost \$18,500. Will purchase from Kuhns Equipment in Arthur.

Motion to Purchase Massey-Ferguson Tractor

Motion: Turner 2nd: Stolz 6 Ayes

Committee Reports/ Building Permits: None

Bills Reviewed and Voted Payable:

Motion: Stolz 2nd Lee Motion approved 6 ayes

Adjourned: 7:48P.M.

Motion- Turner Jan 2nd - Lee Motion approved 6 ayes

Vickie McQueen, City Clerk