

City of Oakland
Regular Meeting
City Hall
15 East Main Street
Thursday, Feb 6 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, Janice Hunt, Attorney Jacob
Smallhorn, Ethan Brewer, Roger Hale, Lori Neese, Jerry
Willison, Kiley Willison, Crayton Willison, Kelly Lockhart,
Lee Beckman

Bob Michaels started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

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

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Stolz, 2nd- Turner Motion approved 6 ayes

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

GENERAL BUSINESS:

POLICE REPORT:

Police report for January 2020

-2 Money tickets.

-9 Warning tickets.

-1 Criminal arrest of Heather A. D. Sexson, 45, 204 E. Main St. on a Coles Co.
arrest warrant for Failure to Appear in Court for a Battery charge that occurred in
Oakland.

Other activity:

-Assisted CCSO with a prowler report in Ashmore.

- Removed a deer carcass from rt. 133.
- Theft of prescription drugs at Quality Housing.
- Assisted a citizen with overly assertive salesperson.
- Civil Standby.
- Assisted the Drug Task Force with executing a search warrant.
- Theft of some hand tools at ADM. We retrieved some physical evidence and well as video evidence.
- Report of railroad crossing malfunctioning. We contacted the railroad company and the issue was resolved.

Officer Brewer attended and 8 hour class regarding dealing with personel.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Fixed leak on Reel St
- Replaced lights at City Hall
- Filed in some potholes
- Repaired lift station pumps on Johnson Drive and at sewer plant
- Water shut off's
- Sign at Brush pile got ran over, got new sign ordered
- fixed water leak by B & C Auto
- Asked about looking into trenching and shoring class for Caleb and possibly Rob
Cancel approved classes
- Jim discussed the trash bin at shop. Advance charges more than Mel would.
Jim will see if Mel has a contract and discuss next meeting
- Jim will be taking truck to Charleston Service Center to get flywheel fixed
- Fixing Light poles on the Square
- MFT sidewalks-asked about hiring outside help

Unfinished Business:

Reaffirmation of decision to employee Caleb Maxdeon

Motion: Newlin 2nd: Ehler 5 Ayes Abstain: Turner

New Business:

Approved the Solid Waste and Recycling Grant

Recycling Grant: If Approved we could possibly receive up to \$4000. Kelly Lockhart was going to see if it is better for us to partner with East Oakland Township or separate. If recycle bin is emptied twice a month it is around \$10,800. Last fall we received \$3000-City of Oakland, \$2000-East Oakland Township, \$1000-Oakland School Dist., \$1000-Village of Hindsboro, \$600- CCRPDC.

Motion: Turner 2nd: Newlin 6 Ayes

Approved \$100 donation to the National Honor Society Scholarship

Motion: Stolz 2nd: Newlin 6 Ayes

Approved Sewer Disconnections for Hunt & Miller

Motion: Stolz 2nd: Lee 6 Ayes

Committee Discussed and Approved purchased of Exmark zero-turn mower

Mower w/trade-in \$1850.00

Motion: Newlin 2nd: Turner 6 Ayes

Motion to Apply for DCO Public Infrastructure Grant:

Coles County Regional Planning and Milano Grunloh Engineering will be assisting us with filling out papers and gathering information for this grant. We will need to get Income Surveys, IEPA permit, records of water main breaks, brown water, ect....If approved it could pay up to \$500,000. The application is no charge so no cost to apply. We would submit the application this summer and should be notified by January. If we get grant project would start somewhere around summer 2021 until end of 2022.

Motion: Turner 2nd: Taylor 6 ayes

Approve Audit Engagement letter:

Will cost between \$9800-\$10,800

Motion: Stolz 2nd: Ehler 6 ayes

Committee Reports/ Building Permits

6:00pm: Police and Public Safety

Discuss upcoming retirement of Police Chief Jack Sanders

Jack will be retiring on Aug 1, 2020. He will still help out when needed.

Set some Standards for the incoming Chief and will get an Ad ready for papers

6:30pm: Ordinance Committee

Discuss getting a handle on abandoned properties around city and properties that are in disrepair: There is possibly a couple grants available for condemning abandoned lots. Council will wait to learn more about that.

Discuss permanent ban on growing of hemp and cannabis related activities in the city limits. State has a Dispensary Ordinance

Jacob will have a Cannabis Ordinance ready to Publish & View for next meeting.

Updating of City Code Book: Jacob has everyone's corrected sections and he and Regional Office will be working on getting this together.

7:00pm: Public Works Committee

Address the hiring of City Alderman Caleb Maxedon for city job

Motion above under Unfinished Business

Bills Reviewed and Voted Payable:

Motion: 2nd Lee Motion approved 6 ayes

Adjourned: 7:56 P.M.

Motion- Stolz Jan **2nd**- Newlin Motion approved 6 ayes

Vickie McQueen, City Clerk