

City of Oakland
Regular Meeting
City Hall
15 East Main Street
Thursday, March 5, 2020
7:00 P.M.

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

Also, present: Clerk Vickie McQueen Treasurer Dan
Mathews, Attorney Jacob Smallhorn, , Roger Hale, Jerry
Willison, Kyley Willison, Crayton Willison, Roy McCammon,
Doug White, Mike Patterson, Solan Mcachron

David Stolz conducted meeting in Mayor Michaels Absence.

David Stolz started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jack Turner amended the Agenda for unfinished business:
-continued discussion of Mels Disposal replacing dumpster at city garage

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Motion-Turner 2nd-Newlin, Motion approved 5 ayes

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion-Turner, 2nd-Newlin Motion approved 5 ayes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Newlin, 2nd- Ehler Motion approved 5 ayes

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Roy McCammon updated the council on the July 4th activities.

Activities will be at the Oakland Lake Park and the School. Activities will take place
on Saturday, June 27, 2020. Fireworks will be let off behind the Lakecrest School.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

POLICE REPORT:

- Police Report February 2020

-5 traffic citations.

-6 warning citations.

-1 Traffic accident. No injuries.

- 1 criminal arrest. John C. Metzger, 49, 213 E. Montgomery was arrested on a Coles County warrant for Failure to Appear in Court.
- Assisted Coles County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) with traffic enforcement on the Oakland Newman Road.
- Assisted CCSO with arresting a Criminal Sexual Assault suspect.
- Assisted CCSO with arresting a highly intoxicated individual in Rardin.
- Towed an abandoned vehicle on rt. 133.
- Responded to a report of a reckless driver. Located driver and admonished same.
- Responded to suspicious door to door solicitor. Located and advised him that he needed to acquire a permit.
- Responded to a suicidal subject. He was transported by ambulance to Sarah Bush Lincoln.
- 911 invoice. They had been charging us for both the Ambulance & Fire department along with our police. They will now separate those bills.
- Cuffs

PUBLIC WORKS: Jim Clifton gave report:

- had some problems with sewer lift station at Johnson Dr
- got new tires on work truck
- weather has warmed so they can do work with cold pak
- reorganizing, cleaning and updating to get the city shop and garage up to code
- would like to do some upgrading on the Ditch Witch, cost about \$3600/each
In future not immediately.

Unfinished Business:

Code Book- Jake reported that the code book is almost ready for a draft to be sent for review. Once it is ready, he will Email to Vickie and she will forward to all councilmembers to review.

Update on Grant Application- Caleb & Jim have been going door to door and handing out the questionnaires. Hopefully everyone will get them turned in quickly. Streets are Reel, Mill, Jonathon, Parker, Possibly Lincoln (Reel to Parker) possibly some on Main.

Mel's Disposal- he does not require a contract for his dumpsters. We will vote at April's meeting.

New Business:

Approved \$100 Memorial to the Lee family

Motion: Newlin 2nd: Ehler Abstain: Lee Motion approved 4 ayes

Allowing Video Gambling in City Limits: will need some more information regarding this and will discuss next meeting.

Review and Approve Motor Fuel Tax Estimate for 2020

Motion: Newlin 2nd: Ehler Motion approved 5 ayes

Committee Reports:

Personnel: Steve reported on committee meeting, they discussed hiring a public works person but no action taken.

Police and Public Safety: Jack reported they have the ad ready to run for search of new Police Chief. Will run ad in Oakland, Tuscola, Mattoon/Charleston papers, on our web page and Facebook page.

Executive Session: Pending Litigation

Motion to go into Closed Executive Session: 7:34pm

Motion: Turner 2nd: Lee Motion approved 5 Ayes

Motion to go out of Executive Session: 8:00pm

Motion: Turner 2nd: Lee Motion approved 5 Ayes

Motion for Retention of Smallhorn LLC to defend the City in Ordinance Litigation and to proceed as needed to enforce the ordinance as originally passed.

Motion: Turner 2nd: Newlin 5 Ayes

Bills Reviewed and Voted Payable:

Motion: Lee 2nd: Turner Motion approved 5 ayes

Adjourned: 8:08 P.M.

Motion: Turner 2nd: Newlin Motion approved 5 ayes

Vickie McQueen, City Clerk