

City of Oakland
Regular Meeting
Oakland City Hall
15 E Main Street
Thursday, July 2, 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, Jack Sanders, Ethan
Brewer, Janice Hunt, Tom Whitmore, Roy McCammon,
Jennifer Clark, Todd Miller, Katrina Cabrera

Davis Stolz sat in for Mayor Michaels: he was recovering from Shoulder surgery

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Motion-Ehler 2nd-Lee, Motion approved 5 ayes

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Roy McCammon was present to ask if City will pay half the cost of the fireworks show which would be \$3500. Last year City paid \$3000 of the \$7000. This will be voted on at August meeting.

- Tom Whitmore was present to thank council for working the flooding issue.

- Katrina Cabrera of Hindsboro presented to the council her plans of hopefully opening a small Mexican restaurant in Oakland. She wanting to know if she will be able to obtain a liquor license. City does not currently have a license available, but a pour license could be created to allow a restaurant to serve alcohol with a meal. She would like to be open by December. She is to keep council informed on her progress and they will keep in mind as far as the type of license.

-Janice Hunt wondered if there is anything that can be done about the foxes. Stolz said the problem should resolve itself. They seem to come to town to raise their young and then they leave. If they do stick around, we will probably need to take measures on that. But lets hope they leave.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

POLICE REPORT:

- Police Report July 2020

-17 Traffic Citations

-9 Warning Citations

-3 Arrests:

A Montezuma Indiana resident was arrested for Illegal possession of alcohol by a minor.

An Urbana resident was arrested for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor

A Bloomfield Indiana resident for speeding 35 or more miles the posted limit (81 MPH in a posted 35 MPH zone).

-Responded To:

-Assisted the Coles County Sherriff's Office (CCSO) with a four-wheeler vs. deer accident. Officer Brewer rendered Medical Aid.

-Assisted CCSO with a possible burglary in process. Determined to be a young couple "talking" inside a vehicle parked in a barn lot.

-Assisted CCSO with a domestic situation in Rardin

-Assisted CCSO with a fight in progress in Ashmore

Calls for Service:

-Harassment complaint. Subject overheard individual yelling threats on phone

-Young children yelling obscenities at one another. Parents were advised

-Reckless Driver: vehicle located later and unoccupied

-Reckless Driver: Vehicle located, stopped, and driver was advised that had been contacted earlier that day.

-Suspicious individuals at a residence. It was a tree service that had been contacted earlier that day.

-Ongoing neighborhood dispute.

-Suspicious individual at a residence. Found to be a solicitor

-Possible theft. After investigating it was found to be delivered at the wrong address and the package was recovered.

PUBLIC WORKS:

-Ran tile cleaner on Reel St

Roughly 200' if tile totally plugged

Tribby & Tribby is on the schedule to replace tile (around \$3000)

-tile at school is plugged:

Willow roots in tile

School is removing tree

We will need a company to come in to get roots out

-The waterway at Jack Turners needs dug out. Jim will get an estimate from Tribby.

-Cub cadet is getting fixed \$800 Blown head

-tile on Main St needs cleaned or replaced, that will help drain south side of Reel St.

Unfinished Business:

Code Book: Jacob gave update that still working on the code book

Approved City being Back up plan for the 5K Walnut Point Biathalon, Aug 22, 2020

Motion: Turner 2nd: Lee Motion Approved: 5 ayes

New Business:

Approve Annual Appropriation Ordinance:

This was moved to August 6, 2020 Meeting

Approve Disconnect sewer for Christian Church Annex:

Motion: Newlin 2nd: Turner Motion approved: 5 ayes

Committee Reports/Building:

Personnel/Police:

Reported there were 7 applicants for the Chief of Police position. Narrowed down to 2. Will continue discussion of School Resource Officer between the City and Police Department.

**Approved hiring Ethan Brewer as new Chief of Police starting Aug. 1, 2020
With starting salary of \$52,500 Annual plus \$450 ins. Monthly and Standard
Benefit package for Chief as long as maintains his time in service at The City of
Oakland.**

Motion: Turner 2nd: Ehler Motion Approved: 5 ayes

Motion to go into Closed Session 7:33pm:

Motion: Turner 2nd: Newlin Motion Approved: 5 ayes

Motion to go back to Regular Session 8:15pm:

Motion: Newlin 2nd: Ehler Motion Approved: 5 ayes

**Motion regarding Moratorium of Hemp being grown within the
City limits is Not to pursue Appeal based on Decision made on June 16, 2020:**

Motion: Turner 2nd: Ehler Motion Approved: 5 ayes

Motion to pay Jack Sanders 4 weeks of Vacation:

Motion: Newlin 2nd: Ehler Motion Approved: 5 ayes

Bills Reviewed and Voted Payable:

Motion: Turner 2nd: Newlin Motion approved: 5 ayes

Adjourned: 8:26pm

Motion: Newlin 2nd: Lee Motion Approved: 5 ayes

Vickie McQueen