

City of Oakland  
Regular Meeting  
Oakland City Hall  
15 E Main Street  
Thursday, August 6, 2020  
7:00 P.M.

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

Also, present: Clerk Vickie McQueen Treasurer Dan  
Mathews, Attorney Jacob Smallhorn, Jack Sanders, Ethan  
Brewer, Janice Hunt, Roger & Marilyn Hale, Grace  
Thompson, Les Combs

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

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

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Motion-Stolz, 2nd-Ehler Motion approved 5 ayes.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion: Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Ehler Motion approved 5 ayes

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Les Combs spoke to council regarding being mislead on City dumpster and Recycle bin. He reported that Coles County owes the City and East Oakland Township 19 months of dumpster service. The dumpster program was ended in 2018 when municipalities and townships were told to end because of a state law. Combs reports that wasn't the case. He was attending the County Board meeting Tues. Aug 11, and he will be on the September Agenda to report back with council.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**POLICE REPORT:**

**(ACTIVITY: July 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>) ACTIVITY & STATISTICS:**

|                   |    |                    |    |
|-------------------|----|--------------------|----|
| Traffic Stops:    | 19 | Criminal Arrests:  | 0  |
| Warnings –        | 11 | Warrant Arrests:   | 0  |
| State Citations – | 6  | Reports:           | 5  |
| City Ordinance –  | 0  | Vehicles Towed:    | 1  |
| Civil Law –       | 0  | Security Checks:   | 55 |
| DUI Arrests:      | 0  | Assist Other       | 3  |
|                   |    | Agencies:          |    |
| Traffic Arrests:  | 1  | Traffic Crashes:   | 1  |
| Drug Arrests:     | 0  | Calls for Service: | 15 |

### **ASSISTED OTHER AGENCIES**

- 1) Edgar County Sheriff's Office – Traffic Crash
- 2) Coles County Sheriff's Office – Traffic Stop

### **CALLS FOR SERVICE**

- 1) Ordinance Enforcement – Dog running at large – Warning issued
- 2) Report of missing child – Matter resolved itself
- 3) (5) Domestic Situation / Family Problem / Mental Health Situation
- 4) Suspicious Auto – Unfounded
- 5) Juveniles swimming at Oakland Lake near the spillway.
- 6) Business Alarm – Alarm system malfunction
- 7) Wellbeing check
- 8) Mental Health Situation
- 9) Suspicious Person Report – Unfounded
- 10) Reckless Driver – Unfounded
- 11) Business Alarm – Unfounded / Alarm system malfunction

### **TRAINING**

- • Department is working on “Mandated Training” updates

### **OTHER NOTEWORTHY ITEMS**

- • We are currently working with Verizon Wireless' Government Affairs Division, to establish a government account. These accounts and prices are only available to government entities. This account will replace all current cellphone, landline, and wireless data solutions throughout all city departments and offices.

### **ISSUES & INFORMATION**

- • Covering Shifts -
- • Hiring Part-Time Officers
- • Part-Time Officer Pay – SEE ATTACHED BELOW:

#### **Area Department's Part-Time Certified Police Officer Pay Rates (Per Hour)**

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Villa Grove Police Department   | \$20.00 |
| Arthur Police Department        | \$21.00 |
| Newman Police Department        | \$18.00 |
| Arcola Police Department        | \$17.50 |
| Tuscola Police Department       | \$21.82 |
| Douglas County Sheriff's Office | \$15.00 |

(Part-time only)

(Only uses part-time when  
fulltime can't cover or special  
events)

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Hindsboro Police Department | \$18.00 |
|-----------------------------|---------|

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| Horizon Health Security – Paris<br>Hospital (Sworn Police Only)                                        | \$25.00        |
| Lakeland College Police<br>Department<br>(Has 8 open shifts with 10 Part-<br>time Officers this month) | \$ 15.00       |
| “It’s a fight every month to get<br>people to work for \$15 per hr.”                                   |                |
| <b>Average Rate of Pay:</b>                                                                            | <b>\$19.04</b> |

- ☐ Accepting applications for Full-Time Officer – Request Police & Personnel committee meeting.

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

- spread cold mix
- 80’ of sidewalk done
- Tribby & Tribby got Mill St tile completed
- worked on lift stations
- worked on Aerators
- new emergency brakes on backhoe (Birkey’s)
- Cub Cadet getting worked on at Birkey’s
- cleaned up City Hall garage (getting ready for bathroom remodel)
- grass seeded in trouble areas
- asked about replacing Ryan Starks tree.  
Will take tree down and replace with new one
- Asked if could fix sidewalk at Jim Campbells  
We will pay for material, Jim will pay the labor

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Code Book:** Jacob gave update that still working on the code book  
Each member will check their section and right correction on paper and give to  
Vickie to take to Jacob.

### **Approval of donating \$3500 to Oakland Fire Department for 2020 Fireworks**

Motion: Ehler 2<sup>nd</sup>: Newlin Approved: 5 ayes

### **Approval of Annual Appropriation Ordinance 2020-2021**

Tabled until September meeting

### **New Business:**

### **Approval of spending \$3500 for extension on Hydrovact which is split with The Village of Ashmore**

Motion: Stolz 2<sup>nd</sup> Ehler Approved: 5 ayes

**Approval of replacing 3 Fire Hydrants w/line stops, at little over \$17000**

212 E Rt 133, W Main St., Montgomery St

Motion: Newlin 2<sup>nd</sup>: Stolz Approved: 5 ayes

**Approval of spending\$3850 to have Tribby clean ditch at Woodlawn Subdivision**

Motion: Lee 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ehler Approved: 5 ayes

**Approval of taking action on Condemnation & cleanup of 26 S Hazel**

Motion: Stolz 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lee Approved: 5 ayes

**Approval of Raising Part-time Police Officer wages from \$15.92/hr to \$19.00/hr with no Benefits**

Motion: Newlin 2<sup>nd</sup>: Stolz Approved: 5 ayes

**Approval of Disconnecting Sewer at 112 Illinois St. Sandy Ashmore**

Motion: Stolz 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lee Approved: 5 ayes

**Bills Reviewed and Voted Payable:**

Motion: Newlin 2<sup>nd</sup>:Lee Motion approved: 5 ayes

**Adjourned: 8:12pm**

Motion: Newlin 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lee Motion Approved: 5 ayes

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Vickie McQueen, City Clerk