

Oakland City Hall
15 E Main Street
Thursday March 2, 2023
City of Oakland
7:00 P.M.

Council members present: Fred Ehler, David Stolz, Donna Taylor, Todd Wilson,
Bradley Lee and Jim Craven

Also present: Clerk Vickie McQueen, Jacob Smallhorn,
Roy McCammon, Ethan Brewer, Eric Tillis, Anthony Bennett,
Belinda Clifton, Jim Clifton, Sharon Suver, Bryan Loyd,
Ruthann Lichel, Lee Beckman, Seth Flach, Angela Lankster,
Lynn McQueen, Karen Mauzy, Diana Zimmerman, Grace
Thompson, Tabatha Cohorst, Doug White & wife, Kiley
Willison and Jerry Willison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Motion: Lee 2nd-Taylor Motion Approved 6 ayes

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion: Stolz 2nd-Wilson Motion Approved 6 ayes.

Agenda Amended: Remove voting on new computers
Change Resolution to Ordinance

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Lee 2nd- Stolz Motion Approved 6 ayes

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Tabatha Cohorst reported her concerns with burnt trailer that is
beside her property on 201 S Ashmore Rd. She will be selling or renting and ask if the
City will be doing something with that property soon.

• **Police Report:**

February 2023 ACTIVITY & STATISTICS:

Traffic Stops:	33	Reports:	6
Warnings –	12	Field Contacts:	3
Citations –	25	Vehicles Towed:	-
DUI Arrests:	-	Motorist Assist:	-
Traffic Arrests:	1	Security Checks:	20
Drug Arrests:	-	Assist Other	1
		Agencies:	
Criminal Arrests:	-	Traffic Crashes:	-

Warrant Arrests: 2

Calls for Service: 13

ARRESTS *(All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty)*

- 1) Jesse R. Spears, 30-year-old male of Charleston, Illinois was arrested on a Coles County failure to appear warrant.
- 2) Zachary T. Bright, 27-year-old male of Ashmore, Illinois was arrested on a Coles County failure to appear warrant.
- 3) Diane Cuvelier, 63-year-old female of Terre Haute, Indiana was arrested and released on a notice to appear for operating a vehicle when registration suspended and illegal transportation of alcohol by a driver.

ASSISTED OTHER AGENCIES

- 1) Assisted the Coles County Sheriff's Office with locating an individual.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

- 1) Records request
- 2) Public assist
- 3) Wellness check
- 4) Warrant service
- 5) Lost property report
- 6) Wellness check
- 7) City Code Violation complaint – Animal running at large.
- 8) Criminal damage to property report
- 9) Disorderly conduct report
- 10) Warrant service
- 11) City code violation complaint – animals running at large
- 12) Civil problem
- 13) City Code violation complaint – unlawful junk and rubbish

TRAINING

- Chief Brewer attended a 16-hour course entitled AR15 Armorer. This course was taught by former Coles County Sheriff Darrell Cox.
- Chief Brewer completed LEADS less than full access recertification training as required by the Illinois State Police.
- Officer Lewis completed a 1-hour online course entitled firearms restraining order act awareness.
- Officer Lewis and Chief Brewer attended an 8-hour course entitled Anger Management for Cops.

The above training meets or exceeds ILETSB training mandates

ISSUES & INFORMATION

- Received the annual member pro-rata software contribution and landline/wireless 9-1-1 dispatching fee invoice from Coles County 911.
- Our new law enforcement software (TylerTech) went live on 02/28/23.

Public Works Report:

- Normal monthly activities
- Getting ready for spring
- Hope to get cannon back on square in week or two

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- A. Lee Beckman from Milano and Grunloh discussed the Golf Course Subdivision, Lake Oakland Dam Inspection, DCEO CDBG Public Infrastructure Grants, IEPA PWS Loan programs for Water Tower painting, and Community Facilities Grants Council did decide to move forward on SRF Program
Also proceed with the process for IEPA Loan for water tower painting
SEE ATTACHED
- B. Sharon Suver/ Kiley Willison presented her plans to put a subdivision on the old Golf Course. She wants to initially start with 3 houses on Lincoln St. She would like to develop at least 40 3 bedroom 2 bath homes in 3 phases over 10 years or sooner. The City is looking into getting a TIF which would help with this. The city is willing to assist but initially the costs would be borne by the developer. Lee Beckman from Milano and Grunloh Engineers said his firm can handle all the aspects for the city, including layout, utility design, street design, staking and permitting.
- C. Lynn McQueen represented the Oakland Chamber with concern on losing the grocery store. They are forming a task force to try and get a grocery store or convenience market to come to Oakland.
Jack will also check with Coles Together to see if they can be of any assistance with this
 - Chamber also is asking for donations to replace the hanging Christmas lights around the square. The cost is \$9500 and will have the LED lights
- D. Roy McCammon spoke to council regarding the Oakland Independent Celebration. He presented 3 proposals for the fireworks show (attached). This was tabled until April 6, 2023 meeting
- E. Approved donation of \$500 to the Oakland Chamber for new LED Christmas lights
Motion: Stolz 2nd: Wilson **Motion approved** 6 ayes
- F. Approve donation of \$100 to Oakland National Honor Society toward scholarship
Motion: Craven 2nd: Lee **Motion approved:** 6 ayes
- G. Approve the MFT for 2023
Motion: Wilson 2nd: Taylor **Motion approved:** 6 ayes
- H. Approve Ordinance #2023-0-1 authorizing sell of City Hall building to Birkey's for 32,500, as well as a 2-year leaseback
Motion: Stolz 2nd: Wilson **Motion approved:** 6 ayes

- I. Set Budget meeting date for Thursday March 23, 2023 @ 6pm.

Committee Reports:

Jack spoke with Kelly Lockhart and they are exploring several Grants and other opportunities for the move to a different building for City Hall

Good and Welfare:

Motion to approve bills for payment

Motion: Lee 2nd: Wilson Motion approved: 6 ayes

Motion to Adjourn: 8:38pm

Motion: Lee 2nd: Wilson Motion approved 6 ayes

Vickie McQueen, City Clerk