

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2024

Call to Order: President Roger Burger called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by President Burger.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Present: R. Hudson, A. Arthur, J. Wemlinger, S. Halloran, S.Fauble and W. Miller. Also present: Clerk Ruth Hudson and Treasurer Nikki Jach.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

County Commissioner: report given by C.C. Dontz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2024 regular council meeting as presented. M/C.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Fauble supported to accept the August 31, 2024 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

TREASURER’S REQUEST: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Halloran supported to amend the 2024-25 Budget as requested by the Treasurer. M/C. Amendments are on file with the clerk and treasurer.

BILLS / TRANSFERS: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to pay the bills and make the transfers. Roll call vote as follows: Hudson, Wemlinger, Miller, Arthur, Fauble, Halloran & Burger – yes. M/C.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING:

PLANNING COMMISSION –report

--- Tuesday, October 2, 2024- 7-9p.m./Master Plan Steering Committee meeting.
Tuesday October 8, 6p.m./ continuing public hearing from prior month on draft of Short Term Rental Ordinance.

SEWER: President Burger reported that the cost to repair (Kennedy Industries) the transfer pump at the Lagoons around \$34,000. After some discussion Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to have repair done by Kennedy Industries. M/C. New sewer connection requests are still being worked on.

STREETS: --M-Dot permit for Homecoming Parade has been processed.

PARKS:

---Chairperson Hudson reported that the memorial bench, which the council OK'd, has been placed in the park near the children's play area also OK'd by the council.

Onekama Trails Feasibility Project/update

---Trustee Wemlinger report is attached to these minutes and on file. After Wemlingers' report, Joe Suchocki, a concerned citizen shared some concerns on behalf of Village & Township residents and business owners re: the Trails project which need to be addressed. Due to the length of his concerns and their importance the clerk has also attached them to these minutes.

FARR CENTER:

CEMETERY : the clerk shared her concerns with the Board re: recent loss of sales of cemetery lots due to the increase of lot prices and maintenance fee as a result of revisions to the cemetery policy.

COMMUNICATIONS :

After some discussion, Trustee Miller moved, Trustee Arthur supported to have the treasurer secure a debit card for the village. M/C. The clerk and treasurer were uncomfortable with this action and did not want to be responsible for others using card.

TOWNSHIP REPORT: minutes on line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Trustee Halloran inquired about the current Schimke Property Blight Violation. President Burger had no information but will investigate.

NEW Business:

--**Storm Damage Bids:** one bid was received and it was just a partial bid. After some discussion, Trustee Miller moved, Trustee Arthur supported to reject this proposal and rebid for storm damage repairs. M/C.

--**4th. Ave/Street Light request**

8595 4th Ave property owner has requested the installation of a street light at the Glen Park turn around. Their home is across the street from Glen Park which is a dark area and hard to see if anyone is loitering. After some discussion, the consensus of council was to investigate cost.

CORRESPONDENCE: Heather West/St. Light request.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

---Valerie Harmone/ADA side walk cuts. Marcia Rogers/Trails Project, Debit Card and St. Light request.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth M. Hudson