

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 17, 2024

Call to Order: President Pro-Tem Wayne Miller called the April Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by **President Pro-Tem Wayne Miller.**

ROLL CALL: Trustees Present: R. Hudson, A. Arthur, Sara Fauble, Susan Halloran, John Wemlinger and W. Miller.

Also present: Treasurer Nikki Jach and Clerk Ruth Hudson. **Absent, President/Roger Burger.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nola Teye/repeal sewer charge

County Commissioner: Mr. Dontz gave his report.

Farmers Market/John Seivert

--Mr. Seivert(invited by Trustee Miller) gave background on the farmers Markets in our area. The current farmers market (in the village) is located in the parking lot area between the Onekama Guild Building and the business Patina, which he is part of. They like this area due to the location and are not interested in moving to the village park as suggested by persons in the public. Nola Teye, a village resident is also interested in a Farmers Market but would like to see it in the park. Since the village is happy with where the current market is, Nola says she will be working with the township to start up one there.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2024 regular council meeting as presented. M/C.

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

TREASURER’S REQUEST: Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Halloran supported to close out the Onekama Village Rain Garden account and write a check to the Portage Lake Garden club to be used for the upkeep of the current rain garden. M/C

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING:

--2 blight complaints are being investigated.

PLANNING COMMISSION –report

---Trustee Halloran reported that the planning commission will be holding a public hearing, May 14 on a proposed Short Term rental agreement. She also reported that there is a need for a support program to cover the Village communication systems.(computers, trustees e-mails, zoom meetings etc). After some discussion Trustee Halloran moved, trustee Arthur supported to purchase a subscription (\$6.00) for Microsoft 365 Business Basic. M/C. It was also stated that there is an opening on the planning commission.

SEWER

--Trustee Miller reported that the sewer committee will be meeting soon to address Nola Teye's request for a reduction in her sewer charge.

STREETS: --no report

PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER

--Memorial Bench

Chairperson Hudson reported that the committee met and agreed the following sights, near the swing and slide area or along the waterfront seawall area would be appropriate for the bench.

--He also reported that President Burger had requested the committee to work on additional wording to the current park policy to cover future requests for the placing of articles in the park. Draft language was given to the board for their input to be voted on at the May meeting.

--Trustee Wemlinger, Village Parks& Rec representative, reported that the township is moving forward with (and paying for) a trail feasibility study which would encompass the village and the township along M-22.This is just the discovery phase of future development of local and regional non-motorized transportation. After some discussion, trustee Arthur moved, trustee Wemlinger supported to approve signing Complete Street Resolution #4-17-24#01 which is in support of the township having this discovery feasibility study done in conjunction with future development of safer streets. M/C.

FARR CENTER:

-- electrical panel upgrade work will be completed as soon as time becomes available.

CEMETERY:

Chairperson/Trustee Wemlinger reported that after further investigation into the three bids for the mowing of the cemeteries he recommends hiring John Sievert. After some discussion, Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Wemlinger supported to award the 2 year contract to John Sievert. M/C.

COMMUNICATIONS: for the time being, the village will stay with the PLA web site.

TOWNSHIP REPORT: minutes on line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

--Village Maintenance position

Two applications have been received and given to the personnel committee to set up interviews.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nola Teye/farmers market request

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joe Suchocki, OCR chair, event stage being staked out and shovel in ground will be happening very, very soon and delivery of said stage scheduled for the first of May. Also a person has been hired for the watering of the petunias this 2024 season.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS: Trustee Halloran made the council aware of a school sponsored Community Service Day, May 10 in the village. Students along with teachers, other school employees and other adult residents, will be going out in the village offering their help cleaning up yards, the parks etc. A large dumpster will also be available at the school for people to bring their yard waste etc. for disposal.

--Halloran also inquired about the status of council e-mail

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth M. Hudson