

Present: Councilmembers Dee Brown, Jane Rea, Ty Lewis, Bill Owens and Darren Tynan with Mayor Glenn Fischer presiding.

Absent: Councilmember Terry Edwards

Also present: Kent Myers, Bill Cunningham, Attorney Rick Tucker, Police Chief George Elliott, City Superintendent and Fire Chief Donnie Allison, City Clerk Cheri Peine and Deputy City Clerk Carol Eddington.

OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rev. Steve McBrien, Assembly of God Church, opened the meeting with a prayer and Councilmember Rea led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Westar Energy Franchise Renewal

Kent Myers, business manager for Westar, said that the proposed franchise ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO KANSAS GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, A KANSAS CORPORATION DOING BUSINESS AS WESTAR ENERGY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AN ELECTRIC FRANCHISE, PRESCRIBING THE TERMS THEREOF AND RELATING THERETO, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH OR IN CONFLICT WITH THE TERMS HEREOF", is for the same rate but for the term of 20 years instead of 10 years like the current franchise agreement. He explained that the franchise agreement allows for the ability to re-negotiate the rate of compensation every 5 years.

When asked, Attorney Rick Tucker said that he has looked over the franchise ordinance and sees no problems with it. Owens made a motion and Rea seconded to approve the Ordinance. Motion carried. Clerk assigned it Ordinance #1301.

Myers asked if there were any issues that the Governing Body felt needed to be addressed. He told them that Oswego has one of Westar's best representatives in Jay Trower. Everyone attending agreed that Jay does a good job for the citizens in Oswego.

Labette County Fair Board – Rod Landrum

Rod Landrum was sick and unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Fischer said that the Fair Board has officially received the award for being voted the number one arena in Class II Arenas. This award is voted on by the participating cowboys and by the judges. Fischer also said that the Committee working on additional ways to utilize the arena will be meeting tomorrow at noon if possible. He asked that anyone having any ideas, please send him an email.

Tennis Courts – City vs Crossland

Attorney Tucker said the pre-trial conference is set for late May. He will be busy with discovery on the case between now and then.

Special Assessment Ordinance for Mowing Charges

“AN ORDINANCE MAKING AND LEVYING A SPECIAL TAX UPON ALL LOTS AND PARCELS OF GROUND IN THE CITY OF OSWEGO, KANSAS FOR THE COST AND EXPENSE OF MOWING IN SAID CITY ON NOVEMBER 2, 2012” was presented.

Brown made a motion and Rea seconded to approve the ordinance as presented. Motion carried. Clerk assigned it Ordinance #1302.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of minutes from regular and special meetings from the regular December 10, 2012 meeting to date, accounts payables listing for December as well as payroll and utility deposit refund checks for December.

The Consent Agenda also included appointments to:

The Public Building Commission – Cheryl Lewis and Ken Wyrick reappointed for 3 year terms, expiring January 2016.

The Tree Board – Bill Cunningham and Laura Cunningham reappointed for 3 year terms, expiring January 2016.

The Housing Committee – Don McLeod for a three year term expiring October 1, 2015 and Robert Harris for a three year term expiring October 1, 2014. These individuals had agreed to continue serving on the committee, however, there had been no official appointments made. Approval of these appointments takes care of that.

Within the Consent Agenda is a revised Resolution 12-10-12A for the 2013 Holidays that corrects the Thanksgiving Holiday dates and a Resolution waiving financial reporting requirements under GAAP for the year 2013 (Resolution #01-14-13A).

Rea made a motion and Tynan seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Code Violation – Kepner – 1319 3rd St. & 1321 3rd St.

Courtesy letters were mailed to the owner of record on December 26, 2012 for code violations of junk in the yards. Copies of the letters were included in the council packets. The letters were returned marked “moved, no address” on December 31, 2012. The owner is deceased.

Supt. Allison reported that the violations still remain at both houses. Clerk Peine said she spoke to Bob Medina with the State and if the city has to do the clean up on these properties, it may be possible to receive some reimbursement from the State through the Illegal Dump Program.

Rea made a motion and Lewis seconded to send code violation letters on both addresses. Motion carried.

Airport Updates

Short strip that needs to be paved: Clerk Peine reported that there is a small area between the apron and the road that is not paved but will need to be before installing fuel at the airport. She has contacted the FAA and they will take a look at the area to determine whether the city could get any funding from them for paving this short strip.

Fuel System: Peine also reported that the bid specs have been received for the fuel system. These will be sent out this week.

Special Meeting: Clerk Peine said that the City has not acted on the contract with Airport Development Group (ADG) on the Land Acquisition Project. She also said that Rick Bryant, with ADG, will attend a Council meeting in order to discuss the projects at the airport and answer any questions the Council may have. After some discussion, Owens made the motion and Brown seconded to hold a special meeting on January 22, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Swimming Pool

Clerk Peine reported that Jeff Bartley would be glad to come to meet with the Council and discuss the results of the core samples taken at the pool as well as options for complying with ADA regulations. The core samples taken in the floor of the pool (except for the deep end) showed problems. Supt Allison reported that the soil was crumbly. All of the other samples were good and solid. It was determined to see if Bartley can attend the February Council meeting. Peine will contact him.

Salary Committee Recommendation

Councilmember Brown said that she made the changes that were discussed at the last regular Council meeting. Mayor and other Councilmembers expressed their appreciation for all of the time put into this Salary Recommendation. Tynan made a motion and Rea seconded to approve the new pay scale. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Dental Insurance Rates for 2013

Blue Cross/Blue Shield presented the city with renewal rates for the dental insurance. The rates show a slight drop in the employee rate with no change in the benefit plan. Staff recommends renewing the dental insurance with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Lewis made a motion and Rea seconded to approve dental coverage with Blue Cross for the upcoming plan year. Motion carried.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Labette County – Donation Request

No action was taken on the donation request.

City Hall Renovations

Discussion was held on possibly taking out the wall creating a hallway between Cheri's new office and the storage/conference room next to it. After taking a look at the plans, it was decided not to make a change to the existing plans.

Mayor Fischer described changes to the set up of the Council table, putting wiring in the floor, purchasing a big screen television to use with the laptop on the south wall replacing the pull-down screen; and possibly purchasing a new Council table similar to the ones in Parsons. He has asked the contractor for a quote on the cost of building the Council tables.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

Peine – reported that beginning Monday, the 21st, the Planning and Zoning Commission will start to review the current zoning regulations.

- informed the Council that the city will host a Job Fair on February 13th. Several companies have been contacted and responses are beginning to come in.

- reported that the city will be advertizing for an office position as Dawn Diediker has resigned.

ADJOURNMENT

Brown made a motion and Rea seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor, Glenn Fischer

Attest:

Deputy City Clerk, Carol Eddington