

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OKEMAH CITY COUNCIL

WHEN: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: OKEMAH CITY HALL, 502 WEST BROADWAY, OKEMAH, OK

PRESENT: MIKE ISHMAEL, RONNIE LUCAS, RON GOTT, BRANDON ANDERSON, WAYNE BACON

ABSENT: JENNIFER MACK

ALSO PRESENT: KRISTY LESLEY, CITY MANAGER; RELENA HADDOX, CITY CLERK/TREASURER, JACK CADENHEAD, CITY ATTORNEY

FLAG SALUTE AND ROLL CALL

Flag salute by Mayor Ron Gott. Roll was called by City Clerk

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ron Gott.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion to approve minutes as presented made by Ronnie Lucas, second by Wayne Bacon.

AYE: Ronnie Lucas, Ron Gott, Brandon Anderson, Wayne Bacon

NAY: None

Motion carried

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS.

Motion to approve purchase orders as presented made by Wayne Bacon, second by Ronnie Lucas.

AYE: Ronnie Lucas, Ron Gott, Brandon Anderson, Wayne Bacon

NAY: None

Motion carried

PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

None

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT.

Kimberly Bradshaw reported on houses removed, dilapidation abatements and trash, grass and weed abatements completed since August 2022.

DISCUSSION AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO DECLARE VACANT THE CITY COUNCIL OFFICE OF WARD NO.2.

Motion to declare ward 2 vacant made by Wayne Bacon, second by Brandon Anderson.

AYE: Ronnie Lucas, Ron Gott, Brandon Anderson, Wayne Bacon

NAY: None

Motion carried

DISCUSSION AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT A PERSON TO SERVE AS CITY COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD NO.2 UNTIL THE NEXT GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

Motion to appoint Mike Ishmael as council person for ward 2 vacant made by Ron Gott, second by Wayne Bacon.

AYE: Ronnie Lucas, Ron Gott, Brandon Anderson, Wayne Bacon

NAY: None

Motion carried

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER.

Relena Haddox sworn in Mike Ishmael.

DISCUSSION AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 2023-14 OF THE CITY OF OKEMAH, OKLAHOMA, PROPOSING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF OKEMAH, OKLAHOMA; DIRECTING PUBLICATION AND MAILING OF NOTICE OF SUCH PROPOSED ANNEXATION; AND DIRECTING THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION.

Motion to approve resolution made by Ron Gott, second by Ronnie Lucas.

AYE: Mike Ishmael, Ronnie Lucas, Ron Gott, Brandon Anderson, Wayne Bacon

NAY: None

Motion carried

DISCUSSION AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR LANDSCAPING.

Motion to approve agreement made by Wayne Bacon, second by Ronnie Lucas.

AYE: Mike Ishmael, Ronnie Lucas, Ron Gott, Brandon Anderson, Wayne Bacon

NAY: None

Motion carried

CONSIDER AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM DIRECT TRAFFIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,756.50 FOR THE STRIPING PROJECT.

Motion to approve quote made by Wayne Bacon, motion died for lack of second.

CONSIDER AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT FILM BOARD MEMBERS.

Motion to table made by Ron Gott, second by Brandon Anderson.

AYE: Mike Ishmael, Ronnie Lucas, Ron Gott, Brandon Anderson, Wayne Bacon

NAY: None

Motion carried

DISCUSSION AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-16 AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE RURAL ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN FUND FOR THE OKEMAH STREET OVERLAY PROJECT.

Motion to approve resolution made by Brandon Anderson, second by Ronnie Lucas.

AYE: Mike Ishmael, Ronnie Lucas, Ron Gott, Brandon Anderson, Wayne Bacon

NAY: None

Motion carried

DISCUSSION AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE CERTIFICATION FOR THE APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE RURAL ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN FUND FOR THE OKEMAH STREET OVERLAY PROJECT.

Motion to approve certification made by Ron Gott, second by Wayne Bacon.

AYE: Mike Ishmael, Ronnie Lucas, Ron Gott, Brandon Anderson, Wayne Bacon

NAY: None

Motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Relena presented September 30th fund balances, bank statements and October Sales and use tax deposits reported over last month and last year.

DISCUSSION OF THE STATUS AND PROGRESS OF THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS: PEDESTRIAN CROSSING-DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Two weeks till project completed.

STREET OVERLAY.

Out to bid in march.

SIGNAGE.

No update.

WPA DITCH.

Awarded to AO inc.

AIRPORT

Notice to proceed send.

CITY MANAGERS COMMENT.

Kristy stated that Fall Fest is this Saturday. Lights were hung at farmer's market. City Wide yard sale had a good turnout. Library will have a Booksale on Saturday funds going to the roof repair.

COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES FROM BOARD MEMBERS.

Time allotted for Council to discuss items not listed on agenda. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm by Mayor Ron Gott.

Relena Haddox, City Clerk

Ron Gott, Mayor