

Special Meeting/Town Hall Meeting
June 21, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
City of Oswego, KS

Present: Councilmembers John Davis, Caleb Strickland, Darren Tynan, Scott Grassl, Kelly Vance and David Newby with Mayor Bill Cunningham presiding.

Also present: City Superintendent Calvin Strickland, City Clerk Carol Eddington, Police Chief George Elliott, Fire Chief John Strickland, Asst. Fire Chief Jon Eck, Jerg & Larry Frogley, Roger Vance, Bill Farris, Steve & Nancy Denton, Skip Riley, Frank & Becky Eck, Trevor & Jill Blankinship, Dee & Chris Brown, Sherry Barton, Derek Hellwig, Rena Russell, Tyler Dreiling, Carl Beye, Nathaniel Wagner, Jason Higgins, Jesse Meritt, Janet Johnston, Marna George, Barbara Goodnight, Steven Charles, Bev Cline, Paula Kern, Danny Chapman, Gary Roberts, Linseh Johnson and Landon Allen.

Town Hall Meeting

The public was invited to attend a town hall meeting to discuss with the Council the proposed ½ cent sales tax that will be on the August 2nd Primary ballot. The Governing Body and Staff told the audience how the sales tax issue came about and the factors that went into the decision to seek an increase - the needs of the fire department, the impending tax lid and city budget constraints, the law governing city ability to seek a sales tax, grants and estimated revenue generated. After much discussion, many individuals in the audience expressed the desire for greater than 75% of the tax be allocated to the fire department. The Governing Body assured the group that their full intent is to see that the needs of the fire department are met.

Water/Sewer Dept. Pickup

Supt. Jurgensen found a pickup for sale on Purple Wave that is exactly what he has been looking for. It was used by the Oklahoma Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, a 2011 4x4 with 100,000 miles on it, in very good condition. Supt. Jurgensen called and inquired about the pickup. They told him that it was driven by a supervisor and is in very good condition – mostly highway miles. They also said that it had had the 100,000 mile service done to it.

The pickup is up for auction until June 30th. At this time, the bid is \$10,000. Jurgensen checked the book value on Blue Book and NADA and said that he would like permission to bid up to \$12,200 (plus the premium of \$1,220, the cost would be \$13,420). There is a little over \$14,000 available in Municipal Equipment for this purchase.

Vance made a motion and Strickland seconded to approve bidding up to \$12,200 plus paying the buyer's premium and require proof of the 100,000 mile service that was done. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Strickland made a motion and Grassl seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor F.W. Cunningham, Jr.

Attest:

City Clerk Carol J. Eddington