

Special Meeting
August 25, 2014, 6:30 p.m.
City of Oswego, Kansas

Present: Councilmembers Jane Rea, Kelly Vance, Susan Bringle, Darren Tynan, Bill Owens and Dee Brown with Mayor Glenn Fischer presiding.

Also present: City Clerk Carol Eddington, City Superintendent Calvin Jurgensen, Deputy Chief Brandon Conrad, Deputy Clerk Renee Cochran, Paula Kern, Lewis (Skip) Riley, Terry Karlin, Pat Hendrickson, Chris Brown and Karen Carpenter.

Public Hearing - Budget

Mayor Fischer opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone was present to discuss the budget. Terry Karlin said that the School District was able to make some reductions to their tax burden this year. He suggested the city look into expanding its boundaries as a way to reduce future mill levy increases. Pat Hendrickson said that the amount allotted for the library in the city's budget was not enough to carry them through the next year. They expect an \$8,000 shortfall next year. She asked if the ½ cent sales tax option was going to be considered again this year. Mayor Fischer said that the County already has a tax renewal on the November ballot so the city opted to wait until next year to reconsider the sales tax question.

The Mayor left the hearing open until later in the meeting to allow for additional discussion.

Golf Course Equipment Bids

Skip Riley, Oswego Golf Course, attended the meeting to answer any questions about the bids that were received for new equipment at the Golf Course. Riley said the board recommended that the bid for the ten new golf carts be awarded to Pa Pa's Fix-it Shop for \$43,750; the Grasshopper Mower to Baugher Equipment for \$13,064.25; Gang Mower and Cutting Units to R&R Products for \$11,396.55 for a total of \$68,210.80. Riley said no bids were received for the Gang Mower but he had received a quote from R&R Products so that was included instead for Council approval.

Council asked if it appeared that they were going to need the full \$135,000 that had been approved. Riley said the bid amounts were for new equipment only. They had already purchased some used equipment and planned to purchase some additional items when the funding comes through. They also needed to pay back the city \$11,000 they still owed for the previous equipment purchase. Clerk Eddington said the bond issue was for up to \$135,000 so the full amount does not have to be used if it isn't needed.

Brown made a motion and Vance seconded to approve the bids. Motion carried.

Golf Course Bond Resolution

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY OF OSWEGO, KANSAS; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY TO PAY SUCH COSTS was presented. Clerk Eddington said in order to move forward with the bond issue for the Golf Course Equipment

Purchase that the resolution would need to be adopted and published in the newspaper. The bond is for \$135,000. Clerk has assigned the resolution number 8-25-14A.

Owens made a motion and Bringle seconded to approve the bond issue by adopting Resolution No. 8-25-14A. Motion carried.

Golf Course Damaged Greens – Oak Golf Inc. Bill

Clerk Eddington said that volunteers had provided the labor to repair the damaged greens at the Golf Course. Oak Golf Inc. provided the materials necessary to make the repairs and have presented a bill for \$2138. Council asked if the person responsible for the damage was going to pay restitution. Eddington said she had talked to Chief Elliott and it may take some time but they did plan to ask for restitution.

Owens made a motion and Tynan seconded to approve the bill for \$2138. Motion carried.

Nance Construction Invoice– 3 Commercial

Clerk Eddington said Nance Construction had presented a bill for \$18,350 for work done at 3 Commercial. She said that they still need to fix the foundation cracks and complete the lead clearance from 505 Kansas. Rea made a motion and Brown seconded to approve the invoice as long as the work that still needs to be completed is finished. Motion carried.

Change Order – 112 Iowa

The city owned house at 112 Iowa needs to have the water line replaced and the floor leveled in the back of the house. These costs were not included in the original price. S&A Construction is doing the work and has said the cost to replace the water line will be an additional \$250. Clerk Eddington said that there is a rock support under the house that runs from one end of the house to the other. The house has settled over time but the rock support hasn't which is now causing the back of the house to be lower and the floor to slant. The contractor believes they can help level the floor by jacking up the back end of the house and installing a three tier support. The cost to level the floor is \$450 for a total additional cost of \$700.

Bringle made a motion and Tynan seconded to approve the change order. Motion carried.

City Wide Cleanup Week

At the August 11th Council Meeting, Council determined that there would be only one City Wide Cleanup Week each year to help with the budget. Clerk Eddington asked if that decision was in effect immediately or if that was to begin in 2015? Eddington said the Fall City Wide Sale was coming up soon and the cleanup week is normally the following week. After some discussion Council felt that the decision to have only one cleanup week annually was intended to be effective immediately. Since there was already one cleanup week earlier this spring then there would not be another one this Fall.

Bringle made a motion and Rea seconded to make the limit of one cleanup week annually effective immediately. Motion carried with Tynan voting no.

Public Hearing- Budget

Mayor Fischer asked for additional discussion from those in attendance. Karen Carpenter said if the library did not receive additional funding that they may be forced to close the library for a month or two. Councilmember Owens questioned whether the library had four CD's that were around \$50,000 to 80,000 in value. She replied that was correct but wasn't sure about the exact amount. She also said the library is going to need a roof soon. There being no further discussion from the public Mayor Fischer closed the hearing at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Fischer then asked for any comments or discussion from the Council. Owens made a comment that Chetopa and Altamont's mil levies are less. Council discussed that those cities are smaller in size and also have other utilities that are an additional revenue source. The Council also felt like the infrastructure is in better condition than some of the surrounding towns. Councilmember Brown said that it would have been better to have made small increases over the years rather than to be faced with making a big increase. After further discussion Council did not want to make any additional changes to the budget.

Rea made a motion and Brown seconded to approve the budget. Motion carried with Owens voting no.

There being no further business Vance made a motion and Rea seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:01pm. Motion carried.

Mayor Glenn Fischer

Attest:

Deputy City Clerk Renee Cochran