

Osmond City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Osmond, Nebraska, was held in the conference room at 325 North State Street, in said City on the 13th day of November 2024, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Present were: Mayor Dennis M. Kuhl, Council Members Dennis Haselhorst, Douglas A. Schmit, Daniel E. Timmerman, and Neil E. Wattier. Absent: none. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication and was posted in three conspicuous public places in said City. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all members of the Council. A copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda are on file at the City Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Kuhl publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

Minutes of the October 14th regular meeting were prepared and sent to Council Members. Councilman Haselhorst motioned to approve the minutes of the October 14th regular meeting as submitted. Seconded by Councilman Timmerman. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Klint Arnold from Stealth Broadband presented the blueprints for equipment placement. Permits will be done in December and work to begin in January weather permitting. They hope to have work completed for Phase I the end of May and to start hooking residents up June 1st. Residents south of the railroad tracks will be in Phase II which they hope to start work after Phase I is completed. If residents have any questions or concerns door knockers will be placed on their doors with contact information. City Clerk Timmerman asked Mr. Arnold what percentage will be aerial and what percentage would be underground. Mr. Arnold stated that 90% will be aerial and 10% will be underground. Mayor Kuhl asked council if they had any questions. With no further questions council thanked Mr. Arnold for his time.

Paige Kumm, owner of Tigers and Friends Childcare, presented to council wanting to rent out the City Hall for After School Program. She went on to explain that the school sent out a survey with 17 families responding that they need somewhere for their children to go after school. She stated that she would like to start out with 15 kids only requiring one staff member, who would also be responsible for keeping the area clean. Kumm is hoping to make this a year-round program. She requested that they would like at least a month but a minimum of a 2-week schedule/notice from the city so she will be able to let parents know as soon as possible when she wouldn't be able to use the facility. With the majority of council agreeing that they would like to see this happen, Councilman Wattier requested to review the arrangement quarterly. Councilman Wattier made a motion to approve Tigers and Friends to utilize the Auditorium with a \$1000 rent being paid monthly and the contract being reviewed quarterly. Seconded by Councilman Haselhorst. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Discussion on reclaiming cemetery plots was brought back to council by Clerk Timmerman who explained the city would have to publish notice in the newspaper for two weeks for families to come forward to claim, then wait 1 year and file a lawsuit in District Court. She stated that the city would have to pay \$2,000 in attorney fees. After some discussion about adding more plots to the list to help disperse attorney costs over more plots, Council agreed to table till this is complete.

Discussion for City Engineering Firm was had, Councilman Schmit had spoken with Advanced Consulting Engineering Services (ACES) and was impressed. However, some of the information provided to council by Clerk Timmerman were email responses from City and Villages which had both pros and cons for both ACES and Miller and Associates. Maintenance employee Caleb Eckstrom shared his input on his conversation with the state water representative as well who had voiced personal concerns about ACES and JEO. The main focus was finding a company that had the capability to provide grant assistance to the city and be able to take on large projects.

Many Councilmembers voiced their concerns about the recent street improvement project and stated that they would still like to reach out to other companies for the street department. Councilman Haselhorst made a motion to reappoint JEO with the new street superintendent and let out for bid for any big projects. Seconded by Councilman Wattier. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: Schmit. Motion carried.

The community sign project was brought back to council where Council was presented with the quote for the electricity in the amount of \$1569.01 from TMT Electric. Council questioned the proposal for the sign itself and Councilman Schmit reassured that the quote was the same from when the project first started and was approved. Councilman Wattier motioned to pay half (\$784.51) the electric quote from TMT Electric. Seconded by Councilman Schmit. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Council was updated on vacant homes, Police Chief Wells and Clerk Timmerman had contacted the city attorney regarding the next steps for these homes. Since this discussion, the city has turned its' main focus to one house and will check on progress before next month's meeting and report it to council on the December 9th meeting. One house on 2nd Street and one on Logan Street are set to be demolished by the end of the month.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-10, OF THE CITY OF OSMOND, NEBRASKA, TO VACATE AN ALLEY IN BETWEEN NORTH STATE STREET AND NORTH MAPLE STREET. Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its publication as required by law.

Ordinance No. 2024-10 was presented by Councilman Schmit who moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Councilman Timmerman seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote on the motion, the following members voted: Wattier, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Haselhorst, yea. The following voted nay: none. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said Ordinance No. 2024-10. Said Ordinance No. 2024-10 was then read by title and thereafter Councilman Schmit moved for final passage of said Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilman Wattier. The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2024-10 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following members voted: Wattier, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Haselhorst, yea. The following voted nay: none. The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted and the Mayor, in the presence of the Council, signed and approved the Ordinance and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto. A true, correct and complete copy of said Ordinance is available for inspection and distribution at the offices of the City Clerk at the City Office.

Councilman Wattier brought to council his recommendation to appoint Jennifer Wisely to the Library Board to replace Monte Miller. Councilman Wattier motioned to appoint Jennifer Wisely, seconded by Councilman Schmit. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none.

Council discussed maintenance employee Tom Kruse's last date of benefits. Treasurer Timmerman reported his life insurance, water, sewer, garbage, and Medicare benefits will end December 31st, with his cell phone benefit ending January 4th. He will also not accrue any PTO hours after the December 1st paycheck, since PTO will be used to cover December hours.

Discussion regarding the Summit park bench sign was had and council agreed to have the sign up until next billing cycle.

Councilman Schmit motioned to approve the applications for a Special Designated License as requested by Main Street Alley for Christmas Wishes on December 8th at the city auditorium. Councilman Haselhorst seconded. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Abstaining: Timmerman. Motion carried

Treasurer Timmerman reviewed the annual audit performed October 23rd with council. The city had only one write up from the audit, which she informed them that a Summer Youth employee was over paid in June and July for a total of \$125.00. Timmerman explained even the auditors didn't understand what happened due to an issue with the payroll program. She asked council for guidance on the over payment, council agreed due to the small amount not to recoup the money from the employee.

Treasurer Timmerman reported on total claims in the amount of \$112,483.61. Councilman Haselhorst made a motion to approve to pay all non-conflicting bills, seconded by Councilman Wattier. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Wattier, seconded by Councilman Timmerman, to pay the bill submitted by Allstar Parts LLC. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Abstaining: Schmit. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

After reviewing the October 2024 reconciliations and bank statements, council had no questions or concerns.

Clerk Timmerman stated Jared Bergs building permit for putting up a 12' x 20' carport; and Midstates Data Transport/Stealth Broadband building permit for 7'x7' concrete slab with communication cabinet.

Mayor Kuhl stated city sales tax for August 2024 was a total of \$15,525.33 (of that amount \$3,336.07 is from motor vehicle tax).

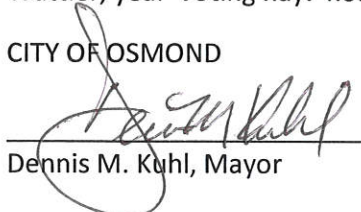
Mayor Kuhl stated that there was no correspondence this month.


Police Chief Wells presented a report on recent activity within the city including 2 dogs at large, 1 assist with Wayne Police Department on stolen goods case, 2 missing dogs, 2 welfare checks, 1 complaint of citizen behavior, 1 assist with Pierce sheriff's office with accident to name a few. Wells also reported that he completed his range qualifications, had a Halloween safety speech with kids at the Catholic school and reported that Halloween trick or treating went well with no issues.

No attorney matters to report.

With no further business, motion was made by Councilman Timmerman, seconded by Councilman Wattier to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:36 p.m. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

CITY OF OSMOND


Dennis M. Kuhl, Mayor


Brittney Timmerman, City Clerk

I, Brittney Timmerman, Clerk of the City of Osmond, Nebraska, hereby certify that the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available at City Clerk's office, that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that the minutes of the meeting of the City Council of the City of Osmond, Nebraska, from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within 10 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meeting of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.


Brittney Timmerman, City Clerk

