

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF OAKLEY  
March 12, 2026**

**Mayor:** Buffy Cooper  
**Council Members:**  
Ralph Barnard (via phone)  
Al Lowe  
Tyann Corbet (absent)  
Brett Arnell

**City Attorney:** Peter Wells  
**Public Works Director:** Jared Mitton  
**City Clerk:** Dannika Colson  
**Cassia County Deputy:** Ethan Justice

**Visitors:**

Public Comment

Sheriff Review

**First Item of Business:** Al made a motion to amend the agenda to include discussion about America's 250yr celebration. Ralph seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous

**Second Item of Business:** Vicki Babbit brought up for discussion and consideration for the council to think about what Oakley can do to be a part of America's 250year celebration this year. She shared a couple ideas that some of the surrounding communities are doing and shared that OVAC has done the play 1776 and has invited high schools throughout the Mini-Cassia county to attend. She asked the council if one of the committee members could attend next month's meeting to give a presentation on what other communities are doing, to help Oakley come up with some ideas.

**Third Item of Business:** Buffy brought to the attention of the council the OHV Safety Fair that will be held at the rodeo grounds on April 18<sup>th</sup>

**Fourth Item of Business:** Jared presented the changes that the council wanted to make to the water ordinance. The council and Peter looked over the proposed changes and discussed. The council acknowledged the first reading of the proposed ordinance changes

**Fifth Item of Business:** A water rate increase was proposed. It was proposed that both the regular and overage rates be increased by 4.95%, bringing the regular rate from \$27.30 to \$28.65 and the overage rate from \$0.78 to \$0.82. Al moved to accept the proposed change, Brett seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Water bills will reflect the changes after the first Spring reading.

**Sixth Item of Business:** Jared presented to the council a request to rent the old city office and garage bays behind it. The possible tenant wants to run a tire, oil and limited

vehicle repair, and in the future add a UTV and ATV rental business out of the building. The council discussed rental prices and decided to charge \$1500.00/ month. Al moved that Jared discuss the rent of \$1500.00 with the potential tenant and if the tenant would like to continue then a rental agreement would be created and a special use permit would be required at that time. Brett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**Seventh Item of Business:** Al moved to approve February's meeting minutes, Brett seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

**Eighth Item of Business:** Al moved to approve the bills, Brett seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

**City Mangers Report:** Jared and AJ have continued to excavate the storage tank. The city was awarded the SMILES grant, \$5000.00 that the city can use for a beautification project. The council is discussing the purchase of some sort of welcome banners or signage for the center of town. More discussion on this as time gets closer. The pump has been repaired, returned and should be installed tomorrow March 13, 2026.

**Ninth Item of Business:** Al moved that the council open Executive session 74-206F, Brett seconded and the vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 74-206 F

**Tenth item of Business:** Brett moved that the council exit Executive Session 74-206 F, Al seconded and the vote was unanimous

**Eleventh item of Business:** Al moved to adjourn the meeting, Brett seconded, and the vote was unanimous.