**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

**CITY OF OAKLEY**

May 9th, 2024

**City Attorney:** Peter Wells (absent)

**Public Works Director:** Jared Mitton

**City Clerk:** Dannika Colson

**Cassia County Deputy:** Tyler Matthews (absent)

**City Engineer:** Dave Waldron

**Mayor:** Buffy Cooper

**Council Members:**

Ralph Barnard

Al Lowe

Tyann Corbet

Brett Arnell

**Visitors:** Charles Arrington

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Charles Arrington voiced his concerns about the East Poplar project. He mentioned that people are flying up and down the road, he is concerned about children being hit by cars, he is concerned about the chunks of asphalt that are laying around, and he is wondering when it will be paved. The council explained the process and the projected start date of June 10th and asked if Jared would go and pick up the asphalt chunks in question. After explaining the situation Charles seemed to be ok with the explanation. He also voiced concerns about the new well. And the water restrictions. Once again, the council was able to explain to him where we are with the well and storage tank process and it seemed to ease his concerns.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Jodie Burch filed a special use permit with the city for an ATV rental out of her Airbnb. Before the hearing was opened, the council discussed at length their concerns about the rental idea. Their main concerns being.

-Noise after hours

-Number of ATV’s that will be rented

-Whether or not an ATV track is intended on the property

-RV’s being parked on the property to provide additional room for guests

-ATV’s running after noise ordinance restrictions.

-Intentions on expanding?

Brett moved that the public hearing for Jodie Burch be opened, Ralph seconded, and the hearing was opened.

With Jodie on the phone, she was able to tell the council her ideas for this ATV rental. She has met with lawyers and insurance companies to get a policy and waivers in place for the rental of ATV’s. Jodie stated that they have no intention of adding more than 4 ATVs, and they will be available ONLY for the people that are renting the Airbnb. She will expect that the ATV’s be taken off property to be ridden, they will not be allowed to ride them around on the property or up and down the streets. She will provide maps of local trails for the tenants to utilize. She has an hours of use restriction, machines must be shut down by 9pm, she wants to eventually get the ATVs Road worthy, The council did let her know that if any of the tenants want to bring an RV and park it on the property, it must be parked in the RV park, it can not be parked on the property. Jodie was ok with that. The council requested that Jodie send a copy of the waiver that will be provided to the renters. And they would decide within the next 30 days.

Al moved that the issue be tabled until they receive the waiver, Brett seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Al moved and Brett seconded, and the vote was unanimous to close the public hearing.

**First Item of Business:** Dave presented for signatures, the contract and notice to proceed for the E. Poplar paving project. Al moved that the mayor be allowed to sign the contract and notice to proceed, Tyann seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Project is to start June 10th.

**Second Item of Business:** Jared and AJ have piped into the overflow box from the storage tank, and they continue to work to get the storage tank operational. The well is being pumped to clear sediment. The pump is at 760ft, and sand came up and then water and then sand, and the pump became sand locked, crews will back flush to free up the pump and then try pumping at a higher rate to see if the water will come clean.

**Third Item of Business:** The lease for the Senior Citizens was discussed, The seniors can not afford to have the lease price raised, so the council wants to look over the lease and make some changes, they asked to have the lease added to next meeting’s agenda.

**Fourth Item of Business:** Trailer Park Ordinance – Tabled for next meeting.

**Fifth Item of Business:** The 24th celebration was discussed, Buffy mentioned that the vendor spaces are not the same price in the park as they are at the farmers market and said that she would talk with Kathy Payton and see what the farmers market is charging so that we can make both places the same price. Discussion on a new location for the car show.

**Sixth Item of Business:** Council looked over the budget. Ralph moved that the council accept the 1st reading of the budget, Al seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

**DISCUSSION ITEM:** RV park gates need to be replaced, and the discussion has been tabled for next month’s meeting.

**City Mangers Report:**  Jared and AJ spent a few days repairing a water main leak in the old city office, they will work to replace part of the sidewalk that needed to be pulled up, they continue to work on the storage tank, Jared said they will work on getting speed limit signs posted on poplar, and grading as weather permits.

**Seventh Item of Business:** Al moved to approve April minutes, Tyann seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

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

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