

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF OAKLEY
May 11, 2023

Mayor: Larry Mickelsen

Council Members:

Ralph Barnard (absent)

Tuck West (by phone)

Al Lowe

Buffy Cooper

City Attorney: Peter Wells

Public Works Director: Jared Mitton

City Clerk: Dannika Colson

Cassia County Deputy: Tyler Matthews

City Engineer: Dave Waldron

Visitors: Tony Barnard (new sgt), Staff Sgt Phillips, Scott Arnell, Spencer (vigilantes)

Public Comment: No public comment

Sheriff's Department: Tyler Matthews reported 5 warrants, 1 alarm, 1 traffic stop, 5 911 call hang ups. He asked about a graduation parade; he will get with Mr. Wadsworth to work out the details of the parade.

First Item of Business: Jared reported that the 24th of July Celebration Committee met the selected a theme for this year's celebration "Becoming the Legacy" and they reviewed the events, there are some new events they wanted to add, the Oakley Highschool Student Council will hold a cornhole tournament. New also, will be a Dutch oven cook off on the Friday afternoon. The Church will still provide pie and ice cream Scott Arnell requested that signs for that event be posted around the park, council was ok with that. The committee asked OVAC to provide an hour and a half of entertainment at the park. OVAC asked permission to post signs with QR codes to promote and collect funds. The farmers market that took place last year had to purchase venue insurance and that ate up the majority of the funds raised, this year they are requesting that it become a city sanctioned event. Al was concerned about any risks of making it city sanctioned, but Jared mentioned that the event would fall under the umbrella of the city's current ICRMP liability policy and there would be no extra cost to the city to do this. Spencer with The vigilantes asked that the Saturday meal be brought back to the park. Buffy expressed concern of space, Spencer said that the BBQ pits would be set up at the rodeo grounds and he would get with Halverson on exact locations. Parade to take place at 5pm Buffy and Al are managing details. Vigilantes asked if they could

keep the dance at the rodeo grounds again this year, and the council agreed that was the best option. Vigilantes also requested that for future celebrations that they want to hold a concert at the rodeo grounds. The goose creek run off was discussed, Buffy was concerned about those that walk the event and the time it takes to complete it, and that it is tying up too many medical and security personnel, Pete mentioned that maybe they could discuss a time limit for future events, and once the time limit is reached those who are left may be driven back to the finish.

Second Item of Business: Buffy moved that the Block grant request for funds be signed, Al seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Third Item of Business: Dave Waldron reported on the well and take status. He says they are making good progress at 175ft they hit a small pocket of water but nothing substantial, currently they are at 295ft finding fine sand and gravel which is a good sign at this point in the process, they expect to hit water at about 340ft, without major complications, they are expecting to be done in June but if not, they don't foresee the project coming anywhere close to the final dead line. The tank project is out for bid and it has been receiving serious bid inquiries. Pete mentioned that he had looked over the contract and had no major concerns except that of the warranty length of 1 year, Dave assured us that the length is an industry standard. He also mentioned that he used a stress-based method of design and that the stress put on the equipment wasn't coming anywhere close to the limits. Dave mentioned that the non-mandatory bid meeting would be next Thursday 5/18/2023 at 4:30pm in the council chambers. Jared found out today that the well house project cannot be done in house.

Fourth Item of Business: Jared reported that there wasn't much change with the LHRP grant, he is trying to work that in conjunction to the tank project. A new right of way is needed to continue.

Fifth Item of Business: Buffy moved for a 2nd reading of the 2023 emergency water restrictions ordinance, Al seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Buffy moved that the 3rd reading be waived, Al seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Al requested that the ordinance be sent out to the public separate from the water bills and within the next week.

Sixth Item of Business: 1st reading of the budget Al requested that a copy be sent to Ralph and Tuck for them to look over.

Seventh Item of Business: Pete looked over the New Ordinance/Housing regulations. Discussion of restrooms needing it be in each individual dwelling came up as an issue pertaining to the Air bnb's owned by Ernie and Arrianne Hale. The council discussed an option of possible different categories that they could fall under since they offer only temporary residence. Council decided to table the item until Jared and Pete can look over the regulation in more detail.

Eighth Item of Business: Jared gave his City Managers report. The pool parking lot

pavement is complete, but Jared has an issue with the quality in one area of the parking lot. He says it's rough and doesn't look very good. Jared will be talking to Kloefer about coming back out to repair it.

Ninth Item of Business: Buffy moved to approve the minutes from the April 13th 2023 city council meeting, Al seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Tenth Item of Business: Al moved to approve the bills, Buffy seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Eleventh Item of Business: Buffy moved and Al seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting and the vote was unanimous.