

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF OAKLEY
June 6, 2024

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

City Attorney:	Peter Wells
Public Works Director:	Jared Mitton
City Clerk:	Dannika Colson
Cassia County Deputy:	Tyler Matthews
City Engineer:	Dave Waldron (absent)

Visitors: Jeff Douglas, Cheri Peterson, Pam Jenks

Public Comment:

Jeff Douglas represented the Oakley Vigilantes, they are seeking permission from the city to have a street dance for the 24th Celebration, they would like to move the location of the dance to the street in front of Clark's and Smiths Café. They are thinking about holding it at 8:30pm to 11pm. They feel like it would attract more people and help bring the community together and bring more money into Oakley.

Cheri Peterson voiced her opposition to the idea of street dance. Stating that there has been a great effort made over the years to keep this celebration a family friendly event. She feels that the dance shouldn't happen in the street in front of the bar, because it would encourage more alcohol use.

Charles Arrington again voiced his concerns about E. Poplar. And was wondering if it were possible to have a water truck spray water to help keep the dust down.

Sheriff Review: Tyler reported 1 vehicle fire, 1 downed power line, 1 theft, 1 well check, 1 911 hang up, 1 dog complaint, 1 SRO call, 2 traffic stops. He also asked the council if there was any law enforcement needs that the city had. The council just asked that they continue to keep an eye on E Poplar to manage the speeding up and down that road.

1st Item of Business: Council looked over the Public Authorization of Ag Operations that Ag Air and Red Baron Ag sent over, requesting authorization to perform aerial application tasks (crop dusting) within ½ mile of city limits. Mayor signed and Dannika is to email the letters back to the respective companies tomorrow (Friday).

2nd Item of Business: Well/Storage Tank/ Poplar status. Dave is in conversation with IMC to have the start date moved to June as was discussed previously. Dave is in the design phase for the well pump and well house. Jared and AJ are working to bring the project closer to completion.

3rd Item of Business: Jodie Burch ATV rentals. Jodie would like to rent her ATVs out to local people as well as Airbnb tenants. The council was concerned that they didn't see

the agreed upon requirements in the rental waiver that Jodie provided. Pete reminded them that the waiver is between the owner and the person renting the ATV, not the city, so as far as having the requirements in that waiver, it really isn't an issue. The city is only concerned about the requirements being in the special use permit, which they are. Tyann moved then that the special use permit for Jodie Burch be approved. Brett seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

4TH Item of Business: The council decided to table the discussion of the Airbnb ordinance until Pete can gather further information.

5th Item of Business: The Council discussed the issue of moving the dance location for the 24th of July celebration. They discussed both views that were shared by Jeff and Cherri in the public comment. Jared's main concern was the blocking off of the roads and having to divert traffic. They discussed the city's alcohol ordinance, and that there is a no open containers on public property rule in place, so that will help to enforce the issue of public intoxication. Tyler mentioned that if the dance were to take place on the street, that because it is technically state property, that Idaho law would allow law enforcement would have better authority to enforce the law verses if it were to take place in the park where that is city owned property. Traffic is also his main concern, but he said that he will make sure that there is proper law enforcement present to handle that situation. Buffy did mention that she had discussed with Jennifer (owner of Smith's Café) the security concerns of holding the dance outside their door. And Jennifer assured her that there would be security posted at each exit to ensure that no one left with alcohol, that the alcoholic beverages be enjoyed in the bar only. All council members agreed that if the law enforcement has better authority with the event being in the street that the city go ahead and allow the vigilantes to move the dance. Brett moved to allow the vigilantes the option to hold the dance in the street in front of Clark's and Smith's. Tyann seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

6th Item of Business: Al moved to table the discussion on the senior citizen lease, Brett seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

7th Item of Business: Buffy explained what the protocol for public comments should look like. Citizen is to stand, state their name and address for the record, which action item they are addressing, and then they have 5 minutes to address any concerns they have with said item. The council should take notes on what's addressed and thank the citizens. This is not a debate, and the council should not engage in back-and-forth conversation with the citizens. Should the council have questions that need clarified that will take place during the discussion of the action item, they will ask the mayor for permission, and if there is time, the council member may then question the citizen. The issue is to be debated amongst council members and they explore the pros and cons before voting on an issue.

Tyann moved that a protocol like this be created for the City of Oakley, Brett seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

8th Item of Business: Jared reported that it would cost about \$2000.00 to replace the

RV Park gate with similar livestock panel gates that are there presently. Pete offered the option of having the Ag shop students fabricate the gates, it might be cheaper and would also provide the Ag students with a project. The council really liked the idea of keeping the money within the community as well as offering the opportunity to our local Ag students. Brett moved that the item be tabled until further information can be gathered from the Ag department, Tyann seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

9th Item of Business: The senior citizens have purchased some plasma cut lettering for the front of the building and would like them placed above the door of the senior citizen center. Jared is concerned with the mounting onto the stucco exterior of the building and says it might be tricky. Buffy thinks that the signage should be displayed. Brett moved that the seniors and Jared work together to figure out a suitable way to hang the sign, Tyann seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

10th Item of Business: 2nd budget reading. Tyann has a question on the line item “grant expense” Jared clarified. Tyann moved to accept the 2nd budget reading, Brett seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

City Managers Report: Jared reported that he hired Dylan Hitt for 20 hours a week to help with the seasonal work. He will water flowers and take care of the park, which will free up Jared and AJ to devote more time to E Poplar and the storage tank and well. He will get a water truck on E Poplar to help with the dust. He is aware of the potholes in several roads throughout the city, and he and AJ are working as best they can to get them filled. Asphalt is hard to get right now because of the Burley Freeway project. They are using up all the asphalt, so if it is available, it's not very much, so he will continue working to fill those holes as he can. He mentioned that if we hear of anyone that wants to fill the holes with dirt or gravel in an effort to help out, that they be discouraged from doing so. If there is dirt and other things in the holes, that will all need to be removed to patch it with asphalt. He and AJ are continuing to tie in the storage tank, and there is still potential to use the old well house for the new well. Flowers have all been placed, and he will try and get the concrete poured in front of the old city office before the celebration.

11th Item of Business: Al moved to approve the minutes from May's meeting, Tyann seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

12th Item of Business: Tyann moved to approve the bills, Brett seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

13th Item of Business: Brett moved that the meeting be adjourned, Tyann seconded, and the vote was unanimous.