

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF OAKLEY
July 11th, 2024

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

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

Visitors:

Public Comment: Scott Arnell requested of the council permission to set up his food truck Thursday July 18th for the last Oakley swim meet, and then to leave it placed for the Oakley Pioneer Days.

Sheriff Review: Tyler Matthews gave the sheriff's report. 1 fraud claim, 1 noise complaint, 1 vehicle check, 4 911 hang ups, 1 public record request, 1 repo, 1 SRO event, 1 boat inspection

First Item of Business: The council discussed at length the request of Scott Arnell and decided to grant permission for his food truck to be parked a day early for the swim meet and then for the Oakley Pioneer Days Celebration. But the council may require a special use permit should he want to park the truck for future swim meets. As this is the last swim meet and it is a day before the celebration where he has already paid for a spot in the park, the council decided that it would be ok to grant special permission for this one instance. Brett moved to allow the request. Tyann seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Second Item of Business: Randy Hardy came in to address some concerns about the crop dusting that has been taking place on his fields in town. He stated that he has been having planes spray that field for 50 years, he assures that he is careful about what is sprayed, when it is sprayed and that the pilots take care in making sure they are in compliance with FAA requirements. He also uses the help of drones now that allow him to apply them at lower levels so there isn't as much drift. He also says that if he does use an insecticide that it is a light duty insecticide, but what is normally spraying is either a dry fertilizer or fungicide. And that the chemicals are safe for use around humans and animals. He provided the city with the state statutes about agricultural activities, to provide for anyone that has future questions or concerns about crop dusting.

Third Item of Business: The museum requested permission to place a sign on the corner of the city office parking lot. Since the sign is not a permanent structure, the council allowed it.

Fourth Item of Business: Dave reported on the well status. He has finished the plans for the well house, pump, generator, fence etc. he has sent them to DEQ where they have 42 days to review and send to Rural Development. Once the plans are approved, the job will go out for a bid and then the project can begin. Jared Reported on the storage tank. They have tied 2 of the 4 lines into the well. The overflow and the clean out lines

Fifth Item of Business: Jared reported on the E. Poplar Project. It has been finished and he will get speed limit signs posted as soon as he can.

Sixth Item of Business: The council was presented with a block grant survey to fill out. Once the council fills them out, the results will be compiled and sent in.

Seventh Item of Business: Buffy read a letter from Payton Anderson. She decided that she would personally visit Payton and her family regarding her letter.

Eighth Item of Business: Jared has visited with a few residents to let them know that they needed to get their properties cleaned up as per city ordinances. He will send letters as well to continue reminding them.

Ninth Item of Business: Everything for the celebration seems to be on schedule. The celebration begins tomorrow 7/12/24

Tenth Item of Business: Buffy mentioned that she wanted to begin implementing employee reviews and issuing raises. Larry Mickelsen was passionate about getting employees COL raises each year and she wants to make sure his wishes are carried out. The council approved the 3rd reading of the FY 24-25 budget. Al moved to approve the budget, Brett seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

The council Tabled the following for August's meeting:

- Airbnb discussion
- RV gates – Jared to talk to Jacob Sharp about having ag students build gates

Discussion Items: Al brought up the topic of the small ice cream shop that has been moved in next to the Dance Spot. He wondered if they needed a special use permit. Jared reported that because the small shipping container out of which they are conducting business is on private property, that they do not need a special use permit. As long as they are following health and safety guidelines, they are allowed to conduct their business.

City Managers Report: Jared said that he would be working on mowing before the celebration gets underway, Al asked if there was any way that the streets could be swept. Jared to borrow highway districts street sweeper to sweep streets for celebration. Al asked Jared for a report on the city's equipment. Jared says they are doing ok for mow but that the dump truck is something that the council will probably need to think about having replaced with in the next couple years.

Eleventh Item of Business: Al moved to approve the minutes from June's meeting, Brett seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Twelfth Item of Business: Al moved to approve the bills for July, Tyann seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

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