

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF OAKLEY
July 13, 2023

Mayor: Larry Mickelsen

Council Members:

Ralph Barnard
Tuck West (absent)
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:

Public Comment:

Sheriff's Department: 1 Burglary, 1 Narcotics incident, 1 fireworks incident, 1 traffic stop, 3 911 hang ups, 2 follow ups, 1 explosion, 1 noise complaint, 1 suspicious incident.

First Item of Business: Al asked Deanne and Steve Manning to be the Grand Marshalls in the parade this year, they accepted. Tyler said the request to block off traffic for the parade was accepted. Tables and chairs for the dinner that night was rented from Party center, Jared said there may be a possibility of sharing the cost with the booster club and the vigilantes. A welcome banner to hang in the center of town was discussed, Jared to look into purchasing one.

Second Item of Business: New housing regulation ordinance moved to September's meeting.

Third Item of Business: Council looked over the proposed budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Jared made some fund shifts 14,000.00 that will not be paid out for Beckie will go back into salaries bringing its total to 99,000.00. we corrected the grant amounts to reflect actual amounts received of 673,814.00. Al moved to accept the 3rd reading of the budget as adjusted, Buffy seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Fourth Item of Business: Progress on the well kind of hit a bump, the drillers hit clay layers, bringing things to a halt. Drillers think that if we go another 200 ft that we may

get into a good gravel layer and be able to stop. Dave proposed another change order for 79,644.00 to drill another 200 ft. Buffy moved to accept the change order, Al seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

The water storage tank project is put on hold until we can come up with the funding necessary to complete the project. Jared has spoken to the DEQ, Region 4 and Rural Development to see if there are any more funds available. Jared said if the well project comes in under budget, we may be able to see if we can shift those funds into the water tank project, but it's not something we should bank on. Buffy mentioned that the city does have assets that could be sold to acquire more money for the project, but in the end, the idea of a bond was discussed at length. And the decision was made to begin the bond process. Buffy moved to begin the bond process for at least 500,000 - 600,000, Ralph seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Fifth Item of Business: A meter hook up application for Joseph Diehl was brought forth, Buffy moved to approve the hook up, Ralph seconded and the vote was unanimous. They discussed the need to increase the hook up fee for new meters and added that to the agenda for August's meeting.

Sixth Item of Business: Water rate increase discussion was tabled until bond is figured out.

Seventh Item of Business: Buffy moved to approve June's meeting minutes, Ralph seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

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

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