

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF OAKLEY
April 13th, 2023

Mayor: Larry Mickelsen

Council Members:

Ralph Barnard (absent)

Tuck West

Al Lowe

Buffy Cooper

City Attorney: Peter Wells

Public Works Director: Jared Mitton

City Clerk: Beckie Clark

Cassia County Deputy: Tyler Matthews (absent)

City Engineer: Dave Waldron

Visitors: Jack Johnson – Discover Area Guides; Devon & Dannika Colson; Pam Jenks – Oakley Senior Citizens; David & Arianne Hale

First Item of Business: The Mayor informed those in attendance that after the application and interview process the Council himself selected Dannika Colson as Beckie's replacement for City Clerk Treasurer and offered her name for appointment. Buffy moved and Al seconded the motion that Dannika be appointed Deputy Clerk/Treasurer until she is trained. The vote was unanimous. Beckie swore Dannika in as deputy Clerk until she takes over full time in June.

Second Item of Business: Jack Johnson filled the council in on the progress that has been made on the Home Tour map which can also be used as a poster. Jack has also transferred many of the vigilante books to a flash drive. He would also like to do a piece on the Opera House and asked the Council if they had any suggestions regarding sponsors.

Third Item of Business: Pam Jenks representing the Senior Citizens asked about having the floors in the Heritage station resealed. Jared will do this but will wait for warmer weather so the building can be aired out due to the fumes.

Fourth Item of Business: At principal Wadsworth's request, the High School crosswalk was discussed. Jared reported that the City of Burley will let Oakley use their paint crew to repaint this year. The school district is requesting more flashing lights. The council discussed this at length and feels this is that more lights would not solve the issue of students crossing outside of designated crossing areas and the city has already done everything it can.

Fifth Item of Business: Jared reported that the City has been granted an LHRP grant to rebuild Poplar street between the Highway and Wilson. The City has set aside money for the base work and the grant will be used for the surface. The grant will be available in the fall of this year and the work will be completed then or perhaps spring of 2024.

Sixth Item of Business: Al moved that April be declared Fair Housing month and the Mayor be authorized to sign the proclamation. Tuck seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Seventh Item of Business: Dave reported that on a meeting held with the RIVDA, the engineer Jared, Al and the well driller. Well drilling will begin soon, and they anticipate it to take about 6 weeks. Buffy moved that the Mayor be approved to sign the well documents. Al seconded the motion and the vote as unanimous.

Eighth Item of Business: Buffy moved that the Mayor sign the forms for the ARPA grant for the storage tank. Al seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Jared reported that the DEQ has approved the plans and it will be put out for bid.

Ninth Item of Business: Al moved and Buffy seconded the motion that the Source Water Protection ordinance number 23-14-13 be approved. Al also moved that the first and second readings be waived and the ordinance be adopted by title only. Buffy seconded the motion and both motions were voted as approved unanimously. Al read ordinance 23-14-13 by title. Tuck moved 23-14-13 be adopted. Buffy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Tenth Item of Business: The new housing ordinance was tabled till next month.

Eleventh Item of Business: Buffy moved that Seth Larson's application for a new water hook-up at 530 E Main Street for a new home be approved. Al seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Twelfth Item of Business: The first reading of ordinance 23-05-11 took place. The second reading will take place in May and the third reading will be waived. This is a water usage restriction ordinance and lays out the definition of the emergency, tiers of usage and penalties for violation, which will be in place this summer as the new well is being constructed. The ordinance is the same as the 2022 version except it lays out alternating days and penalty phases. Al moved that the first reading be accepted. Buffy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Thirteenth Item of Business: Jared gave his manager's report. He and Moroni are close to having the sprinkler system at the park completed. They are hoping to have the grass reseeded by the celebration.

Fourteenth Item of Business: Buffy made a motion to approve the minutes and Al seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Fifteenth Item of Business: Buffy moved that the bills be paid. Al seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Sixteenth Item of Business: Buffy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Al seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.