

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 8, 2010
REGULAR SESSION

The Regular Session of the Oakland City Council met at Oakland City Hall and was called to order by Mayor Michael O'Brien at 7:00 P.M. Council Members present were Rollins, Miller, Newberg, Hackett and Wede. Also present were Public Works Director Mike Baragary, City Clerk Marissa Lockwood and Assistant City Clerk Lucia Kinnison. Motion by Wede, second by Hackett to approve the agenda as amended by moving Dr. Sutton to before the open forum. 5 Ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Sutton, Superintendent of the Riverside School District was present to discuss the placement of signs welcoming people to the Riverside District at each main entrance to town and to direct people to the elementary school. The Principal's Cabinet will purchase the signs and would like to ask the City to install the signs. Mayor O'Brien asked the Streets and Alleys Committee to look into locations. The location would have to be approved by the DOT because it will be in their right of way. Locations and costs to install the signs will be brought to the next meeting.

Open forum was held. Many members of the town and Riverside School District were present to express concerns and opinions on the school bus incident and the personnel discussion that was held at the January 18th special City Council Meeting. Anna D'Angelo reminded everyone of the Valentine's Day Italian Dinner that will be held Sunday, February 14th from 11:30 to 2 at the Community Building. All proceeds are going to the Pool Bathhouse Renovations. Jim Eckert stated he was present on behalf of Craig Turner and his attorney to request some information, documents, and access to City areas for the Sewer issue. Newberg told Eckert that the Council and Mayor cannot speak to him or anyone about the issue because it is in litigation and he would need to contact the attorney handling the case for the City.

Discussion was held on the January 18th Budget Workshop minutes. Mayor O'Brien felt the minutes from the meeting were incorrect and he presented a change to the Council. Rollins and Miller expressed that they felt the minutes were published correctly. Motion by Miller, second by Wede to approve the Consent Agenda including January Clerk Report, Claims, December Treasurer's Report, January Library Report, Sheriff's Report, Minutes from January 11th regular session with the correction on the ambulance issue that Miller did abstain and the January 18th special session minutes as published, with the correction of the date to say 2010 instead of 2009. Roll call. 5 Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Rollins to approve the Fire Department Consent Agenda including January Claims and minutes from January 10th. Second by Wede. Roll call. 3 Ayes, Hackett and Miller abstained. Motion carried

Setting a date for a special meeting on the purchase of a new ambulance was discussed. Betsy Moniz asked the Council why they are having a special meeting for this. She stated it gives the perception of impropriety. Wede said the fire department wrote a letter requesting the special meeting and he did not see a problem with it. The meeting will be Wednesday, February 10th at 5:15pm at City Hall.

Motion by Newberg, second by Wede to approve the updated Fire and Emergency Services Mutual Aid Agreement with Pottawattamie County. 3 Ayes, Hackett and Miller abstained. Motion carried.

Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-02-01 "Authorizing a Chief Elected Official to sign an application for CITIES Funds". Second by Hackett. Roll Call. 5 Ayes, motion carried. Baragary stated that Snyder's is finding projects coming in lower than estimated. Motion by Miller to approve the Engineering Plan of Action for the Chautauqua Sewer Project. Second by Miller. 5 Ayes, motion carried.

Pay Request #3 to Fauss Construction for the swimming pool was reviewed. Mayor O'Brien noticed that the request was not signed by Snyder & Associates. The Council decided to delay the payment until Snyder & Associates signs off on the request. The Clerk was asked to add the pay request to the special meeting agenda for Wednesday night. The property line at the swimming pool was discussed. Part of the bath house and parking lot is on school property. A property line adjustment needs to be addressed with the School Board. The City Council decided to have a survey done and to contact Dr. Sutton to let him know what the City is thinking about at this time. Baragary and Hackett have looked at the bathhouse layout following state codes and would most likely need to expand the building. They recommended having an architect draw up plans so it can be put out for bids. Hackett said there are some local contractors that want to donate work so that could be excluded from the bids. Baragary was instructed to follow up with Snyder & Associates and find another firm if needed.

Motion by Wede, second by Hackett to approve Resolution 2010-02-05 to appoint Cindy Constable as City Treasurer to be compensated at \$575 per year. Roll call. 5 Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Hackett to approve the appointment of Greg Hansen as Building Inspector. Second by Newberg. 5 Ayes, motion carried.

Nishna Heritage Museum requested \$2000 to help with operating expenses for the 2011 fiscal year. Motion by Newberg, second by Rollins to appropriate \$2000 for the Nishna Heritage Museum for the 2011 fiscal year. 5 Ayes, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Library roof over the genealogy room. The roof was leaking so Hackett Construction checked it and found about eight feet of ice built up. Hackett stated that there is a big heat loss problem from the addition. There is no attic access in the newer part of the building. The City Council asked to have Hackett Construction add attic access holes and for them to inspect the insulation and see if there are other things that might need addressed, since they have already been working on the roof. The City does not have a key to access the genealogy side of the building and feel that since it is a City owned building a key should be issued to the City.

The Council members discussed the possible annexation from the football field to the North side of Oakland Foods. This would be a great opportunity for the town with Oakland Foods getting ready for a new addition the City could do the annexation and TIF district at the same time. The City would discuss the annexation with all property owners prior to doing anything to get their feelings and keep them informed. Motion by Wede, second by Miller to start the preliminary steps for annexation. 5 Ayes, motion carried. Bill Robinson brought up that the City has a utility franchise with MidAmerican Energy and Oakland Foods is on REC and wondered if that would cause problems with them. The City will do research to find out about the utilities.

J & M Displays has inquired about what date the City would like to have the firework show this year. Motion by Miller to have the Fourth of July Celebration on Sunday, July 4th. Second by Rollins. 5 Ayes, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the possible uses for the old Pamida building. The fire station, city hall, senior center, community building and possibly a fitness center were all mentioned. The City is in need of a salt and sand storage shed and rather than spending \$100,000 to build a building in the flood plain for that, an idea would be to use the current fire station for the maintenance shop and turn the current maintenance shop into cold storage to include the salt and sand storage. Wede expressed that he does not like the idea of moving City Hall off of Main Street because it looks like the City is giving up on the downtown. Newberg would like to look at possibilities including all of the City buildings and then scale back if needed. The Council discussed having an architect design something, and they may be able to present other options the Council has not considered yet. Motion by Wede, second by Hackett to pursue locating a firm to provide architect services to see options for the old Pamida building. 5 Ayes, motion carried. Hackett will do some research.

Council members decided to have a Town Hall meeting on Sunday, February 28th at the Community Building from 2-4P.M. The City will try to find a moderator that is impartial to help with the meeting.

Personnel discussion was held. The personnel committee met prior to the meeting to discuss employee evaluations. Copenhagen, Lockwood and Kinnison all were offered to go into closed session prior to the meeting and all signed the form to deny that option. Motion by Rollins, second by Miller to approve Resolution 2010-02-02 to give John Copenhagen a 4.25% salary increase. 5 Ayes, motion carried. Motion by Miller, second by Newberg to approve Resolution 2010-02-03 to give Marissa Lockwood a 4.5% salary increase. 5 Ayes, motion carried. Motion by Hackett, second by Rollins to approve Resolution 2010-02-04 to give Lucia Kinnison a 4.5% salary increase. 5 Ayes, motion carried.

Baragary gave the Crew Report. Discussion was held on purchasing an angle broom attachment and forks attachment for the skid loader. Currently the City has to borrow, hire, or rent from someone for these pieces of equipment. Motion by Hackett, second by Wede to purchase the angle broom and forks attachments for the skid loader. 5 Ayes, motion carried. The current contractor that has been putting up the banners and Christmas lights is not interested in putting them up anymore. The Council instructed Baragary to advertise for bids for putting up the banners and Christmas lights.

Chautauqua Park weed spraying and fertilization was discussed. Baragary presented the Council members with a list of specifications. The Council asked Baragary to have Farm Service Coop test the soil as soon as they can to know what chemicals to use and get it out for bids.

Lockwood gave the Clerk's Report. Lockwood returned from maternity leave Monday and is working on the budget.

O'Brien gave the Mayor's Report. There have been compliments on the snow removal. Also, compliments were received on the stairs across the highway from City Hall being cleared off. Mayor and Council members asked the Crew to continue to clear the stairs when they have time. Mayor O'Brien asked Baragary to leave the spots directly in front of City Hall for customers of City Hall, if possible.

Miller brought to the Council's attention that a citizen expressed concerns about the garbage truck tearing up the park to get the dumpster by the concession stand. No damage has been noticed by Council or Baragary at this time so will still allow them to drive to the concession stand for service only.

Hackett asked Baragary when the City switched stations for vehicle fuel. Baragary stated that they switch between stations and try to keep it equal.

Jim Johnson informed the Council of the County's revolving fund loan because it is not well known.

Miller addressed the Council about the line in town that needs to be worked around. It needs to start with the Council and Mayor to do what is best for the town. The Town Hall meeting should help.

Wede suggested a meeting to resolve issues between the Council and Mayor. He stated everything snowballs and there is no room for emotion. Wede would like to find a way the City Council members and Mayor could hold a closed meeting to get everyone on the same page. Newberg recommended calling the attorney to see if there is a legal way to have a meeting of this sort. Mayor O'Brien will contact the City Attorney.

Motion by Wede, second by Miller to adjourn. 5 Ayes, motion carried.
Adjournment 9:34P.M.

American Administrators	benefits	557.66
Anthony Sherman	repairs	1052.55
Applegate Electric	contract services	2500.00
Banc Of America Pub Captl Corp	siren lease payment	461.86
Blimpies	food for budget meeting	45.96
Botna Valley Reporter	advertising/publishing	127.50
California Contractors Supplies	supplies	188.06
Canfield, Cody	water deposit refund	180.57
City of Oakland	reimburse petty cash	34.61
Clark's Electric	contract services	1783.20
CONOCO	fuel	1316.02
Counsel Office & Document	copier lease contract	165.04
Cummins Central Power, LLC	repairs	238.33
D. J. Gongol & Associates, Inc.	repairs/supplies	521.29
Dollar General	supplies	43.50
EFTPS	payroll liabilities	4979.48
EMS Billing Services Inc.	contract services	307.51
Farm Service Cooperative	fuel	1148.00
Frenchie S Repair	repairs	88.00
Frontier Communication	telephone	577.14
Fullerton Lumber Co.	supplies/repairs	115.41
Guyer Machine Shop, Inc.	repairs	534.20
Hach Company	analysis supplies	327.57
Hackett, Kermit	water deposit refund	9.18
Hawkins, Inc.	chemicals/repairs	2725.43
Hildebrand Feed & Supply, Inc.	supplies	20.00
IA Dept of Revenue	sales tax	6612.00
IMFOA Dues	09-10 dues	30.00
Iowa Fittings Co.	repairs	3161.24
Iowa One Call	contract services	18.00
Iowa Waste Systems, Inc.	dumping fees	2608.97
IPERS	benefits	2122.83
JefferSon Farm & Auto, LLC	repairs	158.13
Journal-Herald	publishing	291.75
Keast Chevrolet Oldsmobile	repairs	9.00
Linweld	chemicals	680.46
M K Mills Tree Service, Inc.	contract services	7040.86
Mississippi Lime Company	lime for water plant	3308.85
Mow-N-Snow	supplies	84.36
Municipal Management Corp.	check for water leaks	450.00
Municipal Supply, Inc.	supplies/repairs	528.88
NAPA	supplies/repairs	314.49
NMC Exchange LLC.	chains	197.10
Oakland Veterinary Clinic	contract services	21.00
Payroll	wages	13944.56
Pitney Bowes	postage machine contract	192.00
P-Nut's Plumbing	contract services	150.00
Postmaster	postage	155.82
Principal Life	benefits	50.36
Ruan Logistics Corporation	freight	1599.01
Ruback's	supplies	6.97
Salvo, Deren, Schenck & Lauterbach, P.C.	legal fees	1547.88
SAM's Club Discover	maintenance supplies	77.21
Snyder & Associates, Inc.	engineering fees	2910.85
Southwest Iowa Clerk's Association	membership dues	20.00
Standard Auto Service Corp.	fuel/repairs	216.87
SWIFT	training	15.00
Treasurer - State of Iowa	payroll liabilities	898.00
Verizon Wireless	telephone	113.74
VISA	shipping	8.64
Wellmark BlueCross Blue Shield	benefits	2874.96
Total		72467.86

General Fund	Income	16520.05	Expense	7688.36
Water Fund	Income	47893.76	Expense	40281.37
Sewer Fund	Income	5358.75	Expense	7140.84
Sanitation Fund	Income	9892.77	Expense	10968.71
Road Use Fund	Income	10707.28	Expense	11905.49
January Totals	Income	90372.61	Expense	77984.77

Mayor

City Clerk