

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 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, and City Clerk Marissa Lockwood. Motion by Wede, second by Hackett to approve the agenda with the addition of a library discussion. 5 Ayes, motion carried.

Open Forum was held. Gayle Strickland addressed the Mayor and Council about the Town Hall meeting and some information that she followed up on at City Hall. Mrs. Strickland also asked the City Council to be skeptical when conducting business and to make sure they do their research before spending money. She let the Council members know they have her respect and that she will try to attend meetings to get information first hand.

Motion by Rollins, second by Wede to approve the Consent Agenda including February Clerk Report, Claims, Senior Center Report, Library Report, Sheriff's Report, Minutes from February 8th regular session and February 12th special session, and Resolution 2010-03-03 "Operating Transfer of Funds". Roll Call. 5 Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Hackett, second by Wede to approve the Fire Department Consent Agenda including February Claims, minutes from February and Resolution 2010-03-05 "Pay Schedule/Policy for Saw Team". Roll Call. 3 Ayes, Hackett and Miller abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Betsy Moniz and Frances Rollins were present representing the Senior Center. Betsy thanked the City employees for doing such a great job with snow removal at the Senior Center. She invited the City Council to the St. Patrick's Day fundraiser dinner from 4-6P.M. at the Community Center on March 17th that the Senior Center and Oakland Christian Church are having. There will be a magician for entertainment at 6P.M. Betsy asked the Council to consider waiving the \$50 rental fee since the Senior Center is owned by the City. Motion by Hackett to waive the \$50 Community Building rental fee for the Senior Center fundraiser. Second by Miller. 5 Ayes, motion carried.

Susie Pinckney of Benefit Resources of Iowa was present to discuss options for the City employee's health insurance. The current plan is increasing by 30%. Pinckney reviewed quotes from other companies and found that they would be about the same or higher than the current plan. The City also has the option of raising deductibles and coinsurance to lower the rate. Motion by Newberg, second by Rollins to renew with the current Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield plan. 5 Ayes, motion carried.

Ken Moore of Oakland Insurance discussed with the City Council changing the general and liability insurance renewal date to July 1st for budgeting purposes. The Council decided to discuss further at a special meeting Thursday March 11th at 6P.M.

Motion by Rollins, second by Miller to open the public hearing on the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2011. 5 Ayes, motion carried. Public hearing opened at 7:35P.M. Cathey Grosvenor and Gayle Strickland asked questions on the budget of why some items were increasing or decreasing. Motion by Newberg, second by Miller to close the public hearing at 7:42P.M. Motion by Miller, second by Hackett to approve Resolution 2010-03-01 "A Resolution to approve the budget for Fiscal Year 2010-11". Roll Call. 5 Ayes, motion carried.

Bids for putting up and taking down holiday banners and Christmas decorations were opened. Discussion was held on why the City employees could not do this. Motion by Hackett to hire Dustin Applegate to put up and take down holiday banners and Christmas decorations at \$5000 for the year. Second by Rollins. 5 Ayes, motion carried.

Rollins addressed the City Council members and Oakland Fire Department members concerning the new ambulance purchase. Motion by Newberg, second by Wede to approve Resolution 2010-03-02 "Purchase of New Ambulance" in the amount of \$148,439. Roll Call. 3 Ayes, Miller and Hackett abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

The property line at the swimming pool was discussed. Dr. Sutton is going to take the discussion to the school board. He is concerned about access to the football field but discussed a possible easement.

Motion by Wede, second by Rollins to approve pay request #4 to Fauss Construction for \$19,080. 5 Ayes, motion carried. Motion by Wede, second by Newberg to approve architect agreement with Snyder and Associates for the pool house renovations for \$5500. 5 Ayes, motion carried. Motion by Hackett to approve the intent to apply for an Iowa West Foundation Grant for the pool house renovations. Second by Miller. 5 Ayes, motion carried. Hiring of lifeguards and pool manager was discussed. Motion by Wede, second by Hackett to approve Resolution 2010-03-04 "Setting Pool Employee Wages" at \$12.50 per hour for manager, \$8.00 per hour for lifeguards and \$.75 increase for returning lifeguards. Roll Call. 4 Ayes, Miller abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion by Newberg to approve the hiring of Angela Miller as pool manager, Erika Reichart as head lifeguard, and Dallas, Dietz, Jocelyn Joy, Corey Reichart, Ashley Ferguson, Dani Turner, Jessica Joy, Taylor Weirich, Paige Nelson, Felicia Winget, and Tiffany Wichert as lifeguards for the 2010 pool season. 4 Ayes, Miller abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Placement of Riverside School signs at the entrances to town was discussed. Hackett gave some suggestions for sites and Baragary and Hackett will do some further research and follow up at the next meeting.

John and Bev Krueger were present to discuss the issue with their sewer line and when the Hill Street Sewer Project will begin. The City is waiting for surveys to be done and the DNR to approve the plans and specifications for the project. Snyder and Associates expects it to be Mayor June before approval will be received from the DNR. Pierce Pump worked on Krueger's line and things seem to be working so far. The City will keep Krueger's and the other property owners updated on the project.

The possible annexation was discussed. The City is still waiting to hear from Oakland Foods before moving forward with the project.

The Council reviewed the fireworks agreement with J & M Displays. Lockwood was instructed to contact the company to clarify a few items in the agreement. The contract will be added to the special meeting on March 11th.

Discussion was held on doing a feasibility study for the old Pamida building. Motion by Wede, second by Miller to hire Carlson West Povondra for \$2800 to do a feasibility study for the old Pamida building. 5 Ayes, motion carried

Library insulation improvements were discussed. Larry Hackett Construction has looked at the building and provided some recommendations for repairs and improvements due to ice buildup from heat escaping. Newberg asked Hackett to get a formal bid for the repairs for the next meeting.

Hackett and Miller were brought up to date on the HMGP Flood Buyout. Motion by Miller, second by Hackett to approve the purchase offer of \$140,220 for 206 Oakland Avenue for the HMGP Flood Buyout Project. 5 Ayes, motion carried.

The property behind the City maintenance shop was discussed. Motion by Miller, second by Wede to put the quarter acre, more or less, out for bids for pasture use. 5 Ayes, motion carried.

Baragary gave the Crew Report. Specifications for Chautauqua Park weed spraying and fertilization and aeration of sports fields were reviewed. Council decided to advertise for sealed bids. Baragary informed the Council that there was a Presidential Disaster Declaration for the December 23-27 blizzard and the January 19-26 ice storm so the City will be working with FEMA for reimbursements of extra expenses.

O'Brien gave the Mayor's Report. He felt the Town Hall meeting went well and they received many good ideas and would like to have another meeting. There was interest shown in donations of benches to go along with the Eagle Monument. Jim Johnson will look into examples of benches. The City assisting the school by pulling out buses was discussed. O'Brien said he found out the insurance will cover the City equipment but the employees would be personally liable for any damages or injuries. In order for the insurance to cover the employees the City Council would have to add this duty to the employee job description, the City and School would have to have an agreement that would hold the City harmless, and the Council would have to pass a resolution stating that the City would be in direct competition with enterprises in town. Newberg said he contacted other cities and asked them what they would do in the same situation and they said they would help if they could. Newberg asked if the City Council directs the employees to help then will the liability insurance cover them? Ken Moore said as long as they are not violating any City Ordinances the liability should cover. Mayor O'Brien will talk to the school about an agreement.

Representatives from the VNA asked the City Council if they could have use of a City building free of charge for children's immunization clinics. The Council members discussed whether it would be competition to Dr. Pigneri's office. Miller will talk to Dr. Pigneri and the City Council will make a decision at the special meeting March 11th.

Motion by Miller, second by Wede to adjourn. 5 Ayes, motion carried.
Adjournment 9:27P.M.

Aflac	health benefits	167.80
American Administrators	health benefits	1494.34
AWWA	training	360.00
AWWA Region IV	training	40.00
Banc Of America Pub Captl Corp	siren lease	230.93
Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	supplies	202.03
Charles Pierce	community building deposit refund	200.00

Clark's Electric	contract services	298.80
CONOCO	fuel	50.97
Counsel Office & Document	copier lease	204.05
Dollar General	supplies	8.50
EFTPS	payroll liabilities	4632.94
EMS Billing Services Inc.	contract services	784.06
Farm Service Cooperative	fuel	834.15
Fauss Construction, Inc.	Pool Pay Request #4	19080.00
Frontier Communication	telephone	577.14
Fullerton Lumber Co.	supplies/repairs	88.86
Great Western Bank	data processing	86.12
Hawkeye Truck Equipment	equipment repairs	190.00
Hawkins, Inc.	chemicals	765.20
Henningsen Const., Inc.	cold patch	152.95
IA Dept of Revenue	sales tax	3268.00
IAMU	dues & membership	447.86
Iowa One Call	contract services	6.30
Iowa Waste Systems, Inc.	landfill fees	2097.90
IPERS	benefits	1960.80
Journal-Herald	publishing/advertising	460.11
Larry Hackett Construction	supplies/contract services	688.01
Linweld	chemicals	876.92
Lockwood, Marissa	reimbursement	8.00
M K Mills Tree Service, Inc.	contract services	7019.86
Mid American Energy Company	utilities	11705.93
Mississippi Lime Company	lime for water plant	3315.60
Morrell Heating	contract services	1577.00
Municipal Management Corp.	contract services	700.00
Municipal Supply, Inc.	repairs	652.05
NAPA	supplies/repairs	174.35
Nishnabotna Valley Rural Electric Coop.	utilities	1819.59
NMC Exchange LLC.	angle broom and forks for skid loader	5000.00
Oakland Chamber of Commerce	2010 membership	50.00
Oakland Volunteer Fire Association	reimbursement for supplies/gear	916.65
Payroll	wages	13182.66
Pierce Pump Inc.	contract services	880.00
Pony Express	community building deposit refund	200.00
Postmaster	postage/PO Box fee	210.60
Principal Life	benefits	50.36
Region IV Iowa Water Pollution Control	training	64.00
Ruan Logistics Corporation	freight	1584.55
RVS Software	supplies	370.92
Salvo, Deren, Schenck & Lauterbach, P.C.	legal fees	112.00
Siemens Water Tech. Corp	contract services	1382.00
Snyder & Associates Inc.	engineering fees	540.00
Standard Auto Service Corp.	fuel	314.61
Treasurer - State of Iowa	payroll liabilities	804.00
Utilities Service Group	contract services	3575.14
Verizon Wireless	telephone	112.38
Wellmark BlueCross Blue Shield	health benefits	2874.96
Total		99451.95

General Fund	Income	17844.24	Expense	13581.68
Water Fund	Income	66643.93	Expense	35969.64
Sewer Fund	Income	4869.54	Expense	3178.90
Sanitation Fund	Income	10033.17	Expense	9978.36
Road Use Fund	Income	17838.99	Expense	17939.97
February Totals	Income	117229.87	Expense	80648.55

Mayor

City Clerk