

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL  
 FEBRUARY 9, 2015  
 REGULAR SESSION

The Regular Session of the Oakland City Council met in the Oakland City Services Building Council Chambers and was called to order by Mayor Michael O'Brien at 7:00 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance was said. Council Members present were Newberg, Smith, Miller, Perkins and Moniz. Also present were Public Works Director Mike Baragary, City Clerk Marissa Lockwood, Gayle Strickland, Cathey Grosvenor, Cindy Kenealy, Veva Larson, Helen Hummel, Scott Duhachek, Bill Heitert, Bill Boruff, and Greg Hinz. Motion by Miller to approve the agenda. Second by Moniz. 5 Ayes, motion carried.

Open forum was held. No public comments.

Motion by Moniz to approve the consent agenda including January Clerk Report, February claims, January Senior Center Report, January Library Report, January Sheriff's Report, minutes from the January 12<sup>th</sup> regular session, and Resolution 2015-02-05 "Placing Lien on Property". Second by Smith. Roll call. 5 Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Perkins to approve the Fire Department consent agenda including claims and minutes from February 8<sup>th</sup>. Roll call. 4 Ayes, Miller abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Greg Hinz, Frontier Communications General Manager for the State of Iowa was present to discuss services, complaints and the upcoming project proposal for the Frontier services in Oakland. Hinz is presenting a capital project proposal to the company in the next few days to request funding to upgrade the ports in Oakland. Approximately half of the customers in Oakland have been upgraded to the new equipment and the proposed project would allow for the rest of the customers to be switched over. Hinz will keep in contact with the clerk for status of the project.

Gayle Strickland updated the Council on the Strategic Planning meeting that was held on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Sub committees have been formed that will be working on projects for the betterment of Oakland. The Mayor and Council thanked Mrs. Strickland and everyone involved for their hard work and dedication to the community.

Veva Larson, representative of the newly formed Hospitality Committee presented plans to revive the welcome packets that are handed out to new and prospective residents, the packets have not been given out for a number of years. The Committee will work with the Clerk and Chamber for items to include and they will be distributed through City Hall. Larsen also suggested a few items to add or update on the City's webpage.

Lockwood reported on the new computers at the Library. The Eckels Memorial Library Board met and is making plans to move forward with the purchase of possibly three new computers and a wireless printer and providing Wi-Fi for library patrons to use. Council discussed working an amendment in to the current fiscal year budget rather than waiting until next fiscal year, amendment will be done later this spring.

Dilapidated buildings on Main Street and Oakland Avenue were discussed. The timeframe for nuisance abatement on 304 Oakland Avenue will be up mid-March. Neighbors will be notified of the potential for demolition and needing to make repairs to the wall that will be exposed after removal of the building, and the City will move forward with getting bids for asbestos removal and demolition to be discussed at the March meeting. Options for the properties at 108 and 110 North Main Street were discussed. City will follow up with city attorney about the letters to be sent to the property owners.

Discussion was held on a possible sewer rate increase. An increase of \$0.25 per 1000 gallon is proposed to fund improvements to the sewer system. This amount of increase would average about \$2-\$3 per customer per month. There has not be an increase since 2006. Lockwood will begin the process for ordinance amendment with the first reading at the March meeting.

New housing/development on Walnut Street was discussed. Possible incentives to the developer were discussed including road construction, tax rebates/abatements, etc.

Motion by Moniz, second by Miller to renew maintenance agreement with Body Basics for the fitness center equipment in the amount of \$796 for the year. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Damages to the City properties from the June 3 storm were discussed. Lockwood will get all bids from insurance company for a decision at next meeting.

Sample ordinances were reviewed for the Code of Ordinances update. Council will come with suggestions to next meeting.

Personnel discussion was held. Motion by Miller, second by Perkins to approve Resolution 2015-02-01 giving City Clerk Marissa Lockwood an increase to \$21.29 per hour. Roll call. 5 Ayes, motion carried. Motion by Miller, second by Perkins to approve Resolution 2015-02-02 giving Dylan Bees, public works, an increase to \$32.058 per year. Roll call 5 Ayes, motion carried. Motion by Perkins to approve Resolution 2015-02-03 giving Assistant City Clerk Bonni Hering an increase to \$14.04 per hour. Second by Miller. Roll call. 5 Ayes, motion carried. Motion by Miller, second by Perkins to approve Resolution 2015-02-04 giving Randy Foster, maintenance, an increase to \$11.04 per hour. Roll call. 5 Ayes, motion carried.

Upcoming swimming pool season was discussed. Lockwood will advertise for manager, assistant manager and lifeguards.

Baragary gave the Crew Report. Met with digital sign companies to start getting prices for a sign to go on the northeast tower that will give time and temperature along with event listings. Reverse osmosis plant went through partial start up last week, will try start up again in about two weeks.

Lockwood gave the Clerk's Report. Budget approval will be at March meeting.

O'Brien gave the Mayor's Report. Snow removal was good even though timing of the storm was terrible.

Motion by Miller, second by Perkins to adjourn. 5 Ayes, motion carried.

Adjournment 9:18P.M.

Aflac	benefits	72.18
Applegate Electric	changing banners	1250.00
Baragary, Mike	reimbursement	200.00
Bartlett, Jeff	water deposit refund	50.00
Clark's Electric	wiring/light bulbs	557.25
Council Bluffs Fire Dept	als tier	200.00
Counsel Office & Document	copier lease	188.42
D.A. Davidson & Co.	dissemination agent services	1000.00
Danko Emergency Equipment	thermo camera	11000.00

Dell Marketing L.P.	supplies	39.00
Dollar General	supplies	11.00
EFTPS	payroll liabilities	4964.64
Emergency Medical Products	medical supplies	572.41
EMS Billing Services Inc.	contract services	343.99
Farm Service Cooperative	fuel	402.75
Frontier Communication	telephone/internet/dish	692.06
Great Western Bank	data processing/ach	137.47
Hach Company	analysis	337.49
Hawkins, Inc.	chemicals	1907.90
Hay, Adam	training reimbursement	115.00
Heiman Fire Equipment	equipment/repairs	1303.27
HOA Solutions, Inc.	antenna and cable s water tower	2240.00
IA Dept of Revenue	sales tax	3677.00
Iowa DNR	certification	40.00
Iowa Waste Systems, Inc.	dumping fees	1656.79
Iowa Western Community College	training	34.00
IPERS	benefits	4121.80
J P Lumber	supplies/repairs	58.03
Journal-Herald	publishing	202.49
L & M Carpet Cleaning	community building carpet cleaning	530.00
Lockwood, Marissa	reimbursement	24.00
M K Mills Tree Service, Inc.	contract services	9900.81
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc.	chemicals	854.36
McCarthy Trenching/Landscape	highway 6 & 59 storm sewer repairs	32382.65
Menards's	supplies	94.98
Mid American Energy Company	utilities	12919.16
Miller Electric	key fobs	515.00
Mississippi Lime Company	lime for water plant	3667.30
Napa	supplies	68.59
Nishnabotna Valley Rural Electric Coop.	utilities	792.47
Oakland NE Rescue Ambulance	EMS refund	81.49
Payroll	wages	13490.67
Pierce Pump Inc.	contract services	817.03
Postmaster	postage/permits	608.18
Principal Life	benefits	63.84
Reed Services	install air compressor	980.00
Ruan Logistics Corporation	freight	1883.13
Smith, Shane	water deposit refund	50.00
Snyder & Associates, Inc.	engineering fees	7204.60
Standard Auto Service Corp.	fuel	204.48
Staples	supplies	139.03
Steve Emken Trucking, Inc.	repairs	443.27
Toyne, Inc.	repairs	1558.72
Treasurer - State of Iowa	payroll liabilities	1218.00
Unifirst Corporation	contract services	108.96
Utilities Service Group	unplug sewer line	900.00
Verizon Wireless	telephone	310.00
Wellmark BlueCross Blue Shield	benefits	4450.60
Western Iowa Feral and Homeless Cat Prog.	tnr	130.00
Wex Bank	fuel	264.20
<u>WIDA</u>	<u>annual dues</u>	<u>2733.00</u>
Total		136763.46

General Fund	Income	47196.48	Expense	42726.99
Water Fund	Income	142334.63	Expense	64801.15
Sewer Fund	Income	4927.03	Expense	4189.20
Sanitation Fund	Income	11985.63	Expense	11659.91
Road Use Fund	Income	22647.49	Expense	47813.19
TIF Revenue	Income	483.92	Expense	0
January Totals	Income	229575.18	Expense	171190.44

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Mayor

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City Clerk