

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on May 5, 2025, in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2nd Street, at 7:00 P.M. Council President Leasa Huddle presided.

Council members present. Steve Badger, Leasa Huddle, and Russ Kahle; Trevor Mader, Cheryl Stewart and Mayor Shane Stepheson were absent.

City staff present. City Administrator Brock Sloan, Police Chief Daniel Cooper, Police Officer Cory Sager, Parks/Cemetery Director Russell Moellering, and City Clerk Leann Hughes.

Others present. Nikki Moellering and Kyle McLinn.

Call to order. Council President Huddle called the regular meeting to order at approximately 7:04 PM.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s). Kahle moved to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2025, regular meeting, as presented. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15681).

Approval of AP Payment Register. Administrator Sloan reported there is a Final Change Order and the Final Pay Estimate for Sporer Land Development, Inc., for the South Freeman Improvement Project in the Council Packets. The Change Order includes a decrease of \$1,269.08 and the Final Pay Estimate is \$46,843.36. This payment is included in the AP Register. Kahle moved to approve Change Order 1, Final for the Oakley Freeman Avenue Improvements project, and the final payment of \$46,843.36 to Sporer Land Development, Inc., to be paid from the Capital Improvement Street Fund. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15682).

Kahle moved to approve the May 2, 2025, AP Payment Register, in the amount of \$185,689.05 (Check Nos. 792-799; 52245-52249; and 52254-52300; and ACH No. 24000051) for checks dated April 30, 2025. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15683).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Badger moved to approve the Time Entry Report for April 13, 2025 to April 26, 2025, dated April 29, 2025, for the May 2, 2025, payroll, in the amount of \$65,838.63 for 2,496.53 hours (Check Nos. 17773-17774; ACH Nos. 100003-100034; AP Checks 52250-52253; and Wire Nos. 1084-1087). Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15684).

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. None.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Mayoral Appointments of Staff and Boards. Administrator Sloan advised the Council they could approve appointments from the Mayor's list in the Council Packets, or they could table these until the next meeting.

Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Brock Sloan as City Administrator, as presented by the Mayor in the Council Packet. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15685)

Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Daniel Cooper as Police Chief, as presented by the Mayor in the Council Packet. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15686)

Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Leann Hughes as City Clerk, as presented by the Mayor in the Council Packet. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15687)

Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Barbara Kelly as Deputy City Clerk, as presented by the Mayor in the Council Packet. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15688)

Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Anthony Haffner as Municipal Judge, as presented by the Mayor in the Council Packet. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15689)

Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Jessica Masterson as Municipal Court Clerk, as presented by the Mayor in the Council Packet. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15690)

Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Hirsch Law Firm, Steve Hirsch and Michael Abbott, as presented by the Mayor in the Council Packet. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15691)

Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Russell Moellering as Fire Chief, as presented by the Mayor in the Council Packet. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15692)

Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Brad Lindsay to the Planning Commission through May, 2028, as presented by the Mayor in the Council Packet. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15693)

Kahle moved to approve the appointment of George Lies to the Planning Commission through May, 2028, as presented by the Mayor in the Council Packet. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15694)

Kahle moved to approve the appointment of George Lies to the Board of Zoning Appeals through May, 2028, as presented by the Mayor in the Council Packet. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15695)

Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Corbin Myers to the Board of Zoning Appeals through May, 2028, as presented by the Mayor in the Council Packet. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15696)

Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Dwight Abell to the Airport Board through May, 2027, as presented by the Mayor in the Council Packet. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15697)

Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Kent Braun to the Airport Board through May, 2027, as presented by the Mayor in the Council Packet. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15698)

Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Brenda Janzen to the Library Board through May, 2029, as presented by the Mayor in the Council Packet. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15699)

Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Courtland Osborne to the Library Board through May, 2029, as presented by the Mayor in the Council Packet. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15700)

Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Melanie Engel to the Housing Authority through May, 2029, as presented by the Mayor in the Council Packet. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15701)

Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Trevor Mader as Commissioner of Cemetery, Museum and Parks, as presented by the Mayor in the Council Packet. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15702)

Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Cheryl Stewart as Commissioner of Sanitation and Fire, as presented by the Mayor in the Council Packet. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15703)

Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Steve Badger as Commissioner of Streets, Alleys, and Airport, as presented by the Mayor in the Council Packet. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15704)

Badger moved to approve the appointment of Russ Kahle as Commissioner of Police, as presented by the Mayor in the Council Packet. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15705)

Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Leasa Huddle as Commissioner of Water, as presented by the Mayor in the Council Packet. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15706)

Cemetery Disinterment Fee. Administrator Sloan reported the office received a call from a gentleman wanting to know what the steps/rules/costs are to move someone buried in our cemetery from one plot to another, within our cemetery. City Ordinance states this will be done by Court Order Only and that the Council sets the cost for a permit for disinterment from time to time. Discussion followed. Kahle moved to approve a permit fee of \$1,000.00 for disinterment, and an additional \$300.00 fee to rebury someone in the City cemetery, with a court order being required to do so. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15707).

UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Ordinance 1189 – Fireworks. Administrator Sloan presented a proposed Ordinance to update and revise the sale date of fireworks to June 27th through July 5th, matching the previous state regulations and last year's resolution. Kahle moved to approve Ordinance No. 1189, relating to the possession, sale, and discharge of fireworks in the City of Oakley. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15708).

AT&T Tower Lease – Preliminary Survey. Administrator Sloan presented a preliminary survey for the AT&T tower location. Sloan noted the tower will be placed in the northeast corner of the property with a setback sufficient to make sure if the tower falls, it will be within the border of the property. Sloan also noted he received a phone call from Kyle McLinn concerning a lease for this property for a dirt track. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with the AT&T Tower Lease and that Mr. McLinn is welcome to address the Council when the current lease on the property has expired, if he is still interested in leasing it.

Executive Session – Non-Elected Personnel. Badger moved to recess to Executive Session for personnel matters of nonelected personnel for ten (10) minutes with the Council President, Council, City Administrator Sloan, and Parks/Cemetery Director Russell Moellering present, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exemption under K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1). The meeting will resume in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2nd Street at 7:40 PM. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15709).

Council President Huddle re-convened the meeting with no action taken during Executive Sessions.

Kyle McLinn joined the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Brock Sloan, City Administrator. Administrator Sloan reported on various items, including:

- Spring Cleanup was today and it went well.
- Shred Day will be Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 10 AM to 12 PM.
- The City was awarded a \$180,000.00 KAIP grant for a new fuel system at the airport.
- A copy of the EMC dividend check, in the amount of \$14,076.50, was included in the Council Packets.

- KDHE has approved the Engineering Report for the Ion Exchange Water Treatment Plant. There are a few more steps before bids can be accepted, but that will hopefully happen by year end 2025, or early 2026.
- Administrator Sloan presented a Quote from Mayer Specialty Services, LLC, received today, to repair a manhole near Farmers State Bank. Discussion followed. Badger moved to approve the Quote from Mayer Specialty Services, LLC, in the amount of \$4,470.00, to repair a sewer connection into a manhole located near Farmers State Bank. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15710).
- Administrator Sloan reported he has been working on organizing a committee to review the upcoming Dispatch Agreements with Logan and Gove Counties. Gove County will be represented by the Gove County Sheriff and a County Commissioner. Logan County will be represented by County Commissioner Cody Younkin and possibly Sheriff Little. Council Member Badger volunteered to be on the committee and it was the consensus of the Council to have Police Chief Cooper and Chief Communications Officer McDonald also be on the committee. Russ Moellering asked to be able to attend these meetings to address any concerns from the Fire Department; it was the consensus to add him as a committee member.

Kyle McLinn addressed the Council concerning a 22.4-acre tract owned by the City that he previously had wanted to lease or purchase for a dirt track. Council Member Badger stated this property is currently under lease, but Mr. McLinn is welcome to return at the end of the lease in two years if he is still interested in leasing the property. McLinn stated he had asked for the property first and the Council leased the property to someone else because McLinn was not from Oakley. McLinn outlined the plans he had made for a dirt track and how it would be an attraction. He stated he feels the City should find him a different 20-acre tract to lease. The Council again told McLinn he is welcome to return to the Council when the current lease is up for renewal, if he is still interested in the property, and they would keep it in mind that he is wanting a tract for a dirt track.

Council Member Badger inquired about the status of the \$50,000.00 donation that Scott Foote had donated for community development. Administrator Sloan stated that Kerri Traynor, Executive Director for Logan County Community Foundation, is taking the lead on this. Council President Huddle noted the Foundation is having a Strategic Doing Gathering on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 6:00 PM, at the Western Vista Complex, and the Council is invited to attend. Administrator Sloan distributed cards to the Council with information about this meeting.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. No report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Adjourn. Kahle moved to adjourn the meeting. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (3-0). Action (#15711). Council President Huddle adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:56 PM.

Leann M. Hughes, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The members of the Council acknowledged receipt of a copy of the minutes; said minutes were approved as presented at the May 19, 2025, regular meeting.