

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Ogallala, Nebraska, was held at City Hall Council Chambers in said City on the 9th day of September 2015, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. Present were: President of the Council: Harold Peterson; Council Members: Darrell G. Bassett, Kevin Block, Karl Elmshaeuser and Rodger Rankin. Absent: None. City Manager: Aaron Smith; City Clerk: Jane M. Skinner; City Attorney: Michael McQuillan.

Notice of the was given in advance thereof by publishing one time in the Keith County News and posting at the City Hall Administration Building as shown by the Certificate of Publication and Posting Notice attached to these Minutes. Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to the President and to all members of the Council on September 4, 2015 and a copy of their Acknowledgement of Receipt of Notice and the Agenda is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the Notice to the President and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The President of the Council stated this meeting is being convened in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and acknowledged a copy of the Open Meetings Act being duly posted in the southeast Corner of Council Chambers.

Council President Peterson opened public hearings for the FY 2015-2016 Budget Hearing, the FY 2015-2016 Hearing to Set Final Tax Request and the Class C Liquor License for Safeway at 7:01 P.M.

Tim O'Neill, representing Safeway, addressed the council regarding the Class C Liquor License for Safeway. He pointed out that the Class C license would include on-sale consumption restricted to promotional tastings by consumers.

Chris Vail and Lee Bingham representing Keep Keith County Beautiful presented an award for the City of Ogallala – Keep Nebraska Beautiful Environmental Award.

Councilman Bassett moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 25, 2015. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell Bassett, Kevin Block, Karl Elmshaeuser and Rodger Rankin. No: None. Abstain: Harold Peterson. Absent: None. Motion declared carried.

Jane Skinner, City Clerk presented the August 2015 financial report.

Council President Peterson closed the hearing regarding the Class C Liquor License for Safeway at 7:10 P.M.

Councilman Block moved that the Class C Liquor License in connection with Safeway be approved by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell Bassett, Kevin Block, Karl Elmshaeuser, Harold Peterson and Rodger Rankin. No: None. Absent: None. Motion declared carried.

Councilman Bassett moved that the Corporate Manager License for Tory Reding in connection with the Class C Liquor License for Safeway be approved by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. Councilman Block seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell Bassett, Kevin Block, Karl Elmshaeuser, Harold Peterson and Rodger Rankin. No: None. Absent: None. Motion declared carried.

Council President Peterson closed the public hearings for the FY 2015-2016 Budget Hearing and the FY 2015-2016 Hearing to Set Final Tax Request at 7:12 P.M.

Councilman Bassett moved to approve the 1.00% increase in restricted funds above the base limitations for fiscal year 2015 – 2016. Councilman Block seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell Bassett, Kevin Block, Karl Elmshaeuser, Harold Peterson and Rodger Rankin. No: None. Absent: None. Motion declared carried.

Councilman Elmshaeuser moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016 budget as presented. Councilman Bassett seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell Bassett, Kevin Block, Karl Elmshaeuser, Harold Peterson and Rodger Rankin. No: None. Absent: None. Motion declared carried.

Councilman Bassett introduced a resolution setting the FY 2015 – 2016 property tax request. Councilman Block seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the following Council Members voted “Yes”: Darrell G. Bassett, Kevin Block, Karl Elmshaeuser, Harold Peterson and Rodger Rankin. The following council Members voted “No”: None. Absent: None. Motion declared carried and Resolution No. 1453 adopted, a copy of said Resolution being attached hereto and by this express reference, incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

Councilman Bassett introduced Ordinance 1338, entitled: An ordinance to appropriate the sums of money deemed necessary to defray, by means of taxation, all the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Ogallala, Nebraska, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016; specifying the objects or purposes for which such appropriations are made and the amount appropriated for each object, or purpose; containing the percentage levied for each object or purpose; providing for the certification of this ordinance to the county clerk of Keith County, Nebraska; and prescribing the time when this ordinance shall be in full force and take effect and moved that the Statutory Rule requiring the reading on three different days be suspended. Councilman Block seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the following Council Members voted “Yes”: Darrell Bassett, Kevin Block, Karl Elmshaeuser, Harold Peterson and Rodger Rankin. The following Council Members voted “No”: None. Absent: None. Motion declared carried and the Statutory Rule was declared suspended for the consideration of this Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 1338 was read by title and, thereafter, Councilman Block moved for the final passage of the Ordinance. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion. The President then stated the question: “Shall Ordinance No. 1338 be passed and adopted?” Upon roll call vote, the following Council Members voted “Yes”: Darrell Bassett, Kevin Block, Karl Elmshaeuser, Harold Peterson and Rodger Rankin. The following Council Members voted “No”: None. Absent: None. The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Council, the President declared the Ordinance adopted and the President, in the presence of the Council, signed and approved the Ordinance and the Clerk attested to the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto, a copy of said Ordinance No. 1338 being attached hereto and, by this express reference, incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

Councilman Block introduced a resolution amending the city of Ogallala job title directory. Councilman Bassett seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the following Council Members voted “Yes”: Darrell G. Bassett, Kevin Block, Karl Elmshaeuser, Harold Peterson and Rodger Rankin. The following council Members voted “No”: None. Absent: None. Motion declared carried and Resolution No. 1454 adopted, a copy of said Resolution being attached hereto and by this express reference, incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

Craig Draucker addressed the council regarding the proposed fee schedule for the cemetery.

Councilman Elmshaeuser moved to table amending the Special Fee list for the cemetery until the September 22, 2015 City Council Meeting. Councilman Block seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell Bassett, Kevin Block, Karl Elmshaeuser, Harold Peterson and Rodger Rankin. No: None. Absent: None. Motion declared carried.

Councilman Block introduced a resolution amending the utility fees for water and sewer/wastewater for the special fee schedule of the City of Ogallala, Nebraska. Councilman

