Ogden Village Board Regular Session

Ogden Village Hall

August 4, 2022

PRESENT:

Trustee Acklin Clerk Bowman Mayor Clements Trustee Cooper

Trustee Haan Trustee Esposito Trustee Lewis Trustee Smith

Absent: None

Also, Present: Nora Mabry, Allison Wakefield, Ronda Fulkerson, Caleb Low, Rick Breitenfeldt, Jack Knoop, Lucinda Knoop, Cindy Acklin, Don Wauthier, and Marc Miller

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Clements called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA

* + 1. Motion to approve minutes of the July 7, 2022, regular session
    2. Motion to approve August 2022 Treasurer’s Report
    3. Motion to approve July 2022 bank statements
    4. Motion to approve August 2022 bills

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve the August 4, 2022, consent agenda. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye”

Trustee Lewis, “aye” Trustee Smith, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye”

All “ayes,” motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BID AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE PHASE 2 OF THE NE DRAINAGE PROJECT:

Trustee Esposito made a motion to adopt resolution to reject the NE Drainage Phase 2 Bids. Trustee Smith seconded the motion.

All “ayes”, motion carried.

Mr. Wauthier reported that we had a bid opening on August 3, 2022. He feels that the bids submitted were courtesy bids. He suggested that the village reject the bids and open for rebid in January 2023.

Mr. Wauthier said the contractors are too busy this fall and cannot get pipes so cannot commit to price for deliveries. Therefore, the contractors bid high.

DISCUSSION OF HARTKE ALLEY LEASE:

Sonja Vickers was present to present the board with a petition she took around to residents of Ogden to reverse a decision to rent two parking spots in the alley between Broadway St and Main St to Ted Hartke. She believes that on street parking in front of the building is adequate. She received 79 signatures.

Ms. Vickers said the town people are not against Hartke fixing up the building, they just do not want parking in the alley. She wanted to make it clear that the Billy Bob’s parking lease is not for the alley. It is for part of the Village’s water tower lot. This lease was created to solve safety issues.

Trustee Esposito asked the board if they are willing to consider breaking the lease with Hartke or how many signatures it will take for them to break it. Trustee Esposito pointed out that Mr. Hartke has not applied for a special use permit to even put apartments in the old bank building. Trustee Esposito would like a diagram of the parking spaces in the alley.

Trustee Esposito also suggested that the village not enter into another parking lease with Billy Bob’s. She thinks this should just be considered public parking.

Trustee Cooper suggested that Mr. Hartke be invited to next months meeting to discuss this issue. The board agreed that this will be on the September agenda to approve to cancel lease.

UPDATE ON OGDEN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE PROJECTS AND APPROVE TO INSTALL LITTLE LIBRARY BY THE INTER-URBAN PARK AND TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO A “WELCOME TO OGDEN” SIGN:

Trustee Cooper reported that the Ogden Beautification Committee wants approval to put the little library up by the Inter-Urban Park. The board is good with it being installed at this location.

The Beautification Committee is also wanting the village to contribute to a Welcome to Ogden sign. The board wants an estimated cost of the sign from the Beautification Committee before discussing if they are willing to donate towards it. It was reported that the school gave them permission to install a sign, but have they got permission from IDOT?

APPROVAL OF 2021/2022 ANNUAL AUDIT (MARTIN HOOD):

Trustee Haan made a motion to approve the 2021/2022 Annual Audit by Martin Hood. Trustee Cooper seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Lewis, “aye” Trustee Smith, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye”

Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye”

All “ayes,” motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF HAVING A FUEL TANK INSTALLED BY MAINTENANCE SHED:

Trustee Esposito made a motion to table approval of having a fuel tank installed by the maintenance shed. Trustee Cooper seconded the motion.

All “ayes”, motion carried.

Trustee Lewis has not received the quotes yet. This will be tabled until quotes are available. He is getting estimates for a 200-gallon diesel tank and a 200-gallon gasoline tank.

Trustee Smith said a ballpark figure for a 300-gallon dual wall tank would be around $2,000.

Trustee Esposito wanted to confirm that only the village will use this tank. The board agreed. There will be a lock on it.

Trustee Haan would like a new dumpster at the maintenance shed. Trustee Cooper said she will contact Appl about it.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF SEWER RATES

Trustee Haan presented a couple different rate options. He said that the rates were just raised in May, so we need to come up with a rate that minimally changes current rates while making sure that the Village compensation is fairly equal to what it would be under the ordinance. The first option would be a $13 fixed fee and $1.25 per 100 cubic ft and would increase for lower end users and decrease for higher end users. The second option would be a $13 fixed fee and $1.50 per 100 cubic ft. Trustee Haan suggest that we accept the first option.

Trustee Esposito would rather change the ordinance to be compatible to with the water program.

This will be tabled until there has been a committee meeting to discuss other options.

APPROVE TO PURCHASE SPRING RIDERS FOR THE PARK (Not to exceed $3,200.00):

Trustee Esposito made a motion to approve to purchase spring riders for the park not to exceed $3,173.67 from Willy Goat. Trustee Cooper seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Haan, “nay”

Trustee Lewis, “aye” Trustee Smith, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye”

Five “ayes” and one “nay”, motion carried.

Trustee Esposito reported that the horse spring rider cracked and was unsafe, so she had Mr. Thompsen remove it. She suggests that we replace the frog since it’s handle is broken. She would also like to add a third spring rider.

Trustee Haan would like to look into grants to revamp the park.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF OPENING A MAPPING OGDEN’S FUTURE CHECKING ACCOUNT:

Trustee Haan made a motion to approve to open a mapping Ogden’s Future checking account. Trustee Acklin seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye” Trustee Lewis, “aye”

Trustee Smith, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye”

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Trustee Haan reported that the Mapping program does not cost the Village anything.

There will be 5 3-hour sessions to develop ideas for the community. The committee has been discussing funds and dinners. The dinners will probably cost $500 to $700 per dinner. He is expecting 30 to 60 people per session.

The mapping committee is requesting donations to fund dinners and projects. The issue with the donations going to individuals is taxation. He would like the Village of Ogden to open an account for the committee. He said that Western Illinois University said that other villages do open the accounts for this project.

Trustee Esposito thinks it is a good idea to have the village involved. She just wants the committee to give the village monthly updates.

Attorney Miller suggests that the Village create a committee and approve it at the next board meeting.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO DONATE $2,000 TO MAPPING OGDEN’S FUTURE ACCOUNT:

Trustee Haan made a motion to approve to donate $2,000 to the mapping Ogden’s Future account. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Haan, “nay” Trustee Lewis, “aye” Trustee Smith, “aye”

Trustee Esposito, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Acklin, “aye”

Five “ayes” and one “nay”, motion carried.

Trustee Haan reported that funds would need to be available by September 19th.

DISCUSSION OF GOLF CARTS:

Mayor Clements presented the Village of St. Joseph’s ordinance for the board to review. The concern is how to keep kids from driving the golf carts, dirt bikes and 4 wheelers around town. Mayor Clements said that the golf carts would have to be street legal.

Trustee Esposito questioned crossing Lincoln and Market St. She said that she thought IDOT was against golf carts crossing those streets.

DISCUSSION OF POLICE SERVICES:

Trustee Cooper reported that due to the issues in town with the golf carts, dirt bikes, and other issues she thinks the village should have Champaign County Sherriff’s office patrol a few times a week or month. She reported that police coverage from Champaign County would cost $75 per hour plus fuel.

Trustee Esposito said we still had these issues when we had our own police department.

Trustee Acklin suggested that there be a committee meeting to discuss this.

Trustee Haan wanted to know if we could have the Homer Police patrol in Ogden. Attorney Miller said yes. Attorney Miller also suggested that the village contact the Village of Philo about their experience with this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building/grounds: None

Health & Safety: Justin Kohler was served a notice regarding 203 E. Main. If he doesn’t mow by the end of the day on Friday August 5, 2022, we can have our maintenance department do it and send him a bill.

Jacqueline Aguilar was sent a letter about her properties on Kyle St but still has not mowed. The board would like the lawyer to send her a letter.

Water: Trustee Cooper reported that there is a hold on the permit for the water main relocation. The water main must be in a sleeve.

Sewer: Trustee Haan reported that he would like to look into radio read equipment for water meters.

Drainage: None

Streets/alleys/sidewalks: Trustee Acklin reported that there are no ada mats at the end of the sidewalks by J&K and the fire station. He thinks both locations need one.

Trustee Haan reported that Randy Thompsen had contacted him about purchasing the equipment to do sidewalks. Trustee Haan said there are sidewalks that need upgraded. There is some that Randy Thompsen would rather have done by a contractor due to elevation changes.

Budget: None

Business: None

Events: Trustee Cooper reported that there will be a festival committee meeting on August 9th at 7 pm. She needs volunteers.

Vehicle / Equipment repairs & purchases: None

MAYOR: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Clements reported that the utv is supposed to be delivered before the end of the month. He said in the original quote the village was supposed to get a 60 in snow blade. Do we want a 50 in instead. The board said yes to the 50 in.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Trustee Smith made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Cooper seconded the motion.

Adjourned at 8:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Bowman, Clerk

Village of Ogden