Ogden Village Board Regular Session

Ogden Village Hall

September 7, 2023

PRESENT:

Trustee Acklin Clerk Bowman Mayor Clements Trustee Cooper

Trustee Esposito Trustee Lewis Trustee Smith Trustee Wright

Absent: None

Also, Present: Don Wauthier, Marc Miller, Tammy Knight, Rick Breitenfeldt, Allison Wakefield, Becky Sweeney, Tori Hill, Jack Knoop, Wade Hendry, Ronda Fulkerson, Steve, Pam & Brock Guess, Cindy Acklin, Brock Reed, and Nora Mabry

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Clements called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ronda Fulkerson was present to ask why there was not an item on the agenda to rescind the Library Financial Policy Ordinance. Mayor Clements responded that there will be a meeting on the 18th to go over library issues then the ordinance will be addressed. Attorney Miller said that it’s not black or white and the ordinance will not impact the library’s operation. He said we are doing our best to fix the issues.

Tori Hill said that the library worked hard to create a financial policy and gave a copy to Attorney Miller.

Pam Guess was present to discuss an email she sent to Mayor Clements. She said she resigned from the library board because of the actions of the village board. She feels the village owes the library an apology. Mayor Clements said they will have their meeting and see where to go from there.

Trustee Acklin said that he was under the impression that if the library went under financially that it would fall back on the village. Tori Hill said that that is incorrect. The village is not responsible for the library. Trustee Acklin said that the audit proves that the bookkeeper was accurate with the information that she gave.

Trustee Acklin said he has been transparent about everything and met in the library after the last meeting to discuss this issue.

Wade Hendry was present to turn in a bill for updates to the bathrooms at the concession stand. He said they painted, put in new paper towel holders, toilet paper holders and a shelf in each bathroom. Trustee Smith said that the dugout roof is leaking. Clerk Bowman will contact Mitch Frerichs.

CONSENT AGENDA:

* + 1. Motion to approve minutes of the August 3, 2023, regular session, August 9,2023, Business Committee, August 8 & 22, 2023 Festival Committee and July 11, 2023, Onward Ogden Committee meetings
    2. Motion to approve September 2023 Treasurer’s Report
    3. Motion to approve August 2023 bank statements
    4. Motion to approve September 2023 bills

Trustee Acklin made a motion to approve the August 7, 2023, consent agenda with a bill to Wade Hendy for baseball bathroom updates for $796.89. Trustee Cooper seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Smith, “aye” Trustee Wright, “aye “

Trustee Lewis, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye”

All “ayes,” motion carried.

OPENING OF BIDS FOR CASH FARM LEASE AND DISCUSSION:

Only one bid was submitted. It was from Dylan Vickers for $405 per acre for the 50.33 acres. Trustee Smith said that that is in line with the going rate. The lease will be for a 3-year term.

AWARD OF CASH FARM LEASE:

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve the award of cash farm lease. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Smith, “aye” Trustee Wright, “aye “ Trustee Lewis, “aye”

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

BROCK REED FROM CONXXUS PRESENT TO DISCUSS FIBER OPTIC CABLE:

Brock Reed was present to discuss bringing fiber optic cable to Ogden. He said that they use a 3rd party company to put it in. They have already installed it in Camargo and Villa Grove if the village wants to contact them. He said the cable will be put in 2 ft deep. He said the target depth is 18 to 24 inches. They follow Julie law. They put backfill, seed and straw as soon as they are done. He said it is really invasive, but it will get repaired and usually the same week. Brock said the boxes are flush with the ground. Boxes are usually between two properties on the property line. They said if they hit anything that was marked, they will fix it. He said they use 217 Plumbing if they bread a sewer service or if it backs up because of the work. Even if it is a year down the road.

Brock said that Conxxus is a no contract service and will be competitive with pricing. He said their prices do not go up either. Once you sign up your price will not change.

APPROVE TO PURCHASE FLUORIDE PUMP (Not to exceed $1,519.95):

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve the purchase of a fluoride pump not to exceed $1,519.95. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Wright, “aye “ Trustee Lewis, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye”

Trustee Esposito, “aye” Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Smith, “aye”

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Lorin Kinney requested that we purchase two pumps. Trustee Cooper said we will put the other one on next month’s agenda for approval.

APPROVE PAYMENT TO ILLIANA CONSTRUCTION FOR MFT OIL AND CHIP PROGRAM (Not to exceed $24,521.44):

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve payment to Illiana Construction for MFT Oil and Chip Program not to exceed $24,521.44. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Lewis, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye”

Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Smith, “aye” Trustee Wright, “aye “

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Trustee Cooper asked when the Village plans to have East Ave repaired. She said that Lee from the Post Office has concerns about the parking area in front of the post office. Hopefully next summer.

APPROVAL OF FINAL PAYMENT TO SCHOMBURG & SCHOMBURG (not to exceed $7,048.17):

Trustee Lewis made a motion to approve final payment to Schomburg & Schomburg not to exceed $7,048.17. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

Trustee Smith, “aye” Trustee Wright, “aye “ Trustee Lewis, “aye”

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Don Wauthier was present and said that the drainage project is complete. He said the Village should be proud because we have completed a drainage project that cost over 1 million dollars to fix some of the village’s drainage issues. He said this is an incredible feat for Ogden!

APPROVE AMENDED 2022-2023 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE:

Trustee Acklin made a motion to approve the amended 2022-2023 Appropriation Ordinance. Trustee Wright seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Esposito, “aye” Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Smith, “aye”

Trustee Wright, “aye “ Trustee Lewis, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye”

All “ayes,” motion carried.

This ordinance is to fix overages brought out by the audit.

APPROVE ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL FOR OCTOBER 28, 2023, (Not to exceed $1,500.00):

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve the Annual Harvest Festival for October 28, 2023, not to exceed $1,500.00. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Smith, “aye” Trustee Wright, “aye “

Trustee Lewis, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye”

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Trustee Esposito reported that the Harvest Festival will be at PVO South Grade School this year. It will be on October 28th from 3 pm to 5 pm. She said that it hasn’t been at the school since Covid, so we are starting fresh. We will need bingo prizes, door prizes, and candy. If there is left over candy it will be handed out when the school parades through the town and given to the fire station to hand out on Halloween. All proceeds will be donated to the PVO PTO.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water: Lorin Kinney reported that the water main at the corner of RT 49 and RT150 only has a few inches of cover over it because of the ditch that IDOT cut, He said it will freeze this winter. Don Wauthier said he brought it to IDOT and the village’s attention months ago when the work was being done. He said IDOT ignored it. They will go look at it after the meeting to see if there is any temporary fix for this winter. Mayor Clements will call the state about the main because there is a fire hydrant on it.

Sewer: Trustee Wright reported that there is progress at the sewer plant. Mr. Thompsen and Mr. Kalal have been cutting a lot of the weed trees out and the pond is filtering again. Trustee Wright said that Mr. Thompsen is going to rent a machine to use to cut the rest of the trees out. It costs around $1,600.00 to rent for two days. Don Wauthier replied to the EPA’s letter. Don Wauthier reported that the wastewater treatment plant plans are 95% done. He will turn in the EPA application documents on Monday. He will put an ad in the paper for bids. We will have the bid meeting in October. The cost should be around $280,000.00.

Streets/alleys/sidewalks: None

Health & Safety: Trustee Acklin reported that the village received 7 complaints about properties. He said some needed letters, and some were fine. He reported that he sent out four letters for mowing and weeds. Mr. Acklin said if some of the residents he sent letters to need help he will recruit volunteers to help them clean up their yards.

Business: None

Building/grounds: None

Drainage: None

Budget: None

Events: Trustee Esposito reported that Trustee Cooper did a wonderful job with the Ogden Street Fest again this year.

Trustee Cooper reported that there were 140 cars, a packed carnival, food trucks did really good and FFA wants to come back again next year. She also reported that there was a really good turnout at Buckley’s for the bands.

Trustee Cooper reported that Onward Ogden had a really great turnout for the escape room, they had 67 people attend. The bike parade was good also.

Vehicle / Equipment repairs & purchases: None

MAYOR: None

OTHER BUSINESS: Trustee Smith reported that Lynn St needs weed killer and limbs picked up.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:09PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Bowman, Clerk

Village of Ogden