

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OKEMAH CITY COUNCIL

WHEN: MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: OKEMAH CITY HALL, 502 WEST BROADWAY, OKEMAH, OK

PRESENT: KELLY WEST, RON GOTT, MIKE FULLER, WAYNE BACON, RONNIE LUCAS

ABSENT: NONE

**ALSO PRESENT: JAMES COPELAND, INTERIM CITY MANAGER; JACK CADENHEAD, CITY ATTORNEY;
RELENA HADDOX, CITY CLERK/TREASURER**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE.

Meeting was called to order and flag salute by Mayor Mike Fuller.

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM.

Roll call and quorum declared by City Clerk. Agenda posted on the south side of City Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion to approve minutes made by Wayne Bacon, second by Ronnie Lucas.

Aye: Kelly West, Ron Gott, Wayne Bacon, Mike Fuller, Ronnie Lucas

Nay: None

Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS.

Motion to approve purchase orders made by Ron Gott, second by Wayne Bacon.

Aye: Kelly West, Ron Gott, Wayne Bacon, Mike Fuller, Ronnie Lucas

Nay: None

Motion passed.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

None

DISCUSSION AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020. FINLEY & COOK WILL PRESENT FOR THIS ITEM.

Dan Bledsoe presented audited financial statements for the City, OUA and OEDA, he stated that his firm audited the City's modified cash basis financial statements and that no new accounting policies were adopted this year because of COVID-19. They encountered no difficulties performing the audit and no disagreements with management. The City had one significant deficiency with segregation of duties in the cash collection and utility billing department which has been corrected with hiring and additional person to collect cash receipts.

Motion to approve FY20 audit made by Mike Fuller, second by Wayne Bacon.

Aye: Kelly West, Ron Gott, Wayne Bacon, Mike Fuller, Ronnie Lucas

Nay: None

Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2020-2021 COEDD REAP APPLICATION.

Jim Bill Copeland stated that current REAP for the water and sewer line to the airport has to be closed out before the City will be approved for another REAP grant.

Motion to approve REAP application to finish the fire station made by Mike Fuller, second by Kelly West.

Aye: Kelly West, Ron Gott, Wayne Bacon, Mike Fuller, Ronnie Lucas

Nay: None

Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT THE COEDD REAP APPLICATION.

Motion to authorize the mayor to submit the REAP application to finish the fire station made by Ron Gott, second by Ronnie Lucas.

Aye: Kelly West, Ron Gott, Wayne Bacon, Mike Fuller, Ronnie Lucas

Nay: None

Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-11 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE RURAL ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN FUND FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE FIRE STATION.

Motion to adopt resolution #2020-11 authorizing and directing the submission of the REAP application to finish the fire station made by Wayne Bacon, second by Ronnie Lucas.

Aye: Kelly West, Ron Gott, Wayne Bacon, Mike Fuller, Ronnie Lucas

Nay: None

Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO SOLICIT QUOTES FOR A STORM SIREN.

Motion to adopt resolution #2020-11 authorizing and directing the submission of the REAP application to finish the fire station made by Wayne Bacon, second by Ronnie Lucas.

Aye: Kelly West, Ron Gott, Wayne Bacon, Mike Fuller, Ronnie Lucas

Nay: None

Motion passed.

CITY MANAGERS COMMENT.

Jim Bill Copeland stated that he had spoke with Steve from OMMS and that it was not clear in the contract as to if the City was paying for travel cost for the applicants to interview. Copeland also stated that he has had one request to make the mask mandatory. The active COVID number is 287 for the county.

COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES FROM BOARD MEMBERS.

- **RONNIE LUCAS-WARD I**

None

- **MIKE FULLER-WARD II**

None

- **KELLY WEST-WARD III**

Kelly asked Jim Bill what he was going to say and he stated that the wall ditch by the bank was washing out and they were going to try to put rocks in it to keep it from washing more.

- **RON GOTT-WARD IV**

Ron made the recommendation that the ditch by the bank be put the next agenda. So that we can see what the cost is going to be.

- **WAYNE BACON-AT-LARGE**

None

PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF CITY MANAGER PURSUANT TO 25 OS SEC 307(B)(1).

Postponed to special meeting on Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm by Mayor Mike Fuller.

Relena Haddox, City Clerk

Mike Fuller, Mayor