

**REGULAR MEETING
OAKDALE CITY COUNCIL
April 28, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oakdale was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2020, at Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue, Oakdale, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Paul Reinke at 7 PM.

CALL OF ROLL

On a call of roll, the following were present:

Mayor Paul Reinke

Council Members: Jake Ingebrigtsen
Susan Olson
Colleen Swedberg
Kevin Zabel

Absent: None

Also Present: Brian Bachmeier, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Susan Barry, City Clerk
Craig Dawson, Interim City Administrator
Chelsea Petersen, Administrative Services Director
Emily Shively, City Planner
Jim Thomson, City Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Reinke announced that the amount on Consensus Motion "b" should be \$4,479.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Special Meeting, April 6, 2020
Special Meeting, April 7, 2020
Regular Meeting, April 14, 2020

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SWEDBERG, TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 6, 2020, AS PRESENTED.

5 AYES.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON, TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 7, 2020, AS PRESENTED.

5 AYES.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON, TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 14, 2020, AS PRESENTED.

5 AYES.

OPEN FORUM

Mayor Reinke opened the meeting up to the audience; no comments were heard.

CONSENSUS MOTIONS

Mayor Reinke pulled items “d” and “e” for discussion.

Council Member Zabel pulled “a” for discussion.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON, TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENSUS MOTIONS:

- b) **Approve the funding request by the Christian Cupboard Emergency Food Shelf in the amount of \$4,479 with the use of monies in the Charitable Gambling Fund.**
- c) **Waive reading and adopt Resolution 2020-xxx, Establishing a public hearing for the vacation of certain drainage and utility easements at Titan Park for May 26 at 7 PM.**

5 AYES.

CONSENSUS ITEM “a”: Policy – Funding for Charitable/Non-Profits related to COVID-19

Council Member Zabel reviewed the policy that would allow the City to provide funding assistance to the food shelves that serve Oakdale during the COVID-19 response period and requested removing the wording in the second paragraph that states: “or if there exists a State statute that expressly identifies the organization’s services to be eligible for financial assistance by a municipality.”

City Attorney Thomson explained that the wording was from state statutes and provided a “catch-all” for those organizations that may not be charitable or non-profit. He added that removing the wording would create no issues.

In response to questions from the City Council, City Attorney Thomson confirmed that the policy would be utilized only during COVID-19 and action would come back to the City Council to retire the policy.

As such Council Member Zabel also suggested that the “duration of the COVID-19 response” in the third paragraph be modified to read “duration of the COVID-19 local emergency.”

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SWEDBERG, TO APPROVE POLICY MIS-017, FUNDING FOR CHARITABLE/NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS RELATED TO THE COVID-19 RESPONSE PERIOD, AS MODIFIED.

5 AYES.

CONSENSUS ITEM “d”: Fire Chief Anderson Resignation

Mayor Reinke announced that after serving the community for 41 years as a firefighter, including 18 years as fire chief, Jeff Anderson would be retiring on July 31.

The City Council thanked Chief Anderson for his service to Oakdale.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER INGEBRIGTSON, TO WAIVE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2020-39, ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF FIRE CHIEF JEFF ANDERSON FROM THE CITY OF OAKDALE, EFFECTIVE JULY 31, 2020.

5 AYES.

CONSENSUS ITEM “e”: Police Officer Thomas Higgins Resignation

Mayor Reinke announced that after serving the community for 32 years as a police officer, Thomas Higgins would be retiring April 30.

The City Council thanked Officer Higgins for this service to Oakdale.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON, TO WAIVE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2020-40, ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF POLICE OFFICER THOMAS HIGGINS FROM THE CITY OF OAKDALE, EFFECTIVE APRIL 30, 2020.

5 AYES.

ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

a) Parks and Recreation Commission: Debbie Xiong Recognition

Mayor Reinke thanked former Parks and Recreation Commissioner Debbie Xiong for her service on the Commission.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORTS

a) City Administrator Search Update

Interim City Administrator Dawson noted that the five finalists met with department heads earlier in the day and would be interviewed by the City Council on April 29.

b) Chief Building Official Search Update

Interim City Administrator Dawson noted that interviews of four applicants would be held the week of May 4.

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AWARD OF BIDS

a) **City Project 2020-01 (2020 Street Improvements)**

Public Works Director/City Engineer Bachmeier requested awarding the bid for City Project 2020-01 (2020 Street Improvements) to T.A. Schifsky and Sons Inc.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER INGEBRIGTSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SWEDBERG, TO WAIVE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2020-41, AWARDING THE BID FOR CITY PROJECT 2020-01 (2020 STREET IMPROVEMENTS) TO T.A. SCHIFSKY AND SONS INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,975,239.75.

5 AYES.

CLAIMS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER INGEBRIGTSON, TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 11 TO APRIL 24 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$610,180.58.

5 AYES.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SWEDBERG, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING DATED APRIL 28, 2020, AT 7:24 PM.

5 AYES.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Barry,
City Clerk