

**Oakley City Council Meeting  
Monday September 12, 2016  
Oakley Town Hall 6:00 p.m.**

**Attending:** Mayor Woolstenhulme, Councilors Lorrie Hoggan, Amy Rydalch, Tom Smart and Tiny Woolstenhulme

**City Staff:** City Treasurer Tami Stevenson

**Others Attending:** Brody Blonquist, Kerbee Atkinson, Tony D'moto , Dwayne Vance, Richard Bliss, Chris Hanson, Chad Ambrose, Jon Olch, Doug Evans and David Church

**Excused:** Councilor Frazier

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

**2. Preliminary Items**

- A. Welcome & Introductions: Mayor Wade Woolstenhulme
- B. Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer: Pledge by Kerbee Atkinson and Prayer by Councilor Rydalch
- C. Approval of Minutes  
August 1,, 2016

***Councilor Smart made a motion to approve the minutes of August 1, 2016. Councilor Hoggan seconded the motion, all voted in favor***

- D. Report and Approval of Bills to be paid

***Councilor Hoggan made a motion to pay the bills as noted on the register. Councilor Rydalch seconded the motion, all voted in favor.***

**3. PUBLIC Hearing – Possible recommendation for a preliminary Plat – RWW Subdivision. Applicant Arla Woolstenhulme**

Tami handed the Council a copy of the preliminary plat. She explained they were creating one building lot. The planning Commission approved the plat on the condition they received access on to SR 32.

The Mayor opened the public Hearing. There was no input from the public.

***Councilor Smart made a motion to approve the preliminary plat for the RWW Subdivision, with verification of access off SR 32. Councilor Hoggan seconded the motion, all voted in favor with Councilor Woolstenhulme abstaining***

**4. New Business**

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A. Chad Ambrose Rocky Mountain Power

Chad came to the meeting to reach out to the Council and let them know that he is the regional manager for Rocky Mountain Power. He is the person the City would contact with any questions or concerns. Rocky Mountain Power is constantly trying to improve service. They are currently working on a new transportation loop that should be complete by late 2017.

B. Kerbee Atkinson – City Property

Kerbee told the Council that she was interested in what the City was going to do with the property across from the Town Hall. She would recommend putting a pond in, like it was when her Grandparents were young. She suggested picnic tables and maybe some grass.

Mayor Woolstenhulme stated the Council had discussed this option before it was just a matter of funding the project.

C. Discussion on Maple Ridge Water Surcharge

Mayor Woolstenhulme asked Doug Evans to explain the research he had done in regards on the surcharge for Maple Ridge.

Doug stated that even in the beginning of the subdivision there was always the possibility of a special surcharge being implemented. He said the cost of power has increased and is costing more to pump the water up to Maple Ridge. He said there are ways to cut the cost in the power by going to a 6A or 6 B; these are issues the City could discuss with Rocky Mountain Power. You can change the rate with them once a year.

After going over the water usage and what it costs to pump the water to Maple Ridge he deducted the water be billed at \$1.00 to \$1.68 per thousand gallons. This would include the power and amortizing repairs at the pump station. The City cannot add a line replacement cost to the residents of Maple Ridge, as it is no different than replacing other lines in the City.

Doug concluded that in order to save on costs and water usage the City should consider lowering the base water usage. Currently the residents pay \$20.00 for the first twenty thousand gallons. He indicated the \$20.00 should only allow about seven to ten thousand gallons as the base rate.

John Dayton had some questions and comments. In 2007 there was a concern about the amount of water that was being used. In 2008 Maple Ridge decreased their usage a fair amount. They also kept track of the water in the tank.

John has spoken with Doug about the studies he had done and basically agreed with the dollar amount that he had come up with. His figures came out to about 63 cents more per gallon. John would like to go back a few more years of water usage before a fee is set.

There was more discussion about ways to save on pumping costs. There needs to be enough water in the tanks required by the fire station, which is about 120,000.00 gallons. The tank that was installed was smaller due to the estimates by the division of water quality.

Mayor Woolstenhulme stated that maybe the City didn't do enough research before they implemented the \$2.50 rate fee. There was more discussion about base rates and what would be a fair rate. Future planning on rate structures and usage needs a lot more attention.

***Councilor Rydalch made a motion to rescind the motion for the high elevation surcharge in the amount of \$2.50 per thousand gallons. Councilor Smart seconded the motion, all voted in favor***

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Mayor Woolstenhulme formed a committee to review the surcharge and all of the studies that have been discussed tonight. He asked Doug Evans, Tom Smart, Amy Rydalch and Brody Blonquist to be on that committee. He asked John Dayton if he would like to be on the committee. John stated he would like to be kept informed but he spends most of his time in Chicago so it would be difficult to be on the committee.

Mayor Woolstenhulme asked for a tentative goal to have the committee report. By October 3, 2016 the committee will have a review for the Council and a public hearing will happen on the first Council meeting in November.

D. Review bid for gutters, down spouts and snow stop on the Red Barn with possible approval

Councilor Smart discussed the bid from Aspen Roofing. The snow fence goes on the roof along the walk way of the Red Barn including gutters. It is under the \$10,000.00 set requiring more bids.

***Councilor Smart made a motion to accept the bid from Aspen Roofing and start the project as soon as possible. Councilor Rydalch seconded the motion, all voted in favor***

E. Review bids for boardwalk around tree at City Hall with a possible awarding of bid

Tami gave the one bid to the Council from John Christensen. The bid was in in the amount of \$10,000.00. After a discussion the Council decided not to replace the boardwalk.

***Councilor Hoggan made a motion to tear the boardwalk out and not replace it. Councilor Smart seconded the motion, all voted in favor***

## **5. Old Business**

A. City Employee's

Mayor Woolstenhulme stated that he had the copies of other City wages that Councilor Smart and Councilor Hoggan had obtained. Ron will be retiring soon and the Council needs to hire someone to replace him. He would like the Council to review the wage studies and they would have a work meeting to work on the employee structure and wages.

## **6. Regular Business**

***Councilor Woolstenhulme made a motion to adjourn***

**Minutes accepted as to form this \_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 2016**

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**Mayor Wade Woolstenhulme**

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**City Treasurer Tami Stevenson**

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