

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA COUNCIL

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

September 16, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by President Miller

ROLL CALL: Trustees Present: R. Burger, S. Fauble, S. Finan, T. Foster & R. Hudson
Also Present: Treasurer Jach & Clerk Hudson Trustees absent/Susan Halloran

SET-AMEND AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS.

MANISTEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – was given

MaryJo McElroy reported the following: Garden Club will be planting 2 trees, an Oak tree & a Bass Wood tree, west of rain garden behind library in honor of the 250th Anniversary. Onekama days car show raised \$5100. which will be used for the renovation of the Memorial Fountain in the village park. **Safe routes to School meeting with MSU** will be held in Farr Center Thursday Sept. 17/4p.m. **MaryJo also reported** that the PLA has changed the name of the Petunia Parade to Onekama Blooms. Their plan for 2027 is to have multiple hanging baskets along M-22(Main St) in the sunniest spots not just in front of businesses at the west/north end of the village. Sponsors are being sought for these additional baskets.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Finan seconded to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2026 Regular Council Meeting with the correction to the spelling of the last name of Pruyne not Prine. M/C.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Trustee Burger moved, Trustee Foster supported to accept the August 31, 2026 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REQUEST: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Fauble supported to eliminate the Local & Major st savings accounts and put this money into the checking accounts as requested. M/C.

--The Treasurer questioned why the village no longer transfers 25% to Local St from Major St as they have done in the past to cover street repair projects. After some discussion, President Miller said this will be a topic of discussion during the 2026 budget work sessions. The treasurer asked President Miller to complete process for getting a village credit card due to the fact she will be retiring soon and has been using her card for some computer related services.

BILLS AND TRANSFERS

Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Foster supported to pay the bills and make the transfers for August, 2026. After discussion, President Miller called for a roll call vote. Burger – Yes, Fauble – Yes, Finan – Yes, Foster – Yes, Hudson – yes, Miller – Yes. M/C..

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING REPORT

--a request for a variance, 4594 Main St has been received.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

A public hearing was held to consider a comprehensive text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding child care. After some discussion Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Finan supported to adopt these amendments to address regulations of Child Care Centers and Family and Group Day Care Homes. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Fauble, Hudson, Burger, Finan, Foster all YES. M/C.

--There was also a request to adopt an amendment to the fee schedule for the cost of a special use permit for Child Care Centers. After some discussion no action was taken to adopt and this will be an item for future work sessions.

SEWER REPORT

-- **a sewer disconnect request** was received from Mr.&Mrs. Burrow, 8157 Third St(house was taken down).Trustee Burger moved, Trustee Fauble supported to approve this dis-connect (as of Sept 1).M/C.

-- Village maintenance man will be taking his Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification test in October.

STREETS REPORT

Trustee Burger reported that the required M-Dot report has been completed.

PARKS

Playground Mulch/update

--Trustee Hudson presented the board an invoice for \$4240. from Upland Medow to install 75 yards of playground certified mulch in the 3 play areas in the village park. This quote includes shaping & leveling of 6inch mulch. Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Fauble supported to accept this invoice from Upland Meadow. M/C. Trustee Hudson reported that the new trees are established enough so there will be no need to water after September.

--Flag Replacement

Village resident, Ralph Drumm has donated new rope for this project and has volunteered to work with Trustee Hudson and President Miller in the installation of the new flag.

---Village Park Bandstand

Trustee Fauble moved, Trustee Finan supported to accept bid (\$1750.) from Ryan Brown to power wash, stain & water seal the entire bandstand. M/C. The money for this project is taken out of the Event Stage Maintenance checking account.

FARR CENTER REPORT –

--Barn Quilt Sq.

Trustee Fauble moved, Trustee Foster supported to hang the Barn Quilt Sq. on the west side wall of the library building pending approval of the library. M/C.

CEMETERY REPORT –

PORTAGE LAKE ASSOCIATION –

FUNDING RESEARCH –

SEWER EQUIVALENTS RESEARCH-

COMMUNICATIONS –

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP REPORT - applying for grants to make Glen Park handicap accessible

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS – Onekama Days Committee will be created to establish guide lines to be followed by the renters of this event in the future.

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS – request from Core Energy for permission to conduct a 3D seismic survey to evaluate oil and gas interests on the lagoon area property and to give them the mineral rights. After some discussion, Trustee Burger moved, Trustee Hudson supported not to sign a lease and not give up the mineral rights. Roll Call:

PUBLIC COMMENT – Ralph Drumm/porta potty(is it necessary) painting of handicap parking-cleanup & repair sidewalk in front of FC

ADJOURN The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectively submitted

Ruth M. Hudson