

**VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA**  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
January 17, 2024

**Call to Order:** President Burger called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by President Burger.

**ROLL CALL:** Trustees Present: R. Hudson, S. Halloran, A. Arthur and W. Miller.  
Also present: Treasurer Nikki Jach and Clerk Ruth Hudson. **Absent, Trustees Fauble and J. Wemlinger.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**County Commissioner:** report was given

**Web Site update:**

--Karen Sandstead/MS Creative Services introduced herself to the board. Inquiries were made re; a building a new website versus redesigning the current one by updating and refreshing. After some discussion MS Creative Services will put a proposal together for the building of a new village website.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Halloran supported to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2023 regular council meeting as presented. M/C.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to accept the December 31, 2023 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

**TREASURER'S REQUEST:**

**BILLS / TRANSFERS:** Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to pay the bills and make the transfers. Roll call vote as follows: Hudson, Halloran, Miller, Burger and Arthur – yes. M/C.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ZONING:**

--nothing to report

**PLANNING COMMISSION** –report

---Travelers' Motel/minor site plan adjustment

Katie Mehl, Village of Onekama Zoning Administrator explained to the council that the property owner(Travelers' Motel) 5606 Eight Mile Rd was seeking a minor site plan adjustment to modify the exterior of the building. The Planning Commission had certified the site plan and now approval was needed from the board. After some discussion Miller moved, Arthur supported to approve this request. M/C.

**Master Plan/update**

--3 bids were received. McKenna, \$34,500.Wade Trim, \$34,450. and CIB Planning,\$35,000. Analysis of bids will be the next step.

**SEWER**

--pump #2 at LS#3 had to be replaced.

**STREETS:**

--the M-Dot 2024 street map has been certified and is on file. The 2024 street repair projects are being investigated and will be brought before the board when they are finalized.

**PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER**

**PARKS: Event Stage Update**

Electrical work scheduled for the first week in April. First week in May the event stage kit will be delivered and ready to be assembled in the park.

**FARR CENTER:**

-- New windows have been installed.

-- electrical panel upgrade work will be completed as soon as time becomes available.

**CEMETERY:**

**Tree Trimming/removal—Cemetery I**

--costs will be part of the 2024 budget.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** will meet in early 2024.

**TOWNSHIP REPORT:** minutes on line.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**--Village Maintenance**

President Burger reported that due to personal issues our maintenance man will be limited to what he can do in 2024. Plans are being made to advertise this position. Also being considered hiring a lagoon operator just for sewer duties and a general maintenance person for the remainder of the work. The personnel committee will meet to write up a job description of what we are looking for. Current maintenance man will work part time to train his replacement.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Nola Teye/ on going sewer rate issue for her property.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:**

--2024-25 Budget public hearing will be Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m. which is a half hour prior to February council mtg. Public welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth M. Hudson