

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF OAKLEY
October 1, 2025

SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor: Buffy Cooper
Council Members:
Ralph Barnard
Al Lowe
Tyann Corbet
Brett Arnell

City Attorney:	Peter Wells (absent)
Public Works Director:	Jared Mitton
City Clerk:	Dannika Colson
Cassia County Deputy:	Ethan Justice
City Engineer:	Dave Waldron (absent)

Visitors:

Public Comment: Kelly Gorringer – Why are we still rationing water?
Syndi Strand – When will the water for the new well be tested
Jeff Douglas – What is the timeline for repairs on the down well?

This special meeting was called to approve a quote for the repairs for the down well.

First Item of Business: Jared reported to the council that the shaft in the big well broke, dropping the pump further into the well. Layne Pumps were called and once on site with some difficulties were finally able to pull the pump out of the well. Jared presented the quote from Layne Pumps to replace the damaged pump and shaft, as well as drilling an additional 30 feet to lower the pump further into the water table to account for any future water table dropage (copy of quote included with physical minutes). Materials for the repair are 10-12 days out so with approval, Layne can get the ordering process moving. The council discussed the quote and the additional drilling and decided that it was better to spend the additional money now while the crew is already out there than have to do a second project down the road. Al moved that the city hire Layne Pumps to replace and make the repairs and install an additional 50 feet of casing to allow the pump to be placed lower within the water table, included in his motion, that the budget for this be set at 75,000 to accommodate any additional costs. Ralph seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Second Item of Business: Jared explained the water restriction ordinance and why the city has issued a tier 3 restriction – no outside watering. With the remaining well doing the work, the city wants to alleviate some of the stress on that well as well as ensuring that all citizens have adequate water to perform household functions. Jared proposed that the council add to this restriction a penalty for over usage of water. He recommended that they do implement the maximum fine of \$1,000.00 per incident. Council discussed their opinions on the fine before moving to vote. Al moved that a letter be sent to all residents with their water bill that gives an update of the well situation and reiterates the emergency restriction and includes information on the penalty for violation of the restriction. A warning letter from the city will be sent to

residents upon the first violation and then if violation continues, there will be a fine of \$1,000.00 per violation. Brett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Third Item of Business: Al moved to adjourn the meeting, Ralph seconded, and the vote was unanimous.