

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF OAKLEY
November 14, 2024

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

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

Visitors: Shalley Mabey, Star Stone Representatives

Public Hearing: Brett moved that the public hearing be opened, Al seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

The hearing began with the discussion of the Cole Washburn Request for Variance. He owns property on N. Wilson and would like to eventually build a home there and requested that the city allow for 30 ft easement instead of the usual 100 ft easement as 30 ft is all that property allows for. Jared assured the council that 30ft would be enough of an easement.

Shalley Mabey is a neighbor and is concerned that 8ft of her pasture is within that 30ft easement and if Cole was to build there, they would lose 8ft of their pasture. Although Shalley's concern is valid, proper surveys need to be done to see where property lines legally lie. The council discussed and decided that as long as Cole gets the proper surveying done to ensure proper property lines and talks with the neighbors and be sure that there is enough room for emergency vehicles to turn around and exit the property, there is no reason he can't be granted his variance.

Star stone submitted a special use permit application for permission to install a truck scale in their rock yard. The council asked some questions and discussed and ultimately decided that installing a truck scale would be a good idea.

Al moved to close the public hearing Tyann seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

First Item of Business: Al moved to approve Cole Washburn's Variance for a 30ft easement, Brett seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Second Item of Business: Brett moved to approve Star Stone's Special use Permit, Al seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Third Item of Business: The Wybenga water connection application was discussed. Rob Wybenga wants to build 2 duplexes on his property across from the old elementary school and needs water hook ups. The council is concerned about the amount of water connections on the current system with the well still under construction. Jared assured the council that any new hook ups are for culinary use ONLY and that use for irrigation is prohibited until construction of well and storage tank is completed, and he is sure to

make the owners aware of that when applying for a connection. Al moved to approve the application, Brett seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Fourth Item of Business: a bid for the well house came in from Gary Jones Construction the bid was for \$834,000 that includes the house, pump, generator, fencing and everything. This was the only bid that was received. Jared recommended not accepting the bid and breaking it up into different scopes, (ie pump, well house, generator all separate) Council would like to allow other trades the opportunity to bid on these projects, and also see what the city can do in house to reduce costs, and also see if the DEQ will allow for the relocation of the old well house to the new well site. Al moved to decline the bid and look for other options and separate the job into individual scopes and have them bid individually. Ralph seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Fifth Item of Business: Jared applied for a grant to fix the park benches in the park. The grant was awarded and \$4,000 was deposited by the Department of Health and Welfare into our account for this project. Brett also brought up that he has heard from members in the community about wanting better or more playground equipment for the park. He was told to get with Beckie Clark, as she and her daughter had helped facilitate that in the past. She might be able to give him a place to start.

Sixth Item of Business: Al moved that the meeting go into Executive Session, Tyann seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

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Al moved to close the Executive Session, Brett seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Seventh Item of Business: Council discussed whether or not to require special use permits for Airbnb's. No decision was made.

Discussion: Al is concerned about multiple people living in RVs in his neighborhood and asked that Jared issue a citation to these people as they have been politely asked to move now several times. Jared to issue a citation

City Managers Report: Jared and Aj will be continuing to set up Christmas decorations around the city and continuing with winterizations

Eighth Item of Business: Al moved to approve August meeting minutes, Tyann seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Ninth Item of Business: Al moved to approve the bills, Brett seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Tenth Item of Business: Brett moved to adjourn the meeting, Tyann seconded, and the vote was unanimous.