



Oakley City Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday August 12, 2020
Oakley City Hall
6:00 p.m.

City Council Present: Mayor Woolstenhulme; Councilmembers Neff, Smart, Wilmoth, Woolstenhulme, Frazier, Bowen

City Staff Present: Amy Rydalch, Abigail Morrison, Kendell Staples

1. Call to order and roll call

- a. City Council: Mayor Woolstenhulme; Councilmembers Wilmoth, Smart, Neff, Frazier, Bowen
- b. City Staff: Amy Rydalch, City Planner, Abigail Morrison, City Recorder, Kendell Staples, Public Works Director

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

3. Secondary Water System Update

Mayor Woolstenhulme gave a brief overview and excused Dallas Hansen, Water Operator, from the meeting due to a scheduling conflict. He stated that Oakley currently owns 400 shares of Echo Reservoir water that could possibly be leased on a year to year basis. Leasing those rights could generate as much as \$300,000 -- \$500,000. Mayor Woolstenhulme said he would like to seek approval from City Council to move forward by seeking bids for those rights. Councilmember Neff asked if it was possible to trade water. Mayor Woolstenhulme said there may be a possibility with the South Bench Ditch Company, but that is still not settled. Councilmember Bowen said that leasing the water could be good for the city.

Councilmember Frazier made a motion to move forward with leasing the water. Councilmember Wilmoth seconded. Motion passed (5:0).

4. Weber Wild Road Issues

Amy Rydalch, City Planner, said the property that was deeded to Oakley City as part of an agreement made in 2019 was being mis-used by residents along Weber Wild road. Illegal excavation and groundwork has taken place without city approval. She stated that for any improvements to be made the city needs to be included and the city engineer will have to approve of any work done. She spoke with the city attorney who advised the city to inform Weber Wild residents to cease all road work on city property immediately.

Multiple Weber Wild residents in attendance at the meeting vocally stated disagreement. Mayor Woolstenhulme cut through the noise to say that the agreement reads that the land is to be used for "trails/road improvement". Mayor Woolstenhulme stated that road improvements make the most sense to him, but that if they want any improvements the residents need to form an HOA and come to the city with a plan. John Crane, Weber Wild resident, stated that it looked like the land was not given to the city as a full 23-foot section. He stated that there are parts of the road that are essentially a no man's land and that nobody claims ownership of it. Councilmember

37 Smart stated that the land did not originally go into the middle of the road and that when Stephen Wheelwright
38 purchased the property there was an existing area that was a no man's land. Mr. Crane stated that it simply could
39 not be 23-feet based off where the fence stands. Shane Miller stated that he thought that the city was granted 10
40 feet and the HOA was granted 13 feet and money to be used for road improvements. Councilmember Wilmoth
41 said his understating was that the money is contingent on Weber Wild residents forming an HOA. Ms. Rydalch said
42 that the 23 feet that has been deeded to the city has been recorded on the plat and that it is possible that the
43 fence line is not correct. She stated that is imperative that the residents need to form an HOA and seek funding if
44 they want to make improvements to the road. The \$8,500 that was donated is to be spend as the city decides and
45 is at the discretion of the City Council. Shane Miller said it is not right that the city does not maintain the road and
46 that the county does not maintain the road. Ms. Rydalch said that it is not Oakley City's responsibility to maintain a
47 private road. Councilmember Wilmoth clarified that the city does not in fact own Weber Wild, but the land against
48 it. John Crane stated that is a Class D County road because it leads to public land. Mayor Woolstenhulme suggested
49 they meet with Derek Radke at the County level. Councilmember Smart said that he would like them to use the
50 \$8,500 to make a safe turnaround and that the safety of that road is the most important issue to him. He stated
51 that there is also allowance to make a trail. Mayor Woolstenhulme asked if the residents want a trail and they said
52 no (general grumbling). Mayor Woolstenhulme asked them to form an HOA and come back. David Nickerson
53 stated that he believes Stephen Wheelwright was disingenuous in seeking his subdivision and that he is building a
54 barn that he should not be building. Ms. Rydalch stated that no new building permits have been issued. Mayor
55 Woolstenhulme asked City Council what they would like to do with the fill and improvements that Weber Wild
56 residents have already made. Councilmember Wilmoth said that he is fine with it if they cease adding more. Ms.
57 Rydalch stated that the city can avoid liability if they post a sign that that bans additional fill and informs drivers
58 that the city will not be liable for any accident or damage.

59 *Councilmember Wilmoth made a motion to leave the fill and post signs informing the public that the city assumes*
60 *no liability, level the current fill, and cease future fill. Councilmember Neff seconded. Motion passed.*

61 5. Report from City Councilmembers on 2020 Assignments and Review of Current City Projects

62 Mayor Woolstenhulme asked city councilmembers to report on any current projects. Councilmember Frazier
63 reported on the roads. He said New lane, Mill Race, and 4200 N were all chip sealed in the last weeks. He could not
64 find an available company to schedule Pinion, so they will have to wait until next summer. Mayor Woolstenhulme
65 recommended filling in the potholes and where the culvert was dug up this spring. He said Pinion Bridge needs to
66 be a priority next year along with chip seal on North Bench, Center Street, and resurfacing River Road.
67 Councilmember Frazier stated B&C Road Money was depleted from last year and that he would be looking for
68 grants for future improvements. Councilmember Frazier stated that the city should examine investing in a
69 downtown center. Councilmember Smart stated support and said they should look at doing a survey.
70 Councilmember Wilmoth asked if he could move forward with buying fireworks for the 2021 Rodeo. Mayor
71 Woolstenhulme said it would be good to move forward with that. Councilmember Smart reported on the
72 campground and said the electricity project came in under budget, so he is looking at getting picnic tables. Mayor
73 Woolstenhulme stated that another big project would be the installation of water meters. He stated that Dallas
74 Hansen had discovered that there are nearly 70 more meters to install. Ms. Morrison presented the list of current
75 city projects and asked City Council to prioritize projects. Ms. Rydalch stated that she could follow up via email
76 with City Council.

77 6. Approval of Minutes

78 *Councilmember Frazier made a motion to approve the minutes of May 13, 2020, May 27, 2020, and June 10, 2020.*
79 *Councilmember Wilmoth seconded. Motion passed (5:0).*

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81 7. Closed Session

82 Councilmember Smart made a motion to go into closed session. Councilmember Wilmoth Seconded. Motion passed
83 (5:0).

84 Councilmember Smart Made a motion to come out of closed session. Councilmember Wilmoth Seconded. Motion
85 Passed (5:0).

86 8. Pay City Bills

87 Councilmember Wilmoth made a motion to pay the bills. Councilmember Bowen seconded. Motion passed (5:0).

88 Councilmember Frazier made a motion to grant office staff a bonus of \$500 for the Rodeo. Councilmember Wilmoth
89 seconded. Motion passed (5:0).

90 9. Adjournment

91 Councilmember Bowen made a motion to adjourn.

92 **Minutes accepted as to form this 26 day of August 2020**

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Mayor Wade Woolstenhulme



City Recorder, Abigail Morrison