



Oakley City Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 27, 2020
Oakley City Hall
6:00 p.m.

City Council Present: Councilmembers Neff, Smart, Woolstenhulme, Frazier, Bowen

City Staff Present: Morrison, Rydalch

1. Call to order and roll call

- a. All present from City Council
- b. City Staff: Amy Rydalch, City Planner, Abigail Morrison, City Recorder, Dallas Hansen, Water Operator, Cherish McCormick, City Treasurer, Kendell Staples, Public Works Director
- c. Other: Linda Morrison, Chandler Smith, Lynn Horrocks, Tami Morrison, Bonnie Jones, Brenda Sharmon

2. Rodeo 2020 Updates and Discussion

Mayor Woolstenhulme presented the City Council with the proposed budget for the 2020 Rodeo. He stated that Oakley has benefited from the rodeo for years and taxes have remained low because of the money it brings in. The Rodeo pays the \$157,000 bond for the complex. He said Oakley City has money to cover that this year even without the rodeo. He presented the plan for a modified rodeo – it will be three nights instead of four, require social distancing, face coverings, and other modifications. He went over the proposed schedule and said that the city plans to follow all the PRCA COVID-19 recommendations as well as Utah Leads Together 3.0 as released by the Governor's office.

Linda Morrison, Oakley resident, questioned why the city would move forward with a rodeo when it will end up costing the city money instead of making the city money. She wants taxes to stay low. Mayor Woolstenhulme told her that the rodeo committee believes they can hold the rodeo and break even or even make some money through sponsorships along with modified ticket sales. Mayor Woolstenhulme stated that it is an important tradition. Councilmember Smart supported Mayor Wolstenholme's position by saying that if the rodeo is done safely, it will put Oakley on the map. He stated he has full confidence in the rodeo committee and the plans they have made for a modified rodeo.

Chandler Smith said it looked like the city was in a hard position and wondered why there was not more opportunity for locals to help think through alternative plans or ways to generate revenue (beyond just the rodeo). She suggested the city look at other options such as a drive-in movie. There were more concerns voiced over the rodeo and the costs. Chandler asked if the city would be spraying and sanitizing and what the cost will be. Linda Morrison states discomfort with inviting individuals from out of town to the community who may bring the coronavirus with them. Mayor Woolstenhulme said that if there was concern among residents they could choose to stay home. Linda Morrison stated concern for those people spreading the virus beyond the event (by visiting

37 local stores and other public spaces). She stated that she has real concerns about COVID spreading in the
38 community. Mayor Woolstenhulme stated that the city will be careful and that the concerns over COVID-19 may
39 be overblown at this moment. Bonnie Jones, Rodeo Committee Member, asked how much the city is willing to lose
40 on the rodeo. Mayor Woolstenhulme stated that the Rodeo Committee and he believe that it will be possible to do
41 the rodeo without losing money. Councilmember Frazier stated he is not comfortable losing more than \$5,000-
42 \$10,000 on the rodeo. Councilmember Bowen said that if the city provides sanitizer and masks and that the city
43 doesn't lose money, he is comfortable moving forward with plans for the rodeo. Councilmember Bowen asked
44 how City Staff feel about holding the rodeo. Abigail Morrison, City Recorder, said that there are some concerns and
45 that making masks and social distancing mandatory for the rodeo is important to City Staff. Lynn Horrocks stated
46 that he would not attend a rodeo if he had to wear a mask the entire time. There was general discussion around
47 the benefits of wearing masks, but City Council agreed that it would be mandatory for the rodeo. Councilmember
48 Neff stated his support to move forward with plans if guidelines from the State and Summit County Health
49 Department were followed carefully. He stated he would be comfortable with losing \$10,000 - \$15,000 on the
50 Rodeo.

51 City Council discussed tickets and how they will accommodate for this year while refunding current tickets.
52 Councilmember Smart wanted to know if there was a way to give preference to those who had purchased tickets
53 for years and earlier than other people. Ms. Rydalch stated that would logistically be very difficult to do. The
54 Rodeo Committee will finalize a process and coordinate with City Council on how to move forward.

55 *Councilmember Bowen made a motion to proceed with the 2020 Rodeo with the stipulation that all health*
56 *guidelines from the State and Summit County Health department are followed. Councilmember Neff seconded.*
57 *Motion passed (4:0) – Councilmember Frazier abstained from voting.*

58 3. Bond Refunding

59 Ms. Rydalch shared with the council that after speaking with the city attorney they concluded that it is not possible
60 to roll both bonds into one debt because one is held by a private partner. It would not make financial sense to
61 move forward with the refinancing at this time. City Council agreed.

62 4. Franson Estates Update

63 Ms. Morrison updated City Council on the parking and trail usage at the end of Franson Lane. She stated that
64 multiple residents from the street were complaining about horse trailers blocking driveways and not following
65 rules. Councilmember Smart and Mayor Woolstenhulme said the trails are intended for horse usage and that the
66 residents knew that. Councilmember Neff asked about paying Summit County Sheriffs to help police some of the
67 areas where the city has problems with speeding or parking. Ms. Morrison stated that it was an idea that was
68 considered at one point, but the council did not move forward with it. If City Council would like to pursue that, it
69 could be budgeted in.

70 5. Tentative 2020-2021 Budget Presented to City Council to review

71 Ms. Morrison presented the tentative budget to City Council. There was general discussion regarding increasing
72 the budget especially for buildings and grounds for some projects that need to take place as well as budgeting for
73 staffing needs. Mayor Woolstenhulme talked about the need for new equipment. Please see attachment to view
74 the tentative budget as presented.

75 6. Tentative 2020-2021 Budget presented to City Council to review, adopt, and to set a date for the public
76 hearing

77 City Council decided upon reviewing the budget at the June 10, 2020 meeting.

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79 7. Regular business

80 *Councilmember Frazier made a motion to pay the bills. Councilmember Smart seconded. Motion passed (5:0).*

81 8. Adjournment

82 *Councilmember Bowen made a motion to adjourn.*

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84 **Minutes accepted as to form this 12 day of August 2020**

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Mayor Wade Woolstenhulme



City Recorder, Abigail Morrison