

CITY OF OSBORN, MISSOURI
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, July 8, 2020
Meeting held at Grindstone Valley Winery (due to
social distancing guidelines per COVID-19)

Mayor David E. Meek declared meeting open at 6:02 P.M.

Roll call of council persons:

Present – Mayor David E. Meek

Alderman Mike Tanner

Alderman Norman Baumgarden

Absent - Alderman Carlena Bradford – Sick with thrush

Alderman Brian Stone

Also present:

City Clerk Jody Barlow, Doug Moeller – Water/Sewer, City Attorney Ed Proctor by phone, Attorney Mark Campbell

Citizens – Julie Dierenfeldt, Jamie Jackson, John Phillips, Ashley Robinson, Janna Gibson, Ryan Perry, Ferren Gibson

Consent Agenda:

- A. June 10, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. June 10, 2020 Closed Session Minutes
- C. June 2020 Financial Statement

Authorization of Bills

Reports:

- A. City Clerk Report
- B. Water Report

Old Business:

New Business:

- A. Elect Mayor Pro Tem
- B. Ferren Gibson
- C. Alderman Comments

It was moved by Alderman Tanner, second by Alderman Baumgarden to accept & approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. Motion passed 2-0.

Public Comment:

Jamie Jackson – Osborn School Board member, ball association president for 13 years. She would like for the school to acquire the City ball field. She feels it would be a huge benefit for the school to have, they have a bigger budget, City would not have maintenance, ball association members would be less stressed. Osborn School would never say no to the community or no for the kids to use the field.

Julie Dierenfeldt – She has lived in Osborn for 45 years and the City does not have the budget to take care of the ball field now, let alone a bigger field. She does not understand why the Board members will not help and let the school have the ball field. It would be in everyone's best interest. The City money could go towards other things. The school would have to give money to Stewartsville school. The school can maintain the ball field properly, the City cannot.

Ashley Robinson – Vice President of Osborn School District. She is representing the school, the kids, and is a taxpayer. She believes the City should reconsider the issue of giving the ball field to Osborn School District because the school can afford it, the City cannot. The City can include a clause that it be available for the summer league, a debris collection area for citizens. Otherwise the money is going to go to Stewartsville School District. The taxpayers would not like that. Maybe there could be a planning meeting. The current field is not big enough for boy's high school baseball. The school wants to spend the money to improve the ball field.

John Phillips – It is a big opportunity for kids in high school to have a baseball team. The City cannot get it up to par. If they go to Stewartsville it will hurt the community. The field needs to be high school baseball ready. This will give something to the kids of the community.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Alderman Baumgarden, second by Alderman Tanner to approve the consent agenda which contained the minutes from the June 10, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes, June 10, 2020 Closed Session Minutes and June 2020 financial statements. Motion passed 2-0.

Bills:

A list of bills was presented for approval and payment for the month of July 2020. It was moved by Alderman Tanner, second by Alderman Baumgarden to approve the list of bills for July 2020 as presented. Motion passed 2-0.

City Clerk Report:

None

Water Report:

The outside of the water tower will be repainted per our maintenance contract. Is it okay for the antennas for the storm spotters to remain on the tower after it is painted? The Board said that was fine. The City will have to be switched over to the water district while they are painting.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Elect Mayor Pro Tem:

Tabled until the next board meeting.

Ferren Gibson.

Ferren Gibson was present as a concerned parent and taxpayer. He asked why the Board members were punishing the youth of the community by not giving the ball field to Osborn School. He believes the Boards decision is wrong and he asked for them to reconsider the issue. The City puts out \$2000.00 each year for the field, but that does not go far for maintenance of the ball field. There are water issues with the bathroom, it is not sanitary. An upgraded ball field and baseball team will bring more people to the community. The field is not properly taken care of. He asked the Board to please reconsider the issue. He feels like the City is forcing the kids of Osborn to go to Stewartsville. Maybe the City Board and School Board could get together and come together for the youth of the community. He does not agree with the City Attorney that there is a nepotism issue for the Mayor to break the tie vote. He is willing to take any questions to the School Board if any members have them. The Board thanked Ferren for coming and sharing his thoughts on the issue.

Adjourn:

As no other business was presented, Alderman Tanner moved, second by Alderman Baumgarden to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 P.M. Motion passed 4-0.

David E. Meek, Mayor

Respectfully Submitted,

Jody Barlow, City Clerk