

Oakley City Council September 2 Meeting Minutes

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OAKLEY CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
September 2, 2025

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on September 2, 2025, in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2nd Street, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Shane Stephenson presided.

Council members present. Steve Badger, Leasa Huddle, Russ Kahle, Trevor Mader and Cheryl Stewart.

City staff present. Police Chief Daniel Cooper, City Administrator Brock Sloan and City Clerk Leann Hughes.

Others present. Andrew Magley, Holly Magley, Sheryl Johnson, Brook Plummer, Travis Heinrich and Carol Johnson.

Call to order. Mayor Stephenson called the regular meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s). Mader moved to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2025, regular meeting, as presented. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (5-0).

Approval of AP Payment Register. Kahle moved to approve the August 28, 2025, AP Payment Register, in the amount of \$161,176.91 (Check Nos. 845-855; 52592; 52596-52613; and Direct Deposit Nos. 25000067-25000069) for checks dated August 29, 2025. Stewart seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (5-0).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Stewart moved to approve the Time Entry Report for August 3, 2025 to August 16, 2025, dated August 19, 2025, for the August 22, 2025, payroll, in the amount of \$75,271.71 for 3,198.77 hours (Check Nos. 17815-17820; ACH Nos. 100394-100447; AP Check Nos. 52593-52595; and Wire Nos. 1120-1124). Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (5-0).

HEARINGS
7:00 – Public Hearing – Intent to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate, Resolution 2025-05 – Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate – Roll Call Vote. Mayor Stephenson recessed the regular meeting and opened the Public Hearing for Intent to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate, Resolution No. 2025-05, at approximately 7:02 PM. There was no public comment and there were no questions from the Council. Administrator Sloan briefly explained the Revenue Neutral Rate. Mayor Stephenson closed the public hearing

at approximately 7:04 PM. Kahle moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-05, a Resolution of the City of Oakley, Kansas, to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Stewart seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote: Russ Kahle voted yes; Leasa Huddle voted yes; Cheryl Stewart voted yes; Trevor Mader voted yes; and Steve Badger voted yes. (Unanimous – 5-0).

7:00 PM – Public Hearing – Budget 2025 – Approve and Sign Budget Certification Page and Approve 2026 Budget Workbook. Mayor Stephenson recessed the regular meeting and opened the Public Hearing for the 2026 Budget, approving and signing the Budget Certification Page, and approving the 2026 Budget Workbook at approximately 7:06 PM. There was no public comment and there were no questions from the Council. Mayor Stephenson closed the public hearing at approximately 7:07 PM, and returned the meeting to regular session. Mader moved to approve the 2026 Budget and workbook, as presented, and to authorize the Mayor and Council to sign the Budget Certification page (4 Copies). Kahle seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote: Russ Kahle voted yes; Leasa Huddle voted yes; Cheryl Stewart voted yes; Trevor Mader voted yes; and Steve Badger voted yes. (Unanimous – 5-0).

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. None.

NEW DISCUSSION/ ACTION ITEMS:

Buffalo Bill Cultural Center – Fall Festival – Community Sponsorship. Sheryl Johnson and Brook Plummer were present to explain the activities planned for the 4th Annual Fall Festival to be held October 4, 10 AM to 2 PM, and to ask for a Community Sponsorship of \$3,500.00. Johnson introduced herself as the new Tourism Director and explained that most of the funds requested will help cover volunteer lunches and inflatables. Council Member Stewart inquired if \$3,500.00 will cover all expenses. Plummer stated the total will be around \$4,000.00, but any amount the City approves will help, also noting this is not a fund raiser, so the Cultural Center will have no profit. Plummer further explained this festival has been designed to provide free fun for the community and surrounding area. Mayor Stephenson reminded the Council the Buffalo Bill Cultural Center receives

a flat amount from the Transient Guest Tax to help with projects and expenses. Plummer noted the funds received from Transient Guest Tax are mainly used for salaries. Discussion followed. Stewart moved to approve \$4,000.00 from the Convention and Tourism Fund, Promotion, for the 4th Annual Fall Festival at the Buffalo Bill Cultural Center. Mader seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (5-0). Johnson added that she will be attending the TIAK (Travel Industry of Associates of Kansas) Tourism Conference and she shared some statistics from the recent holiday weekend.

The Bluff – Drinking Establishment License. The Council reviewed an Application for Drinking Establishment License from the new owners of The Bluff. Kahle moved to approve a Drinking Establishment License for The Bluff, LLC, dba The Bluff, expiring on the same date as their State License, August 17, 2027. Stewart seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (5-0).

Mayor Stephenson recessed the meeting for a few minutes to allow Clerk Hughes to finish the preparation of the Drinking Establishment License.

Ordinance 1191 – Allow Pet Kennels in C-1 Zoning Districts. Administrator Sloan reported the Planning Commission held a hearing on August 13, 2025, and voted unanimously to recommend Council approval to allow pet kennels at 203 Center Avenue. Kahle inquired if the approval is for that location only; Sloan confirmed it is. Kahle moved to approve Ordinance No. 1191, adopting the recommendation of the Planning Commission and changing the zoning at 203 Center Avenue, or the Paw Spa, to allow pet kennels on the property, and to remain zoned a C-1, Central Business District. Mader seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (5-0).

Ordinance 1192 – Allow Pet Kennels in C-2 Zoning Districts. Administrator Sloan reported the Planning Commission also considered allowing pet kennels on another property at the same hearing on August 13, 2025, and voted unanimously to recommend Council approval to allow pet kennels at 411 West Second Street and 415 West Second Street, which is the City Hall property. Kahle moved to approve Ordinance No. 1192, adopting the recommendation of the

Planning Commission and changing the zoning at 411 West Second Street and 415 West Second Street, or City Hall, to allow pet kennels on the property, and to remain zoned a C-2, General Commercial District. Mader seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (5-0).

Mayoral Appointment – Oakley Public Library Board. Mayor Stephenson reported Victoria Halbleib, Library Director, Oakley Public Library, contacted him to let him know they received a resignation from the Board from Donna Corbett and she recommended Tayler Hargitt. Mayor Stephenson appointed Tayler Hargitt to the Oakley Public Library Board to fulfill the unexpired term of Donna Corbett, through May, 2027. Kahle moved to approve the appointment of Tayler Hargitt to the Oakley Public Library Board to fulfill the unexpired term of Donna Corbett, through May, 2027. Stewart seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (5-0).

Outdoor Bank – Investment Accounts. Mayor Stephenson and the Council acknowledged being contacted by Clerk Hughes on August 28, 2025, concerning some funds at Outdoor Bank that did not have pledging and the plan to convert that Certificate of Deposit to CDARS/ IntraFi. Mader moved to approve the opening of a checking account with Outdoor Bank to facilitate

a sweep of funds to the IntraFi account until the funds can be placed in a CD with IntraFi on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, as discussed via telephone and email on August 28, 2025. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (5-0).

UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

None
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:
Russ Moellering – General Manager.
Absent; no report.

Brock Sloan, City Administrator. Administrator Sloan reported on various items, including: Sloan noted that Council Member Stewart had a conflict arise at work that will prevent her from attending the League of Kansas Municipalities Conference October 9-11, 2025. He asked if any of the rest of the Council would like to attend that they let him know as soon as they can.

Sloan thanked the Mayor and staff for taking care of matters while he was out of the office.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. No report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Council Member Badger inquired about the status of the AT&T tower that was to be constructed on City property. Administrator Sloan stated he received maps and a site plan late last week, which he needs to review and then project plans can be finalized.

Council Member Mader asked if something could

be done about the work the crews are doing in conjunction with IdeaTek; he feels some of the work doesn't look good. Administrator Sloan agreed to check into it.

Mader also asked that the Council review some items in the Zoning Ordinance. He would like the Council to consider a change in the ninety-foot (90') sight triangle for corner lots to reduce it to sixty feet (60'). He also would like the Council to consider a change in fencing regulations, specifically front yards, to allow short fences of open design up to the sidewalk. Administrator Sloan noted if fences were allowed on City right-of-way, the owner could have to incur expenses if a water line or other work required the fence to be moved/ taken down. Mayor Stephenson requested Administrator Sloan send an electronic copy of the Zoning Ordinance to the Council this week, for review, and place this topic on the agenda for the next meeting to begin discussions.

Mayor Stephenson thanked the City for the plant in remembrance of the passing of his father, Don Stephenson.

Adjourn. Huddle moved to adjourn the meeting. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (5-0). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:40 PM.

Leann M. Hughes, CMC
City Clerk

OMS Volleyball Photos

Oakley Middle School was host to Hoxie in Volleyball.

At right: Kambrie Halbleib serves to the Hoxie Indians.

Below: Keyara Phillips (12) hits at the net. Also pictured is Ava Glassman (34)

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Lanea Turner receive a ball from the Hoxie Indians.

At left: Reese Marshall (13) receives a serve as Maycee Younkin (16) and Ava Glassman (34) are ready to assist.



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