

Oakley City Council Meeting Minutes of January 20th

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Oakley City Council
Regular Meeting
January 20, 2026

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on January 20, 2026, in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2nd Street, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Russ Kahle presided.

Council members present. Steve Badger, Doug Reed, and Brian Joseph; Lisa Huddle was absent.

City staff present, Police Chief Daniel Cooper, City Clerk Leann Hughes, IT Director Travis Heinrich, Utility Director Rodney Huffman, and Deputy City Clerk Barbara Kelly.

Others present. Caleb Baalman, John Holzmeister, and Kent Braun

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

Amended Agenda. Mayor Kahle noted that the amended agenda needed approved. Badger made a motion to amend the agenda for the January 20, 2026 Council meeting. Reed seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0).

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s). Badger moved to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2026, regular meeting, as presented. Joseph seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0).

Badger moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026 special meeting as presented. Joseph seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0).

Approval of AP Payment Registers. Badger moved to approve the January 15, 2026,

AP Payment Register in the amount of \$17,252.61 (Check Nos. 958,962-963,965-968,971; and 52854-52865) for checks dated January 15, 2026, for 2025 expenses. Reed seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0).

Badger made a motion to approve the January 15, 2026, AP Payment Register in the amount of \$2,892.11 (Check Nos. 25000107-25000109) for Direct Deposit Expenses dated January 15, 2026, for 2025 expenses. Joseph seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0).

Badger made motion to approve the January 15, 2026, AP Payment Register in the amount of \$180.00 (Check No. 192) for a check dated January 15, 2026, for 2025 expenses to be paid out of Drug Forfeiture Expenses. Reed seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0).

Badger made a motion to approve the January 16, 2026, AP Payment Register in the amount of \$140,331.93 (Check Nos. 959-961,964,969-970, and 52866-52892) for checks dated January 15, 2026, for 2026 expenses. Joseph seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0)

Badger made a motion to approve the January 15, 2026 ,AP Payment Register in the amount of \$4,403.17 (Check Nos. 26000001-26000003) for Direct Deposit Expenses dated January 15, 2026. Reed seconded. Motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Badger moved to approve the Time Entry Report for December 21, 2025 to January 3, 2026, dated January 7, 2026, for the January 9, 2026, payroll, in the amount of \$75,011.11 for 2,304.73 hours (Check Nos. 17840-17842; ACH Nos. 100781-100810; AP Check Nos. 52849-52852; and Wire

Nos. 1165-1169). Joseph seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0).

CITIZEN REQUEST TO SPEAK: None.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Ordinance 1197 and Sales Tax Agreement with USD #274. Garth Herrmann with Gilmore and Bell joined the meeting via Zoom. He discussed the proposed Ordinance 1197 prepared by his firm which authorizes the Levy of a One Percent (1%) Citywide Retailers Sales Tax and Related Matters; and a Sales Tax Agreement between the City and USD #274, which is authorized by Ordinance No. 1197. Article III, Section 3.4, of the Sales Tax Agreement provides for the retention of 3% of the Sales Tax Revenues by the City to be used for City purposes. Badger moved that the Ordinance No. 1197 be passed. The motion was seconded by Reed. The ordinance was duly read and considered and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Ordinance was carried by the following vote of the governing body: Aye: Badger, Reed, and Joseph; Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0)

Badger moved to approve having the mayor to execute a Sales Tax Agreement with Unified School District No. 274, as authorized in Ordinance No. 1197. Reed seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0).

Darin Neufeld – EBH – Airport Updates. Moved to later in the meeting.

Executive Session – Preliminary Discussion Relating to the Acquisition of Real Property. Moved to later in the meeting.

Electric Scooters – Draft Ordinance. Moved to later in the meeting.

Mayoral Appointments – Council Member

and Council Member Departments. Mayor Kahle appointed Caleb Baalman to replace him as Council Member for the remainder of his term through December 2027. Reed moved to approve the appointment of Caleb Baalman to fulfill the unexpired Council term of Russ Kahle through December, 2027. Joseph seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0)

City Clerk Hughes administered the Oath of Office to incoming Council Member Caleb Baalman.

Mayor Kahle appointed Brian Joseph as Commissioner of Cemetery, Museum, and Parks. Badger moved to approve the appointment of Joseph as Commissioner of Cemetery, Museum, and Parks. Reed seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

Mayor Kahle appointed Caleb Baalman as Commissioner of Sanitation and Fire. Badger moved to approve the appointment of Caleb Baalman as Commissioner of Sanitation and Fire. Reed seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

Mayor Kahle appointed Doug Reed as Commissioner of Police. Joseph seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

Electric Scooters – Draft Ordinance. Clerk Hughes requested Police Investigator Danny Shanks and Chief Cooper explain some of the concerns regarding e-scooters. Discussion ensued regarding rules and regulations and how other cities are addressing the issue. It was the consensus of the council to have the Oakley Police Department implement training for e-scooters and bikes and review at a later date if an ordinance is needed.

Resolution 2026-01 – GAAP Waiver. Clerk Hughes explained the proposed Resolution 2026-1 GAAP Waiver to the council members. Badger made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-01 – GAAP waiver as they apply to the City of Oakley for the year ending December 31, 2026. Reed seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0).

2025 Transfers from General Fund. Clerk Hughes reviewed the 2025 Transfers from General Fund and the need for a motion to move funds from the General Funds to the Capital Improvement and Equipment Reserve Funds.

Badger made a motion to approve the transfer of \$100,000.00 from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund, which was processed in December 2025. Joseph seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0).

Badger made a motion to approve the transfer of \$20,000.00 from the General Fund to the Equipment Reserve Fund, which was processed in December, 2025. Joseph seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0).

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Procurement Policy. Clerk Hughes explained that FAA recommends reviewing our Procurement Policy (Resolution 2022-06) every three (3) years. The latest Procurement Policy was adopted in July 2022. Badger requested this be tabled until the February Meeting when General Manager Russ Moelling would be here for input. It was the consensus of the council to table this until the February meeting.

Planning Commission Recommendations. It was the consensus of the council to table this until the February meeting.

Darin Neufeld with EBH Engineering arrived. Airport Annual Planning – Darin Neufeld, EBH Engineering. Darin Neufeld was present to discuss the Oakley Municipal Airport Annual Planning. Neufeld stated he met with the Airport Board and he is presenting the recommendations from that meeting. He informed the council that the board had selected two projects for inclusion in the 5-year ACIP. Neufeld presented a list of planned projects and discussed the FY27 5-year plan to replace the runway lighting system and the FY31 5-year plan to reconstruct Taxiway A. He explained that the city still has BIL and AIP funds for the FY2027. Badger moved to approve the Airport Improvement Program 5-Year plan for Fiscal year 2027, as presented. Baalman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS: Executive Session – Preliminary Discussion Relating to the Acquisition of Real Property. Badger moved to recess to Executive Session for Preliminary Discussion Relating to the Acquisition of Real Property for ten (10) minutes with the Mayor, Council, City Clerk Hughes and Darin Neufeld-EBH Engineering present, pursuant to the exemption for preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property under K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (6). The meeting will resume at the Oakley City Office, 415 W 2nd Street at 8:04 PM. Reed seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0).

Mayor Kahle reconvened the meeting at 8:04 PM with no action taken. Badger made a motion to recess to Executive Session for Preliminary Discussion Relating to the Acquisition of Real Property for five (5) minutes with the

Mayor, Council, City Clerk Hughes and Darin Neufeld-EBH Engineering present, pursuant to the exemption for preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property under K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (6). The meeting will resume at the Oakley City Office, 415 W 2nd Street at 8:12 PM. Baalman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0).

The meeting reconvened at 8:12 PM with no action taken. Darin informed the council that EBH has submitted the South Freeman project to the American Concrete Association for consideration for an award.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION: Russ Moelling – General Manager of Public Works.

Russ Moelling was absent; a written report was included in the packet. Leann Hughes, City Clerk.

Clerk Hughes informed the council that the League of Kansas Municipalities invited the City of Oakley to host a City Forum/Discussion event on Wednesday, June 3, 2026. It is an event for city officials and key personnel to connect, exchange ideas on the daily challenges faced by cities, and stay abreast of recent legislative developments at both state and local levels. We have agreed to host a dinner event and Clerk Hughes will be checking with the Oakley Country Club as a venue.

The W-2 forms were finished Monday and the 1099 forms will be finished by the January 31, 2026.

The League of Kansas Municipalities 2026 Webinar Series Schedule is in the packet.

Sara McDonald is waiting on the final inspection of her dog rescue and will hopefully be opening soon. Badger shared information regarding the rescue to the new council members.

Clerk Hughes presented a letter and e-mail from Lana Steiner, Executive Director for the Oakley Housing Authority, thanking the council for their support and giving an update on several projects' money is being used for.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Reed inquired about the city billboard sign that is on the north side of I-70 west of the Campus exit. The sign is in bad shape. Clerk Hughes will check with Tourism and inquire about the sign.

Adjourn. Badger moved to adjourn the meeting. Baalman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0). Mayor Kahle adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:27 P.M.

Barbara Kelly
Deputy City Clerk

Legal Notice

Annual Report of Monument Township Logan County, Kansas

The undersigned treasurer and trustee of Monument Township, submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 2025.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Name of Funds	Cash Balance Jan. 1,	Total Receipts	Total Expenditures	Cash Balance Dec. 31,	Unpaid Bills Dec. 31,
General	16,254.34	37,973.40	19,240.32	34,987.42	0.00
Road	26,556.48	111,914.61	113,046.09	25,425.00	0.00
Special Machinery	556,424.23	0.00	140,000.00	416,424.23	0.00
Fire Protection	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Noxious Weed	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Road	0.00	0.00	22,879.61	-22,879.61	0.00
General	0.00	0.00	4,821.48	-4,821.48	0.00
	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	599,235.05	149,888.01	299,987.50	449,135.56	0.00

Total Cash Balance for all Funds 449,135.56

Does the Total Cash Balance for all Funds equal to Cash Balance Dec. 31? **Yes**

I certify that this financial report is a correct summary of all money received and expended as well as all unpaid bills for the township during the year ending December 31, .

Date: 1/21/2026 Tate Collins
Township Treasurer

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