

Regular Meeting OAKLEY CITY COUNCIL May 18, 2026

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The Oakley City Council met in regular session on May 18, 2026, in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2nd Street, at 7:00 PM. Mayor Russ Kahle presided.

Council members present. Steve Badger, Leasa Huddle, Doug Reed, and Caleb Baalman; absent Brian Joseph.

City staff present. Operations Administrator Russ Moellering, Finance Administrator Leann Hughes, and City Clerk Joy Huffman.

Others present. None.

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting. Reed moved to approve the minutes of the May 04, 2026, regular meeting, as presented. Baalman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0). Action (#)

Approval of AP Payment Registers. Baalman moved to approve the May 15, 2026, AP Payment Register in the amount of \$31,954.46 (Check Nos. 1052-1063; 53121-53124; 53130-53158) for checks dated May 15, 2026. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0). Action (#)

Huddle moved to approve the May 18, 2026, Direct Deposit, AP Payment Register in the amount of \$5,114.32 (Check Nos. 26000033-26000039) for Direct Deposit Expenses dated May 20, 2026. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0). Action (#)

Badger moved to

approve the May 15, 2026, Drug Forfeiture, AP Payment Register in the amount of \$152.00 (Check Nos. 196) for a check dated May 15, 2026. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0). Action (#)

Approval of Time Entry Report. Reed moved to approve the Time Entry Report for April 26, 2026 to May 9, 2026, for the May 15, 2026, payroll, in the amount of \$65,516.60 for 2,209.84 hours (Check Nos. 17868-17870; ACH Nos. 101096-101132; AP Check Nos. 53125-53128; and Wire Nos. 1206-1211). Baalman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0). Action (#)

CITIZEN REQUEST TO SPEAK. None.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS.

KAIP/KDOT AvFuel Project & Transfer of Funds. Finance Administrator Leann Hughes informed Council she has been in contact with Darin Neufeld, our engineer with EBH, about this project. Darin stated bids were higher than anticipated, so he has been looking into additional funding. He has been advised there is funding available; however, this is going to increase the City's share from \$20,000.00 to approximately \$31,000.00, depending on how much funding is available/awarded. EBH has reduced their cost on their side, which keeps our total increase to \$11,000.00 instead of \$21,000.00. Huddle moved to approve applying for additional KAIP/KDOT funding for the AvFuel Project at the Oakley Municipal Airport, which will increase the City's share of the project by approximately \$11,000 for a total City share not to exceed \$31,000.00, including costs for the

Engineering Services approved October 20, 2025, and for all of the City's share of project expenses to be paid from the KAIP Cost Share-Airport AvGas Fund, with transfers, as needed, from the General Fund, Airport Department-Capital Outlay. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0). Action (#)

Pay Request #2, Pay App. #1 - Water Treatment Plant. Miller Construction Service, LLC., contractor for the Water Treatment Plant, has submitted a Pay Request for materials for the Water Treatment Plant project. Baalman moved to approve KDHE Pay Request #2, in the amount of \$221,192.51, for Pay App #1 from Miller Construction Services, LLC, for materials only, for the Water Treatment Plant Project, to be paid from the Water Treatment Plant, Capital Project Fund; and to authorize the Mayor to sign the associated documents for this payment and a Request for Reimbursement from the KDHE Loan. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0). Action (#)

Building Permit Fees. Operations Administrator Russ Moellering informed the Council Ordinance 871 for Building Permit Fees was adopted in 1992, and after reviewing rates of several communities, he recommends a rate adjustment. Badger moved to adopt Ordinance 1198, relating to and fixing the charges to be paid for a permit to erect, enlarge, alter, repair, move, improve, remove, convert or demolish a building or structure in the City of Oakley and repeal Ordinance 871. Baalman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0). Action (#)

Electric Permit Fees. Ordinance 873 was adopted in 1992 for Electric Permit Fees. Operations Administrator Moellering recommends a rate adjustment. Baalman moved to adopt Ordinance 1199, relating to and fixing the charges to be paid for a permit to install electric conductors and equipment within the newly constructed or remodeled public and private buildings or other structures and for the installation of optical fiber cable in the City of Oakley; and repealing Ordinance 873. Badger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0). Action (#)

Plumbing Permit Fees. Ordinance 872 was adopted in 1992 for Plumbing Permit Fees. Operations Administrator Moellering recommends a rate adjustment. Reed moved to adopt Ordinance 1200, relating to and fixing the charges to be paid for a permit to construct, enlarge, erect or replace a plumbing system in the City of Oakley; and repealing Ordinance No. 872. Baalman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0). Action (#)

Municipal Court Clerk Appointment. Finance Administrator Leann Hughes found that City Ordinance states the Municipal Judge appoints the Municipal Court Clerk. City Attorney, Steve Hirsch, confirmed we should follow the Ordinance and he added that this is also stipulated by K.S.A. 12-4108. A copy of the current Ordinance (No. 861), K.S.A. 12-4108, and a note from Municipal

Court Judge, Anthony Haffner, appointing Jessica Masterson as Municipal Court Clerk were included in the council packets. The Council acknowledged this as the proper procedure going forward.

Executive Session for Non-elected Personnel. Badger moved to recess to Executive Session for personnel matters of nonelected personnel for ten (10) minutes with the Mayor, Council, Operations Administrator Moellering, Finance Administrator Hughes, and City Clerk Huffman present, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exemption under K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (1). The meeting will resume at the Oakley City Office, 415 W 2nd Street at 7:23 PM. Reed seconded. Motion carried unanimously, (4-0). Action (#)

Mayor Kahle reconvened the meeting at 7:23 PM with no action taken.

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UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS. None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Russ Moellering - Operations Administrator. Operations Administrator Russ Moellering reviewed several of the duties City staff have been doing:

We have enough lifeguards and office staff to open the pool full time. This year the office staff will be learning a new POS System designed by IT Director Travis Heinrich.

The Parks Department started mowing the cemetery today for Memorial Day.

CGO Coordinator Brook Plummer has already started working with people/groups to try to get grants for them.

Leann Hughes - Finance Administrator. Finance Administrator Hughes wanted to confirm if the Council wanted to change the council meeting to the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. The Council reached a consensus to move forward with moving the date.

Hughes gave the council an update from Police Officer Jon Schroeder for the Bike Rodeo. The Bike Rodeo will be June 12 at 9:30 AM at the Western Vista Building in conjunction with the Summer Recreation Program.

Joy Huffman - City Clerk. City Clerk Huffman showed the Council the KidWind shirts for this year's Worlds event, which had the City of Oakley's sponsorship on it.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION: Mayor Kahle wanted to thank everyone who helped with

the Run for the Wall. He also informed the council the 250th anniversary committee would be meeting this week.

Adjourn. Badger moved to adjourn the meeting. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0). Action (#). Mayor Kahle adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:56 PM.

Joy L. Huffman
City Clerk

Special Meeting Oakley City Council May 18, 2026

The Oakley City Council met in special meeting on May 18, 2026, in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2nd Street, at 6 P.M. Mayor Russ Kahle presided.

Council members present. Steve Badger, Leasa Huddle. City staff present. Operations Administrator Russ Moellering, Finance Administrator Leann Hughes, and City Clerk Joy Huffman.

Call to order. Mayor Kahle called the special meeting to order at approximately 6:09 PM.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS: 2027 Budget Work Session. Mayor Kahle stated there is not enough people present to constitute a quorum.

Adjourn. Mayor Kahle adjourned the meeting.

Joy L. Huffman
City Clerk

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for at least one minute in clean tap water that contains one teaspoon of unscented household bleach per gallon of water.

Water used for bathing does not generally need to be boiled. Supervision of children is necessary while bathing so that water is not ingested. Persons with cuts or severe rashes may wish to consult their physicians.

The advisory took effect on May 24, 2026 and will remain in effect until the conditions that placed the system at risk of bacterial contamination are resolved. KDHE officials issued the advisory because of a positive bacteriological sample.

Regardless of whether the public water supplier or Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) announced a boil water advisory, only KDHE can issue the rescind order following testing at a certified laboratory.

For consumer questions, please contact the water system at 785-538-2222, or KDHE at 785-296-5514. For consumer information please visit KDHE's PWS Consumer Information webpage: kdhe.ks.gov/waterdisruption

Restaurants and other food establishments that have questions about the impact of the Do Not Drink Order on their business can contact the Kansas Department of Agriculture's food safety & lodging program at ksa.fsl@ks.gov or call 785-564-6767.



The City Wide Garage Sale will be Friday, June 12 & Saturday, June 13, 2026.

Deadline will be at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 8, 2026. If you would like your name and address listed, there will be a \$5.00 charge. Please come by the office or call. 785-672-3228 Thank you!



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