

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 4, 2001

7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Jerry Bruns, Verl Stevens, Tony French, Janet Tyler and Charles Batchelder.

ALSO PRESENT: Roger Streib, Ken & Linda Herring, Jim Gilmore, Kyle Olson, Brad Hurd, Katie Hargis, Ruth Ann Tilton, Bill Gibson, Betty Stevens, Mark McKee, Carol Hopkins, Bill Hopkins, Wayne & Marla Olson, Norman Gaul, Ted Collins, Chris Gibson, Chad Clary, Dick Powell, MariAnn Parker, Jeff Riley and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Roger Hopkins.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with all councilmembers present.

Verl Stevens moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held March 7, 2001. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Jerry Bruns moved to approve the minutes of the first Special Council Meeting held March 14, 2001. Verl Stevens 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Jerry Bruns moved to approve the minutes of the second Special Council Meeting held March 14, 2001. Janet Tyler 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Tony French moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held March 21, 2001. Verl Stevens 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Charles Batchelder moved to approve the bills for the month of March, 2001. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Hopkins announced his resignation from the position of Mayor for the City of Highland.

Jerry Bruns moved to accept with regret the resignation of Mayor Roger Hopkins. Charles Batchelder 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Council President Janet Tyler accepted the position of Mayor.

City Clerk Bill Butrick administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Janet Tyler.

Mayor Janet Tyler called the meeting back to order.

PRESENTATIONS

President Betty Stevens of Highland Community College informed the Council of the Master Plan being worked on at the College. She stated that they hoped to have the plan completed in May. Mack Mckee of Gossen & Livingston Associates explained the plan to the Council and stated that the plan covered a fifteen year period. He informed the Council that the plan included remodeling some of the current facilities, adding new facilities to the west of the campus and an additional 28,000 square feet of student housing. He stated that the plan allowed for an expected 2% growth factor per year over the fifteen year period.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

Ken Herring informed the Council that the 2nd district of Doniphan County may be interested in purchasing the paver and roller from the City. Herring stated that 2nd district commissioner Bob Meng would probably be contacting Jeff Riley to look at the machines if the City would be interested in selling.

Linda Herring asked about the latest report on the construction of the new post office facility. Mayor Tyler stated that the last she had heard was that the Highland project is still going to proceed.

MariAnn Parker asked about the city's help with PRIDE Clean-up day. The tentative date scheduled would be April 23rd and MariAnn was asked to discuss clean-up with Jeff Riley.

NEW BUSINESS

Charles Batchelder moved to accept the bid of \$40 per mowing and \$65 monthly maintenance from Marilyn McVicker as caretaker for Degginger Park. Tony French 2nd, motion carried 4-0.

Verl Stevens moved to appoint Jackie Watts as City Treasurer. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried 4-0.

The Council agreed that awards of service be given to Mary Minier for her many years of service as City Treasurer and to Roger Hopkins and Charles Batchelder for their service as governing body members for the City of Highland.

Jerry Bruns moved to table street asphaltting and repair until the May Regular Council Meeting and to have the

Street & Alley Committee look into the drainage and/or repair work needed done on N. Elmira, S. Prairie, W. Avenue and Colorado and to meet with representatives from Herzog Contracting the second week of May to determine streets to be asphalted and costs. Verl Stevens 2nd, motion carried 4-0.

8:46 p.m. Tony French moved to go into executive session for thirty minutes to discuss personnel. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried 4-0.

9:05 p.m. Charles Batchelder moved to come out of executive session. Tony French 2nd, motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Tyler presented prices on new playground equipment for the park and asked the Council to review it for discussion at the next regular council meeting.

Tyler informed the Council that she had spoke with Larrison Tree Service about the removal of three trees at Degginger Park. She stated that the removal would cost \$500. Charles Batchelder moved to hire Larrison Tree Service to remove the trees. Verl Stevens 2nd, motion carried 4-0.

Councilmember Verl Stevens asked if the restriction could be lifted at the burn pile of four inch diameter limbs or less. He stated that if the bigger limbs could be allowed to dry and be put in a separate pile that he felt they could be burned. The Council took the suggestion under advisement.

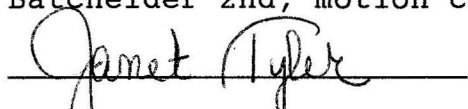
Jerry Bruns moved to hold a special council meeting on April 11, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. to interview applicants for the vacant position in the Public Works Department. Verl Stevens 2nd, motion carried 4-0.


Mayor Tyler requested that a governing body work session be held after new councilmembers had been sworn in.

Fire Chief Dick Powell requested the city to purchase a high band radio for the city fire truck from Motorola at a cost of approximately \$800.

Jerry Bruns moved to purchase the radio for the city fire truck. Charles Batchelder 2nd, motion carried 4-0.

9:30 p.m. Tony French moved to adjourn. Charles Batchelder 2nd, motion carried 4-0.


Mayor


City Clerk