

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 3, 2001

7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Tony French, Brad Hurd, Dan Tilton, Jerry Bruns and Verl Stevens.

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Odrowski, Ted Collins, Katie Hargis, Roger Hopkins, Jerry Petering, Galen Weiland, Dorothy Diveley, Chad Clary, Dick Powell and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Janet Tyler.

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 September 5, 2001. Dan Tilton 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Dan Tilton moved to approve the bills for the month of September, 2001. Brad Hurd 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Galen Weiland, Director of the Doniphan County Economic Development Commission, spoke briefly to the Council on the direction and plans of the Commission. He spoke of possible interest in vacant buildings within the county including the former Payless Cashways site.

OLD BUSINESS

The Council reviewed a letter sent by the City Attorney to the Kansas Gas Service Co. pertaining to the renewal of a franchise agreement. City Attorney Ted Collins stated that no response had been received from them since the City's latest proposal. The Council instructed the City Attorney to contact them again in two weeks if no response had been made.

NEW BUSINESS

The Council discussed establishing a policy for vacating streets.

Dan Tilton moved to adopt Ordinance #428 for vacating a portion of S. Vine Street. Brad Hurd 2nd. By roll call vote: Hurd-yes, Stevens-yes, French-yes, Tilton-yes, Bruns-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

It was determined that no damages resulted to affected land owners and that all landowners had consented to the S. Vine vacating.

Brad Hurd moved to approve Resolution #01-08. A Resolution of the City of Highland, Kansas, adopting and providing for the procedure to be utilized in connection with vacation of the public streets, alleys and rights-of-way. Tony French 2nd. Resolution #01-08 passed unanimously.

Mike Odrowski of Bartlett & West Engineers Inc., presented the bid tabulation for test drilling of the new well with Clarke Well and Equipment Company of Great Bend, Kansas having the low bid of \$14,405.00.

Jerry Bruns moved to accept the bid of Clarke Well and Equipment Company of \$14,405.00 and present the "Notice of Award" as such. Dan Tilton 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Verl Stevens moved to accept the service agreement with Flo-Quip Sales & Repair of \$300 annually for pump maintenance and agree to the specified charges for any emergency repair needed. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tyler appointed Finance Committee Chairman Tony French, City Attorney Ted Collins and City Clerk Bill Butrick to meet to review bond issuance or other types of financing that may be available for the City's matching funds share of the Water System Improvement's Grant.

CITY OFFICERS REPORTS

City Clerk Bill Butrick reported on the water protection fee assessed for the pumping of water from Mission Creek to fill the new lagoon.

Police Chief Chad Clary asked if the City would consider purchasing a power washer for the shop for washing police cars and city maintenance vehicles. Chief Clary was asked to present bids at the next Regular Council Meeting.

City Superintendent Roger Hopkins reported on street work being done and plans for maintenance before winter.

Fire Chief Dick Powell asked the Council to purchase turn out gear for a new volunteer fireman. Brad Hurd moved to purchase the turn out gear. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Councilmember Brad Hurd requested city maintenance to repair the area north of city right-of-way by the Art Snyder residence to his specifications.

Councilmember Verl Stevens asked that city maintenance repair city right-of-way on West Avenue per Tim Collins request.

9:05 p.m. Verl Stevens moved to go into executive session for ten minutes to discuss legal matters. Tony French 2nd, motion carried 4-1 with Tilton voting NO.

9:15 p.m. Tony French moved to come out of executive session. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:15 p.m. Tony French moved to go back into executive session for ten minutes to discuss legal matters. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:25 p.m. Tony French moved to come out of executive session. Brad Hurd 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:25 p.m. Verl Stevens moved to go into executive session for twenty minutes to discuss personnel. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:45 p.m. Verl Stevens moved to come out of executive session. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:46 p.m. Dan Tilton moved to adjourn. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried unanimously.



Mayor



City Clerk