

PUBLIC HEARING 2003 BUDGET

7:30 P.M. AUGUST 7, 2002

PRESENT: Brad Hurd, Mariann Parker, Jerry Bruns and Tony French.

ALSO PRESENT: Ted Collins, Katie Hargis, Roger Hopkins, Betty Lewis, Neal Hontz, Ila Spaulding, Mirian Thompson, Donna Manyon, Mary Lou Glynn, Pam Wiedner, Chad Clary, Larry Hunsaker and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Janet Tyler.

Mayor Tyler called the Public Hearing for the 2003 Budget to order at 7:30 p.m. with a quorum present. The Mayor asked for public comment and/or comment from the governing body. After no comment Brad Hurd moved to approve the Budget for 2003. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried 4-0.

7:32 p.m. Jerry Bruns moved to adjourn the Public Hearing. Tony French 2nd, motion carried 4-0.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m with a quorum present.

Tony French moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held July 3, 2002. Brad Hurd 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Brad Hurd moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held July 16, 2002. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Tony French moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held July 23, 2002. Mariann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Tony French moved to approve the bills for the month of July, 2002. Mariann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

City Attorney Ted Collins updated the Council on the land transaction with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ruhnke for the water well project.

Tony French moved to approve the notice to exercise option to purchase real property from H. James and Marjorie A. Ruhnke for \$12,360 to drill and explore for water. Mariann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Brad Hurd moved to approve Ordinance #431. An Ordinance providing for the acquisition of certain private property, consisting of fee simple title to real estate excluding mineral and reversionary rights, for the purpose of improving and extending the public water system of the City of Highland, Kansas; designating the lands required for such purposes; directing the City Attorney and Mayor to proceed with the acquisition thereof; and providing for payment of the costs thereof. Jerry Bruns 2nd. By roll call vote: Hurd-yes, Parker-yes, French-yes, Bruns-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mariann Parker moved to approve the Land Usage Agreement with H. James and Marjorie A. Ruhnke. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

PRIDE President Betty Lewis addressed the Council about the \$5000 award from Wal-Mart given to the City in Roger Hopkins name when he was Mayor. Mrs. Lewis explained that the PRIDE Committee had no problems with the money being used to help with the purchase of the land for the water project if the city would agree to spend the same amount of money for playground equipment from the Parks and Recreation fund over the next two years.

Brad Hurd moved to accept the PRIDE proposal and have the money used for land purchase from the Capital Improvement fund. Tony French 2nd, motion carried 3-1 with Bruns voting No.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

Pam Wiedner of N.E.K. Environmental Services addressed the Council about the appliance drop-off site at Anthros. She stated that Nemaha County had agreed to pick up the appliances and that if anyone had any complaints or concerns about the site to contact her or Mary Lou Glynn. She stated that having an appliance drop-off site is a big benefit for this area.

NEW BUSINESS

Tony French moved to approve the revised payment request #6 of \$13,801.19 for grant project #01-PF-131. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Brad Hurd moved to adopt the "Code of Ethics" as presented for the purpose of Grant #01-PF-131. Mariann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

CITY OFFICERS REPORT

City Superintendent Roger Hopkins informed the Council that Robert Jeffers had asked about hooking up to city sewer for his rental property on West Avenue. Mayor Tyler appointed the Water & Sewer Committee to look into the request and report back at a future meeting.

Hopkins also stated that he was working on the Water Source Assessment Program, the Well Head Protection Plan and monitoring the water because of the dry conditions.

Police Chief Chad Clary asked the Council to consider the purchase of a digital camera for the Police Department.

Jerry Bruns moved to purchase a Sony digital camera from Wal-Mart for \$348.60. Brad Hurd 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Clary informed the Council that he had completed all necessary documents to apply for the police equipment grant for 2003.

Police Officer Neal Hontz presented written information concerning the health of the drug dog. Hontz explained that the dog has cervical disease and that it is not curable for a working police dog. He also stated that the insurance company had been notified and had spoken with the veterinarian to verify that coverage would take place.

Brad Hurd moved to go ahead with the euthanization of "Caesar" and proceed with the purchase of another dog using insurance funds toward the purchase of such dog. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Doniphan County Sheriff Larry Hunsaker informed the Council of a police training session called "Desert Snow" which would be held in Nevada September 8-13. He told the Council that Neal Hontz could attend the session if the city would be willing to pay twenty five percent of the expenses which would amount to approximately \$262.

Tony French moved to have Neal Hontz attend the "Desert Snow" training session and for the city to pay twenty five percent of the expenses. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:08 p.m. Tony French moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss legal matters. Brad Hurd 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:23 p.m. Jerry Bruns moved to come out of executive session. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:25 p.m. Brad Hurd moved to go into executive session for 35 minutes to discuss financial matters. Mariann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

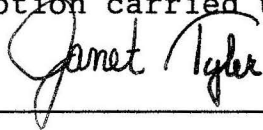
10:00 p.m. Jerry Bruns moved to come out of executive session. Brad Hurd 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

10:00 p.m. Jerry Bruns moved to go back into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss financial matters. Brad Hurd 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

10:15 p.m. Brad Hurd moved to come out of executive session. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tyler instructed City Superintendent Roger Hopkins and City Clerk Bill Butrick to contact Mike Odrowski of Bartlett & West Engineers, Inc. to get further information regarding the options available for the construction of the new well.

10:23 p.m. Tony French moved to adjourn. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried unanimously.



Mayor



City Clerk