

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 6, 2003

7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Jerry Bruns, Dan Tilton, Mari Ann Parker and Mike Batchelder(arrived 7:42 p.m.). Tony French was absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Katie Hargis, Roger Hopkins, Mark Allen, Ted Collins and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Janet Tyler.

7:35 p.m. The Public Hearing for the proposed 2004 Budget was called to order by Mayor Janet Tyler.

Mayor Tyler asked for public comment concerning the 2004 Budget. After no comment, Jerry Bruns moved to approve the 2004 Budget. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

7:39 p.m. Jerry Bruns moved to adjourn the Public Hearing. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

7:40 p.m. Mayor Tyler called the regular council meeting to order.

Dan Tilton moved to approve the minutes of the last regular council meeting held July 2, 2003. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Dan Tilton moved to approve the bills for the month of July 2003. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Tom Bliss, Executive Vice-President of Mo-Kan Development Inc. spoke to the Council of services that could be helpful to the City. Some of these services included printing, mapping and grant writing. Bliss also stated that their services also included helping small businesses.

CITIZENS REQUEST

Council member Jerry Bruns stated he had received several complaints about dogs running at large.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council member Mike Batchelder stated he had nothing new to report at this time concerning a city trash service.

Batchelder also gave a brief report on establishing a Citizen's Advisory Group for sports activities within the City.

NEW BUSINESS

Mari Ann Parker moved to allow the PRIDE Committee to place a filing cabinet in the Community Center as long as the cabinet is supplied with a lock and to have the City Clerk designate the location of the cabinet. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Bruns moved, seconded by Mari Ann Parker, to approve Ordinance Number 440; An Ordinance of the City of Highland, Kansas, regulating public offenses within the corporate limits of the City of Highland, Kansas; incorporating by reference the “Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas cities”, edition of 2003, with certain changes and additions; prescribing additional regulations; providing certain penalties and repealing Ordinance Number 432 of said city.

By roll call vote, Batchelder-yes, Parker-yes, Bruns-yes, Tilton-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Batchelder moved, seconded by Mari Ann Parker, to approve Ordinance Number 441; An Ordinance regulating traffic within the corporate limits of the City of Highland, Kansas; incorporating by reference the “Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas cities”, edition of 2003, with certain omissions, changes and additions; prescribing additional regulations; providing certain penalties and repealing Ordinance Number 433 of the City of Highland, Kansas.

By roll call vote, Batchelder-yes, Parker-yes, Bruns-yes, Tilton-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Tilton moved to approve Payment Request No. 14 of \$2,391.39 from Grant #01-PF-131. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

CITY OFFICERS REPORTS

City Superintendent Roger Hopkins updated the Council concerning construction of the new well. He stated that a progress meeting will be held Friday, Aug. 8 at 2:00 p.m.

Hopkins asked about receiving a computer upgrade. The council instructed him to get more information and bring it to a future council meeting.

Mayor Tyler stated that she would like to schedule a meeting with college administration, the Police Department and City Attorney to discuss security before the upcoming school year.

Dan Tilton moved to allow the City Clerk to proceed with purchasing utility software from Thoroughbred Computer Systems at his discretion. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Council member Mike Batchelder asked if the grade school street was going to be repaired before school started. Roger Hopkins stated that their intentions were to do so.

Council member Jerry Bruns asked Police Officer Mark Allen about property cleanup and abandoned vehicles. Allen named several citizens he was going to talk to, but he was unaware what Chief Clary had done so far. Council member Batchelder requested a recorded list of citizens that had been contacted about property cleanup and for this list to be available by the next regular council meeting.

8:58 p.m. Dan Tilton moved to adjourn. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

City Clerk