

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 5, 2003

7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Tony French, Dan Tilton, Jerry Bruns, Mariann Parker and Brad Hurd (8:50 p.m.).

ALSO PRESENT: Erin French, Brett Neibling, Roger Hopkins, Dick Powell, Katie Hargis, Jason Taylor, Jeff Scott, Chad Clary, Neal Hontz and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Janet Tyler.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

Dan Tilton moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held January 2, 2003. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Tony French moved to approve the bills for the month of January, 2003. Mariann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS

Jeff Scott and Jason Taylor asked if the Council had any questions concerning the application to change the zoning in Block 8 for storage units. It was agreed that Mr. Scott and Mr. Taylor would meet with City Attorney Ted Collins and City Clerk Bill Butrick to work out the details should the zoning change take place.

NEW BUSINESS

Tony French moved, seconded by Mariann Parker, to approve Resolution #03-01. A Resolution of finding that financial statements and fixed asset accounting prepared in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis law and budget laws of Kansas and are of no significant value to the governing body or the general public of the City of Highland. By roll call vote: Parker-yes, French-yes, Bruns-yes, Tilton-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Tony French moved to advertise the Summer Recreation Director position in the Kansas Chief and to have February 28, 2003 as the deadline for filing. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Tony French moved to approve payment request number nine of \$837.61 for Grant No. 01-PR-131. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried 3-1 with Tilton voting No.

Fire Chief Dick Powell asked about the appointment of an assistant fire chief. Jerry Bruns moved to table the appointment of an assistant chief until the next regular council meeting when more information would be available. Dan Tilton 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Chief Powell informed the Council that a committee was looking into grants for possible purchases of fire equipment. He stated that the committee would report their findings at a future council meeting.

Chief Powell asked about purchasing fireworks for the 4th of July festivities. He was instructed to speak with Debbie Keebler and proceed with the purchase if it met with her approval.

Tony French moved to accept the quote of Community Health Plan for the city employee's health insurance effective March 1, 2003. Mariann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

CITY OFFICERS REPORT

Dan Tilton moved to purchase a wireless internet router and two network cards for the Police Department at a cost of approximately \$190.00. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Dan Tilton moved to accept the bid of Motorola Radio of \$165.00 to install the video system received from the Law Enforcement Equipment Grant. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Tony French moved to send Mark Allen to the Kansas Narcotics Association training seminar in Wichita and to pay the cost of \$100 for the seminar and \$276 for boarding. Mariann Parker 2nd, motion carried 3-1 with Tilton voting No.

Police Chief Chad Clary asked about insurance on the drug dog. The Council instructed Chief Clary to get bids on both mortality insurance and mortality/injury insurance and present them at the next regular council meeting.

Mariann Parker moved to send Roger Hopkins and Jeff Riley to the Kansas Rural Water Association training in Wichita from March 25th to the 27th and to pay the necessary training fees and boarding. Dan Tilton 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Hopkins informed the Council that the projected date for the pre-bid conference for the new water well would be March 11th and that the projected date for the opening of the bids would be March 24th. He also stated that a special council meeting may be necessary to approve the bid on April 9, 2003.

Council member Dan Tilton stated that he felt the drop off site for appliances and small tree limbs was again becoming a problem area due to people dumping items they aren't supposed to. The Council also reviewed a letter from Pam Wiedner of Northeast Kansas Environmental Services addressing the same area. The Mayor stated she would visit with Mrs. Wiedner and try to gather information for what options might be available to address this issue.

8:55 p.m. Tony French moved to go into executive session for ten minutes to discuss personnel. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:05 p.m. Tony French moved to come out of executive session. Brad Hurd 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:06 p.m. Tony French moved to adjourn. Brad Hurd 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

City Clerk