

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 7, 2003

7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mike Batchelder, Dan Tilton, Mari Ann Parker and Jerry Bruns.

ALSO PRESENT: Katie Hargis, Robert Powell, Deb Fox, Chad Clary, Dave Reist, Dick Powell, Roger Hopkins, Ted Collins, Dorothy Diveley, Pam Wiedner and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Janet Tyler.

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

City Clerk Bill Butrick administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Janet Tyler and Council members Mari Ann Parker and Mike Batchelder.

Dan Tilton moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held April 2, 2003. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Deb Fox of Highland Community College updated the Council on their plans for Ohio Street. She stated that an eight foot sidewalk with landing pads every few feet would be the initial part of the changes. Councilmember Dan Tilton and City Superintendent Roger Hopkins asked if the drainage had been discussed with the contractor and/or the engineer. Hopkins said he would talk with the contractor to verify plans for drainage.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

Pam Wiedner asked if the City would consider cleaning up the area north of N. Kirkwood Street. Mari Ann Parker moved to contact the property owners in that area, ask the County about using some of it's equipment to help with the project and put a limit of \$350 for disposal at the Landfill. Dan Tilton 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Jerry Bruns stated that the Committee will meet with City Attorney Ted Collins and the Police Officers to start review of the security contract with Highland Community College and should have their recommendation ready for the next Regular Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan Tilton moved to approve payment request #12 of \$7132.01 from Grant No. 01-PF-131. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Bruns moved to appoint the Kansas Chief as the official city newspaper for 2003. Dan Tilton 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Dan Tilton moved to appoint Farmers State Bank of Highland as the official city depository for 2003. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Dan Tilton moved to appoint Jerry Bruns as Council President for 2003. Mike Batchelder 2nd, motion carried 3-0-1 with Bruns abstaining.

Mayor Tyler recommended the Committees for 2003 be as follows:

Water & Sewer	Street & Alley	Parks & Rec.	Law Enforcement	Finance
Dan Tilton	Mari Ann Parker	Mike Batchelder	Jerry Bruns	Tony French
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Jerry Bruns moved to approve the Committees as presented by the Mayor. Dan Tilton 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Dan Tilton moved to appoint the Board of Zoning Appeals as presented. Mike Batchelder 2nd, motion carried 3-0-1 with Parker abstaining.

8:34 p.m. Dan Tilton moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

8:49 p.m. Jerry Bruns moved to come out of executive session. Dan Tilton 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

8:49 p.m. Jerry Bruns moved to go back into executive session for 15 minutes to continue with personnel discussion. Dan Tilton 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:04 p.m. Mike Batchelder moved to come out of executive session. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:04 p.m. Mayor Tyler declared a five minute recess.

9:09 p.m. Mayor Tyler called the meeting back to order.

Dan Tilton moved to appoint all employee's to their current positions except for Municipal Judge and to appoint J.D. Euler to that position. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried 3-0-1 with Parker abstaining.

CITY OFFICERS REPORT

City Clerk Bill Butrick informed the Council that the audit for 2002 had been completed and if there were any changes the Council wanted to discuss to contact him before Friday so he could contact the auditors before they printed the final copy.

Butrick also stated that the Board of Zoning Appeals had met to determine the variance request by Dennis Lentz

9:21 p.m. Dan Tilton moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss personnel and to have Katie Hargis and Ted Collins remain for the session. Mariann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:26 p.m. Dan Tilton moved to come out of executive session. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:26 p.m. Dan Tilton moved to go back into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:50 p.m. Jerry Bruns moved to come out of executive session. Dan Tilton 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mari Ann Parker moved to authorize Roger Hopkins to purchase a lawn mower from Highland Hardware. Mike Batchelder 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tyler asked that a letter be sent to K & M Refuse requesting the dumpsters be set back off the street on certain streets in town. Superintendent Hopkins was to locate the dumpsters and give the addresses to the City Clerk to mail the letter.

10:25 p.m. Mike Batchelder moved to adjourn. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

City Clerk