

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 5, 2003

7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mari Ann Parker, Tony French, Jerry Bruns and Mike Batchelder.

ALSO PRESENT: Dick Powell, Roger Hopkins, Katie Hargis, Bob and June Carson, Brian Boeckman, Ted Collins, Chad Clary, Dave Reist and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Janet Tyler.

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

Tony French moved to approve the minutes of the last regular council meeting held October 1, 2003. Mike Batchelder 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Bruns moved to approve the bills for the month of October, 2003. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS: Bob Carson and Brian Boeckman of Carson Communications provided survey and franchise information to the Council. The survey information showed that the TV Land Channel was the most requested to be added to the channel list. Mr. Carson informed the Council of the franchise fees collected and paid to the City and also of his investment to improve the cable TV system. They also stated they had reached an agreement with Highland Community College to provide programming on the Community Access Channel in the near future.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST: A citizen was concerned about the evening lighting at the nursing home. He asked for the City to look into it to see if more lighting could be provided. Roger Hopkins stated that both street lights did work. Council member Jerry Bruns said he had looked at the lighting problem as well, and felt the nursing home should provide more lighting. Mayor Tyler appointed Roger Hopkins to talk with management at the nursing home to see if a solution could be reached.

NEW BUSINESS: Tony French moved to accept the resignation of Council member Dan Tilton. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Tony French moved to approve Payment Request No. 17 of Grant #01-PF-131, but to amend the amount paid to Bartlett & West Engineers from \$4,405.86 to \$3,476.17 and approve lines 2 & 3 as presented. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Tony French moved to not accept the recommendation of the Doniphan County Planning Commission and to send a letter back to them stating the City's reasons for approval of the zoning change from Highland Community College on Block No.64 from R-2 to B-2 to construct a wellness/fitness center. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Tony French moved to authorize Ted Collins, City Attorney, to look into withdrawing from the Doniphan County Regional Planning Commission. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

CITY OFFICER’S REPORT: City Clerk Bill Butrick informed the Council that the Community Service Coordinator position was vacant and asked them to consider a replacement. Tony French moved to post the contract labor position on the bulletin board at City Hall and make a decision at the next regular council meeting. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried 3-0-1 with Batchelder abstaining.

City Superintendent Roger Hopkins said he had been approached by Jr. Dawson to install “No Parking” signs on the west side of the 100 Block of North Genesee Street. No action was taken.

Hopkins stated he had received complaints about the nursing home van sticking out in the street too far. The Council instructed him to visit with nursing home management to see if a solution could be reached; and if not, to have Police Chief Chad Clary look into the matter.

Hopkins said a citizen had requested a lead test to be run on the water line that goes to her residence. The Council told Mr. Hopkins to give the test bottle and information to her and explain she would be responsible for the testing charges.

Discussion was held concerning financing for next year.

9:40 p.m. Jerry Bruns moved to adjourn. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

City Clerk