

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 3, 2003

7:30 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Chad Clary, Katie Hargis, Dick Powell, Dorothy Diveley, Roger Hopkins, Ken Herring, Ted Collins and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Janet Tyler.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with all Council members present.

Dan Tilton moved to approve the minutes of the last regular council meeting held August 6, 2003. Mike Batchelder 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Mike Batchelder moved to approve the bills for the month of August, 2003. Jerry Bruns 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council member Tony French of the Parks and Recreation Committee recommended that a public meeting be held to see if there is enough interest to form a Recreation Commission to oversee all recreational activities held within the City. He asked that the meeting be held September 17, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers.

Mari Ann Parker moved to accept the committee's recommendation and hold a public meeting on September 17, 2003. Tony French 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

### NEW BUSINESS

The Council discussed the automobile insurance policy and decided to make no changes to the current policy at this time.

Tony French moved to table looking into a franchise with Sprint until a later date. Dan Tilton 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Tony French moved to approve Payment Request No. 15 of \$3270.16 from Grant No. 01-PF-131. Dan Tilton 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

### CITY OFFICERS REPORT

City Superintendent Roger Hopkins updated the Council on the work being done at the new well. He stated that most of the pipe had been laid and that electrical work was being done at the present time.

Hopkins stated that his computer was no longer working. He was instructed to get prices on a computer that would fit his needs and bring the estimates to the next regular council meeting.

Police Chief Chad Clary informed the Council that he had received a call from the Dean of Students concerning trash thrown on the campus over the previous week-end.

Mayor Tyler asked Chief Clary about the Law Enforcement Block Grant. Chief Clary stated he would be looking into the grant application within the next few days.

Chief Clary told the Council that the Police Department would no longer be using the current pager service and that they would be switching back to the Doniphan Co. Sheriff's Office instead. He said that he would meet with Sheriff Hunsaker to determine the cost involved and report back at the next council meeting.

#### GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Council member Mike Batchelder complimented the Maintenance Department for the work they were doing fixing water leaks.

Council member Jerry Bruns told the Council that there is a need for some new water lines to be run in certain areas of town. Superintendent Hopkins was instructed to look into prices for installing these water lines mentioned.

Council member Tony French informed the Council he had received questions or complaints regarding the following subjects: 1) noise made by 4-wheelers late at night; 2) when and if the noon siren would be fixed; and, 3) if and when the clock on City Hall would be fixed. Hopkins replied that the noon siren would probably require a whole new system and that the City Hall clock would need to be cut in two to get it down from the current location to work on it.

City Attorney Ted Collins talked of the possibility of corporate hog farms within the county. He stated that this issue needed to be pursued on a county level. He further commented that such types of farms can cause environmental problems and provide little economic development for the county. Attorney Collins felt it would be in the City's best interest to express their concern about this issue to the county commissioners.

Mari Ann Parker moved to express the City's concern, through it's City Attorney, to make the county aware of the potential negative impact of corporate hog farms on the environment and to address the problem before it develops. Dan Tilton 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4-1. Bruns-No.

8:40 p.m. Tony French moved to adjourn. Mari Ann Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor

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City Clerk