

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 6, 2006

7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Ken Stewart, Mike Batchelder, Tony French, Donna Parish and Mari Ann Parker (7:35).

ALSO PRESENT: Jeremy Blanton, Chris Gibson, Tim Hersh, Ted Collins and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Janet Tyler.

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

Mike Batchelder moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held November 1, 2006. Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried 4-0.

Tony French moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held November 15, 2006. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried 4-0.

Ken Stewart moved to approve the bills for the month of November, 2006. Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried 4-0.

PRESENTATIONS

Jeremy Blanton and Chris Gibson, representing the Highland/Midway school districts, asked the city for permission to possibly install a wireless connection on the old water tower to allow for a computer network between the two school locations. Blanton stated that several options are being explored at this time but that this wireless bridge could be the best option available.

Mari Ann Parker moved that the city be supportive of the schools' project and to work with them on allowing the use of the water tower for their wireless bridge. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

Mike Batchelder said he had been asked by a concerned citizen that patrolling on the north side of the grade school be increased.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ken Stewart stated that the LMI survey results fell within the qualifications for the Community Center/Fire Station project and that official notification of grant recipients will be posted after the first of the year. Stewart also stated that the effort of the rural area in responding to the survey was greatly appreciated.

Tony French moved to make preference at the West Missouri and West Avenue location for the Community Center/Fire Station and to start finalizing property details for the purpose of the grant. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Tony French moved to approve cereal malt beverage applications from Ernie's B.S. Inc., Highland Total and Casey's General Stores for 2007. Mike Batchelder 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Tony French moved to purchase hams for full time and part-time city employee's for Christmas. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mari Ann Parker moved to allow for the transfer of funds from the water to the general per budget authority and to have City Clerk monitor the funds and do the transfer if needed. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Tony French moved to accept the contracts of Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. to perform the city's 2006 audit and prepare the 2008 budget. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

8:30 p.m. Tony French moved to go into executive session for ten minutes to discuss personnel and asked that Ted Collins and Bill Butrick remain. Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

8:40 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to come out of executive session. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart moved to offer the part-time assistant city clerk position to Melanie Edie at \$8.50 per hour. Mike Batchelder 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

8:41 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to go into executive session for thirty minutes to discuss contract negotiations and for Ted Collins and Bill Butrick to remain. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:11 p.m. Tony French moved to come out of executive session. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:11 p.m. Tony French moved to go back into executive session for forty minutes to continue to discuss contract negotiations. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:51 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to come out of executive session. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Tony French moved to produce a revised proposal based on 2005 expenses and water usage reports for rural water district discussion. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Donna Parish stated, on behalf of the City Council, to thank Tony French and Ted Collins for the many extra hours worked on the water proposal.

9:55 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to adjourn. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

City Clerk