

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 5, 2006

7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mike Batchelder, Ken Stewart, Mari Ann Parker and Donna Parish.
Tony French was absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Deb Fox, Dave Reist, Ted Collins and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Janet Tyler.

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

Donna Parish moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held June 7, 2006. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mike Batchelder moved to approve the bills for the month of June, 2006. Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Deb Fox, Dean of Finance for Highland Community College, requested to have the crosswalk on W. Main across from the Ellis Hall dormitory be moved to the intersection of W. Main and Elmira Streets.

Mari Ann Parker moved to have the signs and crosswalk moved to the W. Main and Elmira intersection as outlined by the KDOT report and to amend the city traffic map to show the changes. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Dave Reist, President of Highland Community College, requested the city's permission to chat and oil the block of W. Ohio Street where the new dormitory is constructed and also to allow them to square up the corners and straighten the road as it should be.

Ken Stewart moved to grant permission to Highland Community College to chat and oil and square off the corners of W. Ohio and W. Avenue intersection. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

Council member Ken Stewart stated he had been asked about the "No Parking" signs not being enforced at the ball park. The consensus of the Council was to have the gates closed and the signs enforced due to safety reasons and ask the public to please obey all traffic signs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mari Ann Parker moved to pay one half of the expense for new tires for the patrol car. Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Ted Collins reported on the renewal of the Law Enforcement contract with the Doniphan County Sheriff.

Mari Ann Parker moved to have the City Attorney and Law Enforcement Committee Chairman meet with county officials on law enforcement contract negotiations. Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mari Ann Parker moved to have City Attorney Ted Collins revise the City's ordinance on Municipal Court costs and present the rewritten ordinance at the next Regular Council Meeting for approval. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The Mayor asked that the discussion of amending Ordinance #339 be delayed to a future meeting until information of costs involved for water hook-ups is received.

Code Enforcement Officer Mike Batchelder reported that approximately seventy five per cent of the nuisance, weed and structure problems had been addressed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken Stewart requested that fireworks for the City's one hundred fifty year celebration be ordered early next year and that he would volunteer to get with Roger Gormley to place the order.

A general discussion was held concerning the status of the Kan-Step Grant for the purpose of building a new Community Center/Fire Station. It was reported that the approximate size of the community center would 64' x 80' and the fire station would be 60' x 64'. The Committee also reported that approximately \$80,000 in financial commitments would be needed and that those commitments' would be divided equally between the City and Rural Fire District #2. It was agreed that the Council would hold a special session to discuss all issues involving an agreement with Rural Fire District #2.

Ken Stewart moved to make a monetary commitment of \$40,000 for the Community Center/Fire Station in preparation of the Kan-Step Grant and to engage in negotiations with Rural Fire District #2 to reach an agreement for the remainder of the money. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:15 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to go into executive session for fifteen minutes to discuss personnel and asked that Ted Collins and Bill Butrick remain. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:30 p.m. Mike Batchelder moved to come out of executive session. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:31 p.m. Mari Ann Parker moved to adjourn. Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

City Clerk