

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 7, 2007

7:30 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Riley, Tim Hersh, Jackie Sisk, Charlene Huss, Ted Collins, Marty Allen, Dorothy Diveley and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Janet Tyler.

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

Donna Parish moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held February 7, 2007. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Tony French moved to approve the bills for the month of February, 2007. Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

Charlene Huss and Jackie Sisk asked what could be done about the sewer back-up that took place at the Harold Huss residence. They stated that the back-up had ruined the carpet in the basement. City Superintendent Jeff Riley explained the problem that had occurred was due to tree roots that had broken loose from chemical treatment and balled together in the city's main. The Council asked that the Huss family bring back estimates to replace the carpet and a decision would be made at that time.

Council member Mike Batchelder stated he had received several complaints about cars parking across the sidewalks on Main Street. Officer Tim Hersh said he would talk with the residents involved to correct the problem.

Council member Ken Stewart said he had been asked by Barton Lackey if the city could do anything about the road leading to his residence and stated that Mr. Lackey would be willing to work out something with the expense involved.

Ken Stewart moved to have Jeff Riley meet with Barton Lackey to work out an agreement to repair E. Missouri and N. Carolina streets not to extend past the city limits. Mike Batchelder 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tyler asked that City Attorney Ted Collins, Street & Alley Committee Chairman Mari Ann Parker and City Superintendent Jeff Riley meet to look into further maintenance on the 300 block of E. Ohio Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mari Ann Parker reported that she had met with Mr. Bollinger concerning the parking at the Grade School. She stated that Mr. Bollinger would discuss it with the school board and get back with her.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken Stewart said he had received preliminary information concerning a cafeteria plan for new hire employees.

Ken Stewart inquired about the amount of money that would be spent on the July 4th fireworks.

Bill Butrick informed the Council that the regular meeting date in July would need to be changed because it would fall on the fourth. He stated that this change would be put on the May regular meeting as an agenda item.

NEW BUSINESS

Dorothy Diveley reported that an estimated \$2550 would be needed to cover expenses for the sesquicentennial celebration. This amount included insurance, fireworks, advertising and entertainment. She stated that it would be unknown how much money would be coming in to help offset the expense at this time.

Ken Stewart moved for the city to pay for the sesquicentennial fireworks at a cost of \$500. Mike Batchelder 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mike Batchelder moved to shut off parking on the south side of the 300 block of W. Main at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 25th and to close the entire 300 block of West Main at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 26th for the sesquicentennial celebration. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Tony French moved for the city to pay for the insurance required for the sesquicentennial celebration. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Tony French moved to allow City Hall to be used as headquarters for the celebration. Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mike Batchelder asked about purchasing a flag to be placed in front of City Hall and to also look into installing new carpet in City Hall. He was instructed to bring back prices on the flag, however, no action was taken on the carpet purchase.

Mari Ann Parker asked that several clean-up days be planned before the sesquicentennial celebration.

Mari Ann Parker moved to have the City Attorney publish a notice in the paper concerning property clean-up issues. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Bill Butrick informed the Council he had spoke with Russ Karn about the upcoming summer recreation program. He stated that Russ probably would be attending the April regular meeting to give the Council an update.

Mari Ann Parker moved to have City Attorney Ted Collins explore the possibility of a community type foundation. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tyler asked Jeff Riley to report on what streets would be considered in most need of maintenance or resurfacing and bring his recommendations to the next regular council meeting.

Ken Stewart moved to place the Degginger funds into the C.D. rotation. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mari Ann Parker wanted it stated in the minutes to thank the Heritage Commission for all the hard work they had done.

Ken Stewart moved to authorize Jeff Riley to have the pump pulled at well #4 and purchase the necessary equipment to put it back into operation. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart stated that a farewell appreciation dinner was being held on Friday, March 9th at City Hall for deputy Tim Hersh.

9:00 p.m. Tony French moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss legal matters and contract negotiations and for Ted Collins, Marty Allen and Bill Butrick to remain. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:15 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to come out of executive session. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Tony French moved to have City Attorney Ted Collins send the cost projection studies to proposed Rural Water District #6 and to have copies of these studies made available in City Hall for the general public. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:20 p.m. Tony French moved to adjourn. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

City Clerk