

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 13, 2008

5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Tony French, Mike Batchelder, Ken Stewart, Donna Parish and Mari Ann Parker (5:30 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT: Brandon Craft, Brandon Whetstine, Robert Powell, Jeff Riley, Joe Florence, Ted Collins, Scott Sisk, Randy Snyder and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Marty Allen.

### PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED 2009 BUDGET

Mayor Marty Allen called the Public Hearing to order for the proposed 2009 Budget with a quorum present.

Mayor Allen asked for public comment. Tony French moved to approve the 2009 budget as presented. Mike Batchelder 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart moved to adjourn the Public Hearing. Tony French 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

5:04 p.m. Mayor Allen called the Regular Council Meeting to order with a quorum present.

Tony French moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held July 9, 2008. Ken Stewart 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Tony French moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held July 23, 2008. Mike Batchelder 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Tony French moved to approve the bills for the month of July, 2008. Donna Parish 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

### CITY OFFICERS REPORT

Jeff Riley updated the Council on new well controls being installed, reviewing applications for part-time help, amp problems at well #4 and debris removal. Riley stated that a representative from Sargent Drilling was being called in to look into the amp problem. Riley asked the Council to consider purchasing a chlorine analyzer for approximately \$3000. He stated that this would probably become mandatory in 2009 for checking chlorine residuals.

Brandon Whetstine reported on the city traffic map and stated that several intersections probably needed signage. City Clerk Bill Butrick said he would look into past meetings for motions that changed the traffic map and report this at the next regular meeting.

Joe Florence informed the Council that the fire department would be testing fire hydrants on Tuesday, September 9, 2008.

#### CITIZENS REQUESTS

Robert Powell asked about administration and scheduling of the New Community Center. He stated he would like to administer the regulations concerning the Center with the assistance of The Spark Plug Committee.

Donna Parish moved to accept Robert's offer with heart felt thanks and for he and The Spark Plug Committee to establish rules and regulations regarding the building. Tony French 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Scott Sisk asked permission to hold another street dance on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 and to close the street off for that evening. Ken Stewart moved to allow permission for the street dance with the same regulations as before. Mari Ann Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Randy Snyder asked about the enforcement of four-wheelers. Mayor Allen stated that any citizen who sees four-wheelers on City streets should call the Sheriff's Office and they should follow up on it.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street and Alley Committee Chairman Mari Ann Parker stated that the committee had not met yet to discuss street repairs but will bring a recommendation to the next regular meeting in September.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Ken Stewart informed the Council on the financial status of the new Community Center/Fire Station. Stewart also stated that Stallbaumer Lumber, one of the bidders on the project had sent an invoice containing prices that were higher than those originally bid for the project. Stewart further explained that he had contacted the Kansas Department of Commerce about this issue. Tony French moved to pay the invoice for the amount of the amount of the original bid and to send an explanation for why. Donna Parish 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4-0-1 with Stewart abstaining.

## NEW BUSINESS

Tony French moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Batchelder, to approve Ordinance #473; an Ordinance of the City Of Highland amending Ordinance #264, that the following described real estate where the New Community Center/Fire Station is located, consisting of lots 1-4 is hereby rezoned and changed from A-1, Agriculture, to R-2, Two Family Residential District. By roll call vote: Batchelder-yes, Parker-yes, French-yes, Stewart-yes, Parish-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Donna Parish moved to accept the bid of E-Tek Solutions of \$1110.33 for a second computer in the Clerk's office. Mari Ann Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Donna Parish moved to approve a contract with Governmental Assistance Services to write a grant and submit it to the Kansas Department of Commerce for a Community Facility Grant for a Bridge improvements project. Tony French 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart moved to hire Tyler Miller to replace 3 fire hydrants and to have City Maintenance replace 1 fire hydrant. Tony French 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Donna Parish moved to establish a policy for replacing fire hydrants and to have it be put on the April meeting agenda each year. Mike Batchelder 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart moved to donate the old police car to the College for in town only security use. Mike Batchelder 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Allen informed the Council that he had been contacted by the Athletic Director of Highland Community College and they would like to make some changes and improvements to the City Ball Park. Ken Stewart moved to allow them to make any changes at their own cost. Mari Ann Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Allen said he was also asked by the College about using the City's bucket truck for filming home football games. Donna Parish moved to allow the College to use the truck at no charge providing that the insurance company be contacted first to check on the City's liability. Mari Ann Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4-1 with Stewart voting "No".

## GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

A brief discussion was held concerning sidewalks being removed but not replaced. Mayor Allen asked the Street and Alley Committee to review this issue and bring their recommendation back to the Council at the next regular meeting.

6:35 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss legal matters and for City Attorney Ted Collins and City Clerk Bill Butrick to remain. Tony French 2<sup>nd</sup>, carried unanimously.

6:55 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to come out of executive session. Tony French 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

6:57 p.m. Tony French moved to adjourn. Ken Stewart 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor

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City Clerk