

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 9, 2008

5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mike Batchelder, Donna Parish, Mari Ann Parker and Tony French (5:05). Ken Stewart was absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Melanie Edie, Steve Gaul, Dick Powell, Ted Collins, Jay Brock, Jeff & Kim Riley, Jason Pendleton and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Marty Allen.

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. with a quorum present.

Donna Parish moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held December 19, 2007. Mike Batchelder 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Mike Batchelder moved to approve the bills for the month of December, 2007. Donna Parish 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

### CITY OFFICERS REPORT

City Superintendent Jeff Riley reported that the city maintenance truck had been fixed, that he and Bill Butrick had attended a meeting in Troy with FEMA representatives, that the well was still being operated manually due to the controls, that the engine of the salt spreader needed replaced and that city maintenance was trying to continue with debris removal whenever they had time.

Code Enforcement Officer Steve Gaul updated the Council on verbal and written warnings he had given and asked their advice on what should be done about the old depot building and the storing of equipment on residential premises. Mayor Allen appointed the Law Enforcement Committee to bring back a recommendation at the next regular meeting.

Gaul also stated he had been approached about what could be done about barking dogs. Mayor Allen appointed the Law Enforcement Committee to bring back a recommendation on this issue as well to the next regular meeting.

Doniphan County Deputy Jason Pendleton informed the Council he would be deployed for military duty on February 20, 2008 and would be gone for thirteen months.

### CITIZENS REQUESTS

Jay Brock asked if something could be done about the narrow alley behind the funeral home which is in the 300 block of West Main. He informed them that once again his guttering on the building had been torn off by a delivery truck using the alley. Mayor Allen appointed the Street & Alley Committee to look into possible options and bring back a recommendation to the next regular meeting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item number one under committee reports concerning crop growing within the city limits was moved to the next meeting since Ken Stewart was absent.

Tony French reported briefly on the emergency notification system and stated that preliminary costs seemed high, but he was continuing to look into it and gather more information.

## OLD BUSINESS

A question was raised about volunteers who would like to help with the Community Center/Fire Station. Mike Batchelder stated that anyone wishing to volunteer should call him and their name would put on a list for areas that would fit their qualifications.

Tony French moved to rescind and expunge from the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held October 3, 2007 the motion to switch to a cafeteria plan and to pay for a single health insurance plan for employees with wage increase to offset cost of other insurance. Donna Parish 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously. City Clerk Bill Butrick made a single line through the motion and wrote that this motion had been "Rescinded and Ordered Expunged" with date and signature.

Tony French moved to set up a cafeteria plan for city employees and to accept the proposal of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kansas for health insurance and to make no modifications at this time. Donna Parish 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

The Council expressed their appreciation to Fire Chief Dick Powell for all his years of service with the fire department. Tony French moved to accept with regret the resignation of Fire Chief Dick Powell. Donna Parish 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held concerning the adoption of a check endorsement Policy.

Mari Ann Parker stated that the city needed to work closely with Nancy Babcock and Anthros Medical Group concerning the burn pile.

Mari Ann Parker asked if she could gather information to establish Highland as a “tree city”. The Council had no objections.

Bill Butrick reported briefly on the end of the year financial report for the year ended, 2007.

6:18 p.m. Tony French moved to adjourn. Mike Batchelder 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor

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City Clerk