

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 9, 2008

5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mike Batchelder, Ken Stewart, Tony French and Mari Ann Parker (5:02).
Donna Parish was absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Wendy Simmons, Randy Snyder, Ted Collins, Brandon Whetstine,
Robert Powell and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Marty Allen.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Tony French moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held
June 11, 2008. Mike Batchelder 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart moved to approve the bills for the month of June, 2008. Tony French 2nd,
motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

Randy Snyder asked about street repair on North Avenue. Mayor Allen stated that City
Maintenance had plans to rock the road in the near future.

Ken Stewart asked if the Township Board could possibly help with rock on 245th road
also known as Colorado Avenue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street and Alley Committee Chairman Mari Ann Parker asked that no action be taken at
this time on the "No Parking This Side of Street" issue. The committee asked that
Doniphan County Deputies, under contract with the City Of Highland, update the current
traffic map.

Ken Stewart updated the Council on the progress of the Community Center/Fire Station.
He stated that hopefully the Fire Station side would be completed in mid September.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Allen asked City Attorney Ted Collins to look into the City's current sewer
ordinance regarding check valves and sewer line backups to help prevent any future
litigation against the City.

NEW BUSINESS

Robert Powell inquired about replacing fire hydrants in the City. Ken Stewart stated he would look into getting an estimate on contracting someone to replace at least 3 fire hydrants per year.

The Council agreed to hold a Special Council Meeting on July 23, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. to propose publication of the 2009 City Budget.

Ken Stewart presented bids for the West Avenue project from Hamm's Companies of \$7.50 per ton for AB3 rock and a bid from Luedke Excavating for \$3.50 per ton to haul the rock. Ken Stewart moved to accept the bids as presented. Mari Ann Parker 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Mayor Allen asked the Street and Alley Committee to look into possible street work for 2008 and bring their recommendation to the next Regular Council Meeting.

Tony French stated that the website, highlandkansas.org, is up and running. He further reported that anyone can sign-up and join and they only need to have him authorize the rights/permission.

Tony French asked about possibly hiring contract labor to perform certain tasks for City Maintenance to allow them more time to perform their normal duties.

Ken Stewart inquired if any action had been taken concerning the crop planting on the North East side of town by Missouri Street. City Attorney Ted Collins said the process had been started by Code Enforcement Officer Steve Gaul and when the process is complete a complaint will be filed.

Mayor Marty Allen wanted to thank everyone for all the hard work they did for the 4th of July festivities. The Mayor said he had received numerous compliments about the activities.

Mari Ann Parker remarked that some trash dumpsters still remain on city right-of-way. Mayor Allen said he would visit with the trash service to get them removed.

Tony French inquired about the drainage problem on North Elmira Street. He asked about using risers on the drains to keep debris from blocking them. Mayor Allen stated he would meet with Jeff Riley for his input and inform the Council at a later date what solutions might be possible.

5:43 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to adjourn. Tony French 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

City Clerk