

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 12, 2008

5:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Brandon Whetstine, Jeff Riley, Katie French, Amanda Cauthon, Spencer Diveley, Joe Florence, Dorothy Diveley, Kenny Tilton, Chelsea Diveley, Katylin Blevins, Ted Collins, Steve Gaul, Randy Snyder and Bill Butrick.

Presiding: Mayor Marty Allen.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with all council members present.

Donna Parish moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held October 8, 2008. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

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

CITY OFFICERS REPORT

Code Enforcement Officer Steve Gaul said he had received several complaints about cats around town and asked if the City might consider registering them. Due to costs involved with boarding and disposal of stray cats the Council agreed to not impose any new regulations at this time but that cats can be picked up that do cause problems or seem ill.

City Superintendent Jeff Riley said he had looked into possible options concerning the sewer hook-up for new residences in Block 6 of the City. Ken Stewart moved to not spend money on lift stations or sewer pumps, only to provide a main as stated in the City's Ordinance. Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Pride Committee Member Dorothy Diveley presented a check for \$500.00 for a generator hook-up at the New Community Center/Fire Station Building. She also presented a Kansas flag and five American flags that the Pride Committee had mended. Dorothy stated that the money donated came from the collection of aluminum cans and asked if anyone has cans they would like to donate, please contact Pride.

OLD BUSINESS

A brief discussion was held concerning recommendations made by Deputy Whetstine to the City's traffic map. The Council agreed with the recommendations made and stated they would make individual motions at a future Council meeting.

Ken Stewart talked of expenses at the new building site and also about a meeting that was held with City and Rural Fire District representatives. Ted Collins stated that he has been working on an agreement with the Rural Fire District for operation and maintenance of the building and to surrender the operation of the City Fire Department to the Rural Fire District.

Ted Collins updated the Council on the first addition annexation and that he was waiting on the plat to be completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Batchelder moved to approve the appointment of Bill Noll, Janet Tyler and Mari Ann Parker to the Tree Board. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart and Fire Chief Joe Florence expressed concern about the false alarm fire calls at two of the College's dormitories. They stated the Fire Department had responded to between 10 and 12 false alarms since school started. Chief Florence reported that the reason the alarm is going off is because of the placement of the smoke detectors being too close to the shower/bathroom facilities. The approximate cost to the City for these false alarms is around \$1000.00. Ken Stewart moved to charge \$250.00 for each false alarm after the second alarm and any alarms thereafter at each location. Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried 4-1 with French voting no.

Mayor Marty Allen informed the Council he would be attending a meeting tonight concerning the establishment of an Economic Development Commission. He stated he would act as a working committee member for the commission and asked if the Council would want to contribute \$5000.00 at this time. Ken Stewart moved that as the current operation of the Economic Development Commission stands not to contribute \$5000.00. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mari Ann Parker asked, and was given permission by the Council, for Pride to hang decorative Christmas snowflakes with the City Christmas lights.

City Clerk Bill Butrick reviewed the 2008 budget with the Council and stated that he thought the current figures would allow the City to stay within the projected amounts.

City Attorney Ted Collins updated the Council concerning the right-of-way on the north side of the bridge project. Ken Stewart moved to authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to take such action as necessary for right-of-way for the bridge project. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

6:20 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to adjourn. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor _____ City Clerk _____

