

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2008

5:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Florence, Robert Powell, Brandon Whetstine, Landon Riley, Scott Sisk, Randy Snyder, Ted Collins, Zach Powell, Melanie Edie, Wendy Simmons, David Diveley, Karen Dickerson 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 August 13th 2008. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

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

CITY OFFICER'S REPORT

Fire Chief Joe Florence talked about the water hydrant testing that was done on September 9th. He stated that several hydrants need to be replaced and that water flow was low on the south west portion of town. He also stated the remaining hydrants would be tested on September 16th and then a determination would be made as to which hydrants needed to be replaced first.

PRESENTATIONS

Ken Stewart moved to accept the contract with BG Consultants, Inc., Consulting Engineers for replacement of the box culvert structure located on Spring Street. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried 4-1 with Batchelder voting no.

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS

Mari Ann Parker asked if several items donated by members of Pride could be placed in the new Community Center. After a brief discussion most Council members agreed that rules should be established first before any decisions will be made concerning accepting donated items and the use of the building.

Randy Snyder and Robert Powell requested that some street intersections need to have the weeds cut due to poor visibility.

Scott Sisk asked if the street could be cleaned and parking lines could be painted in the 400 block of West Main Street.

Mike Batchelder asked that the hole be filled on Colorado Street with either rock or dirt.

Mayor Allen stated he would address all of these concerns with City Maintenance.

Ted Collins asked about the location of the property line to the east of the site of the Old Depot Building. Mayor Allen stated he would meet with City Attorney Collins to discuss this issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street and Alley Committee Chairman Mari Ann Parker presented copies of a street map indicating streets most in need of repair. To stay within the budget limits, it was agreed to continue with patch work until next year.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken Stewart and Ted Collins reported briefly on the progress of the West Avenue road work.

Mayor Marty Allen stated that work nights were being held every Monday at 6:30 p.m. for anyone wanting to volunteer for work on the New Community Center/Fire Station.

Deputy Brandon Whetstine and City Attorney Ted Collins talked about parking issues on city streets. They stated that emergency vehicles are unable to travel on some streets where vehicles are parking on both sides. Collins informed the Council that the best option may be to put "No Parking" on one side on all city streets. A discussion will continue in future meetings to address this issue.

Deputy Whetstine reported his findings on the traffic map and that he, the Mayor and the City Attorney will meet to finalize signage that needs to be done.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken Stewart moved, 2nd by Tony French, to approve Ordinance #474, the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities, Edition 2008. By roll call vote: Batchelder-yes, Parker-yes, French-yes, Stewart-yes, Parish-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Tony French moved, 2nd by Donna Parish, to approve Ordinance #475, the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities, Edition 2008. By roll call vote: Batchelder-yes, Parker-yes, French-yes, Stewart-yes, Parish-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart moved to provide insurance for the flag football activities which Recreation Director Barry Simmons is organizing with Doniphan West High School. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mike Batchelder moved to accept, with regret, the resignations of Rex Bollinger, Wendy Simmons and Nathan Idol from the Recreation Commission. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart moved to install new carpet in City Hall offices and Council Chambers to be paid for from the general fund. Tony French 2nd, motion carried 4-1 with Parish voting no.

Mayor Marty Allen informed the Council that it was brought to his attention that the Vice President of Student Services at Highland Community College was unhappy with Law Enforcement and approached the officer about writing warning tickets to students parked illegally while moving into their dorms on campus. Mayor Allen expressed his disagreement with the way the College Official handled the situation and asked for input from the Council about their feelings on this issue.

The Mayor brought forth several other issues that he wanted the Council to consider for future discussion: Derelict properties that City Maintenance have to mow and placing that expense on the property's tax, code enforcement of dogs running at large, excessive trash around certain houses and paying utilities for the Food Pantry Building.

Mayor Allen asked the Spark Plug Committee to bring back a recommendation for a sign in front of the new Community Center/Fire Station at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Mike Batchelder moved to purchase a chlorine analyzer for City Maintenance at a cost of \$3000.00. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

6:21 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to adjourn, Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

City Clerk