

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 14, 2010

5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mike Batchelder, Ken Stewart and Scott Huss. Mari Ann Parker and Jerry Twombly were absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Brandon Whetstine, Robert Powell, Melanie Edie, Scott Sisk, Dennis Lentz, Randy Snyder, Ted Collins and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Marty Allen.

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

Ken Stewart moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held March 10, 2010. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried.

Scott Huss moved to approve the bills for the month of March, 2010. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried.

CITY OFFICERS REPORT

Police Chief Brandon Whetstine reviewed the police activity schedule and asked if the city could consider purchasing two taser units at \$900 each for the department. The Council agreed to review the request and have it placed on the agenda for the July, 2010 Regular Council Meeting.

City Clerk Bill Butrick opened sealed bids on the old motor grader. The bids were as follows: Shawn Tilton--\$1025.00. Jed Cluck--\$1008.25. Ken Stewart moved to accept the high bid of Shawn Tilton. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

Robert Powell reported on activities at the Community Center. He presented thank you letters from the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders from Doniphan West Schools for the use of the new building. Robert also wanted to thank Scott Sisk and Rick Jeschke for their assistance on helping prepare the stainless steel table for the kitchen area at the building. A brief discussion was held concerning placing signs to show people from out of town how to get to the New Community Center.

Ken Stewart moved to purchase a fire suppression system for the stove hood in the kitchen at the Community Center for \$1994.50 from DFG Fire and Safety. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried.

Scott Sisk asked the City's permission to hold street dances on June 5th, July 3rd and August 21st of 2010. Scott Huss moved to allow permission for all the street dances with the same rules and regulations that have been used in the past. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried.

Scott Sisk also asked about painting the parking lines on Main Street. Mayor Allen stated that this will be taken care of by City Maintenance and that he will have them start on the West end of Main Street.

Mike Batchelder asked if some rock could be placed on South Ives Street and Ken Stewart asked about rock being placed by the old Depot area for truck and softball parking. Mayor Allen advised that more rock is being ordered by City Maintenance and that both of these areas are on the list to be done.

Scott Huss moved to allow for another Conceal and Carry class at the Fire Station/Community Center on Sunday, April 18th, 2010. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street and Alley Committee spokesman, Ken Stewart presented plans for construction of West Avenue Street. He stated that bids would be taken for options on both concrete and asphalt surfacing and that probably two drop boxes would be needed. Stewart further commented that the College has given \$100,000.00 toward the project and may be willing to donate more money if curb and gutter is put in place. Mayor Allen asked the Street and Alley Committee to proceed with the advertisement for bids and to have them ready for review at the next Regular Council Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Allen informed the Council of thank you letters received from Kim Riley for the opportunity to job shadow at City Hall and the American Red Cross for the donation from the City.

City Attorney Ted Collins said he would hopefully have Ordinance #488, concerning derelict structures, ready for review at the next Regular council meeting. He also stated that he is still waiting on regulations for drug testing so the Personnel manual can be completed and can be reviewed for passage as well.

Mayor Allen presented bids for replacement of two doors at the ballpark from Petrik Construction and Wes Cofelt. Ken Stewart moved to accept the low bid of \$250.00 for installation of both doors from Wes Cofelt. Batchelder 2nd, motion carried.

Mayor Allen stated that no word had been received from BG Consultant Engineer, Brian Kingsley, concerning the mandatory sign replacement regulations set forth by the state and asked that this issue be placed on next month's council meeting agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

A brief discussion was held concerning the one acre of land given by the College for additional parking at the New Fire Station/Community Center.

Ken Stewart moved to approve Resolution #10-02, a Resolution of the City of Highland applying for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. Mike Batchelder 2nd, by roll call vote: Batchelder-yes, Stewart-yes and Huss-yes, motion carried.

City Attorney Ted Collins said he would review the necessary Ordinance required for participation in the NFIP and also Resolution #10-03, for adoption by reference, and have them ready for discussion at the next Regular council meeting.

The annual discussion for fire hydrant replacement and water meter replacement was held by the Council. Mayor Allen stated that he would like to have City Maintenance install one hydrant per week for the next ten weeks and to install up to 40 water meters depending on how many larger meters are needed including replacing those meters that are still inside the basements of some resident's homes.

Mayor Allen informed the Council that the E-Waste individual is no longer in business and that he is looking into a replacement. He also asked the Council's permission to purchase netting for the ballpark dugouts to replace the fence in front of the dugouts that was removed by the College at an approximate cost of \$300.00 total. The Council gave permission for the Mayor to proceed with the purchase.

Mr. Allen also voiced his concern about Pride Clean-up Week and stated that the person who initially set up the event should be available for it.

City Attorney Ted Collins asked the City to consider passing a motion to establish a set fee amount for court appointed attorneys handling Municipal court cases. Ken Stewart moved to pay Court appointed attorneys the same rate as the County for misdemeanors. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried.

5:58 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to adjourn. Mike Batchelder 2nd, motion carried.

Mayor

City Clerk