

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 11, 2010

5:00p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Brandon Whetstine, Scott Sisk, Robert Powell, Bruce Case, Jim Gilmore, Ted Collins, Dennis Lentz, Dave Reist, Randy Snyder, Brian Kingsley, Kevin Lackey, Luke Siebenmorgan, Bill Butrick, and Russell Karn (5:55p.m.).

PRESIDING: Mayor Marty Allen

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED 2011 BUDGET

Mayor Marty Allen called the Public Hearing to order for the proposed 2011 budget.

Mayor Allen asked for public comment. Ken Stewart moved to adopt the 2011 Budget as presented. Jerry Twombly 2nd, motion carried.

Scott Huss moved to adjourn the Public Hearing. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried.

5:00 p.m. Mayor Allen called the Regular Council Meeting to order with all Council Members present.

Scott Huss moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held July 14, 2010. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Brian Kingsley from BG Consultants reviewed the denial of the street grant that the City applied for. Mr. Kingsley also discussed the possibility of applying for a water grant or he told the City they still had the option to apply for the regular round of grants and once again apply for the street project. He further stated that several members of the City governing body should attend the KIAC meeting to talk in person with Debbie Beck of the CDBG program to see what could be done differently that would be helpful in improving the points received in getting the grant.

Ken Stewart moved to apply for the water grant. Motion died for lack of a 2nd.

Mari Ann Parker moved to apply for the street project grant and to have as many governing body members attend the KIAC meeting as possible and to also get feedback from Debbie Beck on what steps we should take to look into a future water system grant. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried 4-1 with Stewart voting no.

HCC President Dave Reist asked if the City would be willing to vacate the 700 block of W. Illinois Street (One-way) due to high maintenance repairs. He stated that around 40 parking spots would be lost but that the Wellness Center parking lot should handle those spots without any problem. Reist also informed the Council that a zoning change request had been requested for the 800 block of W. Ohio for the possibility of constructing a new dorm and stated that the College would like the City to consider vacating that street as well in the near future. The Council was in agreement that they would be willing to consider both vacating requests after President Reist had talked

with the College Board and filled out the necessary documents to start the vacating process.

CITY OFFICERS REPORT

Robert Powell reported on the progress of the work at the Community Center/Fire Station being done by Moran Landscaping. Robert reminded everyone of the Fish-Chicken dinner fund raiser being held on August 22, 2010 and asked that all city staff and governing body members be present to help with the event.

Mr. Powell also spoke briefly of green energy and stated that the current electrical bills at the new facility are being analyzed to see if a windmill project would be cost effective.

Police Chief Brandon Whetstine reported on police department activity and provided a list of derelict structures for the Council to review. He stated that one of the structures is due to be removed maybe as soon as Monday if all utility lines are marked and insulated for safety. The Council agreed that a ten day completion period would be satisfactory. Luke Siebenmorgan was present for the meeting to answer questions about the demolition and stated what his intentions were to get the project started.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

Mayor Allen informed the Council that he had instructed the City Maintenance crew to close and barricade the 700 block of West Penn Street due to a new tube being needed and undermining of the street.

OLD BUSINESS

Street asphaltting bids were not discussed due to the City re-applying for the grant.

A brief discussion was held concerning the fountain at Degginger Park. Scott Sisk asked several questions about the operation of the fountain and agreed to meet with Mari Ann Parker to look into what repairs could be done to fix it.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken Stewart moved to allow the Police Department to move their office into the west side of the City Hall building and for their old office to be used for city storage. Mike Batchelder 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Ted Collins informed the Council that well#2 had been abandoned properly and that Mayor Allen had approved the removal of the concrete by Urban Construction to finalize the project.

City Clerk Bill Butrick stated he had received complaints concerning the visibility at the Main Street and K-120 junction due to trees needing trimmed or taken down. The Council agreed to wait until the sheriff's tax sale was held in September for the 101 S. Kansas property to see who the new land owner would be.

A brief discussion was held concerning placing a flag pole next to City Hall with the American and Kansas flags being flown and proper lighting being installed. No action was taken at this time.

Mayor Allen and the Council received a letter of resignation from Police Officer Bruce Case effective August 31, 2010. Mayor Allen stated he would have liked to have seen the Sheriff's Office at least approach us about asking to talk with Officer Case about the job opening before hiring him.

Ken Stewart moved to accept Bruce Case's resignation with regret.

Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

6:26 p.m. Mike Batchelder moved to go into executive session for fifteen minutes to discuss personnel and for Ted Collins, Brandon Whetstine and Bill Butrick to remain. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried.

6:41 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to come out of executive session. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried.

6:41 p.m. Scott Huss moved to go back into executive session for fifteen minutes to discuss personnel and for Ted Collins and Bill Butrick to remain. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried.

6:56 p.m. Scott Huss moved to come out of executive session. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried.

Mayor Allen asked that City Clerk Bill Butrick publish an ad for the Police Officer position.

Mayor Allen spoke briefly about the bucket truck and dump truck being repaired and also that he would like to see all city equipment stored in city sheds.

Mari Ann Parker talked briefly about the "Tree Board" meeting and stated there were several trees in the ball park area and one at Degginger Park that needed to be taken out. Mayor Allen asked Parker to bring bids to the next regular council meeting for the trees she wanted removed.

7:05 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to adjourn. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried.

Mayor

City Clerk