

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2010

5:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Brandon Whetstine, Jeff Riley, Ted Collins, Bruce Case, Mike Parker and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Marty Allen.

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

Mike Batchelder moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held January 13, 2010. Jerry Twombly 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

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

CITY OFFICERS REPORT

Police Chief Brandon Whetstine informed the council of warning tickets being given to owners of non-operating motor vehicles located on their property, pursuant to Ordinance #295 of the City of Highland. Chief Whetstine stated these owners will have 10 days to address the problem or a ticket will be issued.

Chief Whetstine also stated that they appreciated the assistance of Brown County Sheriffs Department and the use of their drug dog on recent walk-throughs at the college campus.

Chief Whetstine presented bids for equipment that will be needed for a new law enforcement software program to be used in patrol cars. Ken Stewart moved to proceed with the purchase for both police units of the necessary equipment for the new program. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart asked Superintendent Jeff Riley about the time frame for moving water controls to the new shop area and if the GPS mapping has been reviewed and returned to K.R.W.A. for completion. Councilman Stewart also asked if the old state truck was being repaired. Riley stated that Brian Pottorf was looking into repairing the state truck and that GPS mapping and the water controls being moved should be completed soon.

A general discussion was held concerning the old motor grader. The council agreed to look into selling it out right or the cost involved to fix it and to bring a recommendation to the next regular council meeting.

CITIZENS REQUEST

Mike Parker, representing the Highland Cemetery Association, asked the City to consider helping with re-sodding some property that was damaged due to people using the cemetery as a short cut to go around the detour. The City agreed to help with the costs when the sodding will be done in the spring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street and Alley Committee spokesman, Ken Stewart, stated that the committee had looked into a possible designated snow route for the City. Stewart said that this route would mainly include streets that lead to schools, the nursing home, emergency services and Main Street. He further stated that if the route was approved it would only be in effect during the early a.m. hours. It was agreed to have the City Attorney look into finding a sample ordinance and preparing it for approval at a later date.

A general discussion was held concerning cars parked blocking private driveways during ballgame nights. The Council instructed the Police Department to issue parking citations to those vehicles and to have them towed if they are hindering the property owner from using their own driveway as needed.

OLD BUSINESS

City Attorney Ted Collins and Mayor Marty Allen informed the Council that the County and other Cities within the County have given no indication of interest in revising the old Zoning Ordinance at this time. It was agreed to budget for and to proceed next year on our own if there is no other interest.

Scott Huss moved to accept the proposal of TMHC Services, Inc. to perform drug and alcohol testing for City employees and to have this implemented into the Employee Personnel Manual rules and regulations. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Ted Collins reviewed the procedures necessary to clean-up unsafe/derelict structures within the city limits. The Council asked Mr. Collins to prepare the initial Ordinance needed to begin the process and to have the Ordinance ready for approval at the next regular council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken Stewart moved to approve Resolution #10-01. A Resolution of finding that financial statements and fixed asset accounting prepared in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis law and budget laws of Kansas and are of no significant value to the governing body or the general public of the City Of Highland. Mike Batchelder 2nd. By roll call vote: Batchelder-yes, Parker-yes, Twombly-yes, Stewart-yes, Huss-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

5:53 p.m. Council member Stewart had to leave the meeting.

Scott Huss moved to approve the changes on page 3, section V-a (city owned equipment) and page 5, section VIII-a (emergency contact numbers) on the City's Emergency Water Supply Plan. Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Allen updated the Council on the latest information involving mileage signs being posted, requesting money from the County for the bridge expense as they gave money to the City of Wathena for the same purpose and the current information available from Rural Water District #6.

Mayor Allen also stated he would be attending the annual Mayor's Conference if the Council so wished. The Council agreed to have him attend and for the City to pay for any expenses involved.

Mike Batchelder moved to purchase a server from E-Tek Solutions at a cost of \$2002.55 for all City computers. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

6:00 p.m. Scott Huss moved to adjourn. Mike Batchelder 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

City Clerk