

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 13, 2010

5:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Brian Kingsley, Mike Brownfield, John Hontz, Jim Richardson, Jeff Riley, Melanie Edie, Randy Snyder, Robert Powell, Tony French, Ted Collins, Brandon Whetstine and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Marty Allen.

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

Ken Stewart moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held December 9, 2009. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

2009 December Bill discussion:

Mike Batchelder moved to terminate the contract with Dave Grimm for water and wastewater licensed operator. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart moved to approve the bills for the month of December, 2009. Mike Batchelder 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

CITY OFFICERS REPORT

City Clerk Bill Butrick spoke briefly about the city's 2009 audit and financial analysis report. He also informed the Council that the city's renewal date for employee health insurance had went down.

PRESENTATIONS

Brian Kingsley of BG Consultants, Inc. talked about available financing options and preliminary engineering reports for future city projects. Possible projects discussed included water distribution lines, water storage capacity, sewer line repair and replacement and city street maintenance. After a detailed discussion, the council agreed to hold a work session on January 27th, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. to prioritize the projects discussed.

Kingsley also stated that KDOT would be asking the construction company to proceed with work on the "Bridge Project" as soon as possible.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

Business owner John Hontz expressed his thanks to the City Crew for the fine job they did on snow removal within the City.

Randy Snyder complained to the Council that he feels the City Police vehicles should not be left running for long periods of time.

OLD BUSINESS

The City's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance will be discussed in a future meeting when more information is available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Superintendent Jeff Riley asked the Council if something could be done about abandoned vehicles being left on City streets and City right-of-way. These vehicles make snow removal very difficult. Mr. Riley also expressed concern about the parking on the 100 block N. Iowa street. Having parking on both sides of the street makes it very difficult for even one vehicle to proceed down the street. He suggested the West side of the street be posted no parking, to help correct the problem. The Superintendent asked if there could be some parking opened up around the High School on ball game nights. He stated he had received some complaints from residents in the area that their driveways were blocked by people going to the game. Mayor Allen asked the Street and Alley Committee to look into Mr. Riley's concerns and to bring back their recommendations at the next Regular Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Stewart complimented the City Maintenance Crew on their efforts in removing snow on City streets.

Randy Snyder asked if the City Crew could push back more snow on N. Avenue. He felt there has not been enough room made for extra parking needed at the apartment complex.

Ken Stewart moved to accept the proposal of Long CPA, PA to perform the City's 2009 Audit and prepare the 2011 budget. Mike Batchelder 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

6:15 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss financial matters and for former Council member Tony French, City Attorney Ted Collins, City Superintendent Jeff Riley and City Clerk Bill Butrick to remain. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

6:30 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to come out of executive session. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

6:30 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to go back into executive session for 10 minutes to continue discussion on financial matters. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

6:40 p.m. Ken Stewart moved, 2nd by Scott Huss to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

6:40 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to go back into executive session for 15 minutes to continue discussion of financial matters. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

6:55 p.m. Scott Huss moved to come out of executive session. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

6:55 p.m. Mayor Allen declared a 5 minute recess.

7:00 p.m. Scott Huss moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss personnel. Ted Collins and Bill Butrick were asked to remain. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

7:20 p.m. Scott Huss moved to come out of executive session. Jerry Twombly 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

7:20 p.m. Ken Stewart left the meeting to respond to an EMS call.

Mike Batchelder moved to rescind the motion relating to the termination of the Dave Grimm contract adopted earlier in the meeting and to have it expunged from the minutes. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

7:25 p.m. Scott Huss moved to adjourn. Jerry Twombly 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

City Clerk