

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 14, 2010

5:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Gilmore, Clint Waggoner, Robert Powell, Dennis Lentz, Scott Sisk, Ted Collins, Jeff Riley, Randy Snyder, Wayne & Marla Olson, 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 June 9, 2010. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried.

Ken Stewart moved to approve the bills for the month of June, 2010. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried.

CITY OFFICERS REPORT

Robert Powell presented a bid from Moran Landscaping for dirt work and seeding at the Community Center/Fire Station. Scott Huss moved to accept the bid of approximately \$2100.00 from Moran Landscaping. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried.

Robert also spoke of other areas of work that had been completed and that a fundraiser for asphaltting the parking lot is going to be held on Sunday, August 22nd, at the Community Center and will feature a Fish/Chicken dinner.

Jeff Riley stated he had been approached by residents concerning a vehicle being parked on the edge of the 200 Block of E. Illinois which made the street too narrow for certain traffic and they were driving on the resident's yard. Police Chief Brandon Whetstine said he would address the issue with the owner of the car.

Jerry Twombly asked about the progress of street sweeping and fire hydrant installation.

Brandon Whetstine presented his activity report for the month and a copy of a map showing traffic sign replacement made mandatory by the State. Jerry Twombly asked about 4-wheeler enforcement.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

A letter addressed to the Council concerning a property nuisance issue was not signed. Ken Stewart asked that future requests that are written only be considered if there is a signature or the citizen must attend a meeting to discuss the matter they are concerned about.

Jim Gilmore asked about replacing the highway sign showing direction to U.S. 36. Mayor Allen said he would look into it.

Wayne Olson asked about the progress of W. Avenue Street. Mayor Allen explained that the City should hear about the grant around August 1, 2010 and that the street would be completed based upon what direction the City would need to go.

Clint Waggoner, Mayor of White Cloud, stated that White Cloud is looking into law enforcement and asked if the City would be interested in combining Municipal Court's systems' for cost effectiveness. The Council agreed that they would definitely be willing to look into combining after all the needed procedures were put in place.

Mr. Waggoner also reported briefly on the 4-state look-out point that was recently named as one of the 8 wonders of Kansas.

OLD BUSINESS

Street and Alley Committee member Ken Stewart presented estimates from Herzog Construction for street asphaltting. Streets estimated included W. Vermont, N. Kirkwood, N. Carolina, E. Spring, S. Kansas, E. Pennsylvania, W. Avenue and W. Missouri. Councilman Stewart stated that once we receive grant notification, we hopefully can proceed with asphaltting plans for 2010.

A bid of \$12,500 was also received for asphaltting the old tennis court located on the grade school playground. Mayor Allen said he would once again talk to school officials to see if there was any interest in helping with the costs or see if this area could be done with donations.

City Attorney Ted Collins presented copies of documents necessary to start the process for tearing down unsafe/derelict structures. Police Chief Brandon Whetstine was named as enforcing officer and he, along with the Mayor will begin the initial procedure. Scott Huss asked about structures that are basically in the emergency stage and needed attention immediately. Mr. Collins stated that the City could proceed now and have the enforcing officer notify the land owner that action has to be taken now due to the situation.

Mari Ann Parker reported on the fountain at Degginger Park. She asked and was given permission to bring back bids on a different type of system to the next Regular Council Meeting.

Ken Stewart stated that the high bid received for the utility truck bed was \$110 and that the individual had come to pick it up.

Ken Stewart moved to allow Scott Sisk (Ernies) to hold a street dance on August 28, 2010 with the same regulations as previous dances. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried.

Mari Ann Parker moved to allow the new baseball program of Doniphan West High School to play games at the City Ball Park. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried.

Ted Collins spoke briefly about the abandoned well site on the Volker property. He stated that there was a long-term lease signed in 1922 and that the City should probably work with the land owner to legally finalize the lease. Mr. Collins said he would work with City Clerk Bill Butrick in taking care of this issue.

Mayor Allen stated to all Council members that unless it is an emergency situation all work related tasks for city employees should go through him.

Scott Huss moved to publish the proposed 2011 budget and to hold the public hearing at the next Regular Council Meeting to be held on August 11, 2010. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried.

Bill Butrick reported on the 2009 audit and informed the Council that the auditor voiced concern about old outstanding checks made out to the same individual that have not been cashed. Butrick explained what options the auditor felt could be used in handling the issue. Ken Stewart moved that necessary procedures be taken to enforce a 90 day limit on outstanding checks and that this individual be given the option to accept one check for the total only if cashed immediately upon receipt. Jerry Twombly 2nd, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held concerning a tree limb in Degginger Park that had fallen on the Donaldson residence.

6:12 p.m. Scott Huss moved to adjourn. Mike Batchelder 2nd, motion carried.

Mayor

City Clerk