

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 12, 2010

5:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Melanie Edie, Brandon Whetstine, Bruce Case, Dennis Lentz, Jim Gilmore, Scott Sisk, Robert Powell, Ted Collins, Jeff Riley, Randy Snyder and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Marty Allen.

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

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

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

CITY OFFICERS REPORT

Police Chief Brandon Whetstine reported on several weed violation warnings that were given recently.

Mayor Allen asked about enforcing the nuisance ordinance including the removal of abandoned or unregistered vehicles. He also asked that warnings be given to individuals who are mowing grass into the streets.

Mari Ann Parker wanted to thank the City Maintenance personnel for helping with Pride Clean-up Week and also thank Dennis Lentz for his help and donation.

Superintendent Riley presented three bids for tires for the bobcat. Ken Stewart moved to purchase the tires from Triple L for \$179.00 each. Jerry Twombly 2nd, motion carried.

Mari Ann Parker stated that Greg Delzeit had volunteered to mow Degginger Park this year.

Ken Stewart requested that Pride Clean-up flyers state that hazardous materials will not be accepted when this event is held in the future.

Scott Huss asked about what was being done with old scrap iron. Jeff Riley stated that most of the iron was removed to help clean up around the shop area.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

Scott Sisk asked about yards that are not being mowed and properties that need to be cleaned up. A brief discussion followed concerning the enforcement of the weed and nuisance ordinances and follow-up that may need to be done.

Mari Ann Parker stated that a citizen had requested a “Dead End Street” sign be placed on South Avenue. Mike Batchelder moved to have the sign installed. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried.

Mayor Allen informed the Council he had received a request for \$300.00 for the entry fees for a 9-10 year old boy’s baseball team to play in Atchison this summer.

Mari Ann Parker moved to pay the \$300.00 entry fee for the team. Motion died for lack of 2nd.

Ken Stewart moved to pay the \$300.00 entry fee if the team would put on the 4th of July softball tournament. Jerry Twombly 2nd, motion failed 2-3 with Parker, Batchelder and Huss voting no.

Junior Dawson requested that a “No Parking Here to Corner” sign be placed at the end of the 100 Block of North Genesee to allow the trash truck to pick up his dumpster. After brief discussion, no action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS

City Attorney Ted Collins stated that Ordinance #488 which deals with initial action against derelict structures should be completed for the next Regular Council meeting.

Mr. Collins said the Personnel Manual is complete except for language in the section concerning drug testing.

Mayor Allen informed the Council that most of the repairs at the ballpark have been taken care of or will be completed soon.

NEW BUSINESS

City Attorney Ted Collins reviewed what documents would be necessary for the City to participate in the National Flood Insurance program. He stated that he had sent the ordinances to the State for the Chief Engineer to review for approval. He added that upon approval the City would need to amend the Zoning Ordinance and complete other documents to implement the program.

Ken Stewart moved to accept the contract of Governmental Assistance Services to prepare the grant application for the Street Project. Mike Batchelder 2nd, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held concerning sidewalk replacement within the City. Mayor Allen appointed the Street and Alley Committee to inspect the current sidewalks and bring a recommendation to the next Regular Council meeting.

Ken Stewart moved to appoint “The Kansas Chief” as the official city newspaper for 2010. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried.

Mike Batchelder moved to appoint “The Farmers State Bank of Highland” as the official city depository for 2010. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried.

Mari Ann Parker moved to reappoint Ken Stewart as Council President for 2010. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried.

Ken Stewart moved to reappoint the “Council Committees” for 2010. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried.

Jerry Twombly moved to reappoint the “Board of Zoning Appeals” for 2010. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried.

Mari Ann Parker moved to reappoint all city employees to their current positions for 2010. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried.

Ken Stewart reported on the meeting with a representative from National Sign Company concerning traffic and street sign regulations. Stewart stated that it would cost approximately \$150 per inter-section or around \$12,000 to \$15,000 total for all replacements. The recommendation presented and agreed upon by the Council is to budget \$5000 a year for the next three years to be in compliance with the government regulations.

6:05 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to go into executive session for twenty minutes to discuss legal matters and for City Attorney Ted Collins and City Clerk Bill Butrick to remain. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried.

6:25 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to come out of executive session. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried.

Mayor Allen briefly discussed starting a “Walking Trail” and that he would be meeting with other area Mayors to discuss future issues and ideas.

Scott Huss asked about possibly looking into renovating the old roadside park west of town for future recreational use.

Ken Stewart inquired about purchasing a sound system for the New Community Center at an approximate cost of \$1250.00.

The Council agreed to take both requests under advisement.

Ken Stewart moved to notify the College to go ahead and farm the one acre plot west of the new Community Center since the parking area will not be completed until next year. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried 4-1 with Huss voting no.

Mayor Allen informed the Council of a Doniphan County Emergency Management meeting being held in the Troy Community Building on May 25th at 3:00pm if anyone wishes to attend.

6:35p.m. Jerry Twombly moved to adjourn. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried.

Mayor

City Clerk