

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 13, 2010

5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Scott Huss, Mari Ann Parker, Kevin Lackey and Jerry Twombly. Mike Batchelder was unable to attend.

ALSO PRESENT: Brandon Whetstine, Robert Powell, Scott Sisk, Ted Collins, Jeff, Kendall and Carter Riley, Dennis Snyder, Randy Snyder, Kyle Montgomery and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Ken Stewart.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Kevin Lackey moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held September 8, 2010. Jerry Twombly 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Scott Huss moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held October 6, 2010 for the CDBG grant application. Kevin Lackey 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Scott Huss asked about the United Laboratories bill for lift station maintainer and if former Police Officer Case had returned his gear. Police Chief Brandon Whetstine stated that Mr. Case's gear had been returned.

Scott Huss moved to approve the bills for the month of September, 2010. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

CITY OFFICERS REPORT

Robert Powell reported on the Community Center activity and informed everyone of the Highland EMT Association Barbecue Cook-off fund raiser being held on October 14, 2010.

Police Chief Brandon Whetstine reported on the activity schedule for the Police Department. He also reviewed a report from Code Enforcement Consultant Malcolm Grier concerning the derelict structure located at 601 W. Virginia. City Attorney Ted Collins stated that the City would need to pass a Resolution to set a date for a public hearing to include the consultant and the property owner(s).

Jerry Twombly moved to approve Resolution #10-08. A Resolution to set a public hearing date of December 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. for discussion of the structure located at 601 W. Virginia Street. Kevin Lackey 2nd. By roll call vote: Huss-yes, Lackey-yes, Twombly-yes, Parker-abstain. Motion carried 3-0-1 with one abstention.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Ken Stewart informed the Council that he had scheduled a work session for October 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

A brief discussion was held concerning adopting a “cat ordinance”. Council members Lackey and Huss felt they would like to delay any decision at this time while council members Parker and Twombly felt they would like to move forward. Mayor Stewart stated he would like to see the City proceed with enforcement of the issue. City Attorney Ted Collins said he would go ahead with preparing an ordinance for the Council to review at the next regular meeting.

City Attorney Collins informed the Council that the City is waiting on responses from the school district and college concerning the ball park use and that the contract to allow the school district to place a radio antenna on the water tower was still being reviewed.

Mari Ann Parker moved to approve the contract with Herzog Construction for milling out asphalt on South Kansas Street at a cost of \$6285.00. Kevin Lackey 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

It was agreed that the annual review of the Personnel and Police Manuals be done at the October, 2011 regular meeting due to recent additions and changes that had just been done.

Mayor Stewart stated that he would like to discuss the possible adopting of a “snow ordinance” at the October 27th work session.

It was agreed by the Council to have City Clerk Bill Butrick contact Westar Energy to have them remove light poles, as requested by the College, located where the new dormitory is being built and to also have the one light moved around the corner to a pole located on West Avenue.

Council members Kevin Lackey and Scott Huss briefly discussed the expense associated with the street lights and asked that this issue be further discussed at the October 27th work session.

Mayor Ken Stewart informed the Council that the city maintenance crew had finished installing eight fire hydrants and had dug up two more that he was aware of. He also stated that the coin operated “Water Salesman” is being moved to the south side of the current maintenance building.

Mayor Stewart reviewed a sample letter that will be sent out to all water customers concerning the violation that occurred in April, 2010 where the City missed sending in one water sample for that month.

5:45 p.m. Kevin Lackey moved to go into executive session for twenty minutes to discuss personnel issues and for City Attorney Ted Collins and City Clerk Bill Butrick to remain. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

6:05 p.m. Scott Huss moved to come out of executive session. Kevin Lackey 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Twombly moved to allow part-time office employee to be added to the city cell phone plan and for them to pay \$20 per month reimbursement for service and any additional costs involved with this plan. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Kevin Lackey moved to give Police Chief Brandon Whetstine a \$500 bonus for the extra hours he has worked recently. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Scott Huss moved to give Michael Hunsaker a two step raise of fifty cents per hour on the city’s salary schedule. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Kevin Lackey moved to authorize Mayor Ken Stewart, Police Chief Brandon Whetstine and Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Kevin Lackey to hire part-time police officers at a range of \$10 to \$12 per hour depending upon experience. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

6:07 p.m. Scott Huss moved to adjourn. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

City Clerk