

**CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS  
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING  
AND  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL  
August 8, 2018  
5:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dana Clary, Jesse Marriott, Matt Peterson and Rocky Ruhnke

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Charles Batchelder

**CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** City Attorney Ted Collins, City Clerk Joann Karn, City Maintenance Supervisor Aaron Leach, and City Maintenance Worker Trevor Saunders

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Dorothy Diveley, Mike Batchelder and Cyndi Florence

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Jerry Twombly

The Public Hearing for the 2019 Budget was opened at 5:00 p.m. with council members present.

After a brief review, Rocky Ruhnke moved and Dana Clary seconded a motion to approve the 2019 budget as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Jesse Marriott moved and Matt Peterson seconded a motion to close the Public Hearing at 5:06 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

5:08 Mayor Twombly called the regular city council meeting to order.

Matt Peterson moved and Jesse Marriott seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2018, regular city council meeting. Motion carried 4-0

Jesse Marriott moved and Dana Clary seconded a motion to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 4-0

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Cyndi Florence, reviewing the Youth Summer Recreation Program, thanked everyone involved in making this a successful experience for our youth and volunteered to coordinate next summer's program. The council thanked her and others for volunteering and accepted Ms. Florence offer to coordinate next summer's program. Rocky Ruhnke would like to secure enough donations, hold fundraisers, etc. for all youth to play for free next summer.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dorothy Diveley thanked the city for improvements on the city streets and the oil and chat.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:**

Mayor Twombly- Individual(s) concerned if the city was promoting BYOB with the street dance. The city is not promoting BYOB but will follow last year's practice. Rocky Ruhnke moved and Jesse Marriott seconded a motion for the city to sponsor the street dance on August 18<sup>th</sup> with Main Street from Genesee to Ives (2 blocks) closed from 6 pm to midnight, allow open containers of alcoholic beverages and cereal malt beverages from sidewalk to sidewalk, between the aforementioned streets, during this time. Motion carried 4-0

Attorney Collins – Asked for an executive session later in the meeting. Attorney Collins is waiting on a response regarding the gas service franchise agreement as minor changes were suggested.

Clerk Karn – Provided information on the League of KS Municipalities annual conference held in Topeka, October 6-8. An event, wedding reception, at the community center on August 18<sup>th</sup> asked for extended hours. The consensus of the council was to allow the event until 1:00 a.m. and give a two-hour cleanup, close at 3:00 a.m.

Police Chief Brandon Whetstine – Absent

Maintenance Supervisor Leach – Nitrate results from KDHE, analyzed on 7/27/18, returned at 8.6 mg/L.

Supervisor Leach asked for a water/sewer committee meeting with him and another 20-ton cold patch to repair the

streets that did not receive the oil and chat. Rocky Ruhnke moved and Dana Clary seconded a motion authorizing the Mayor, up to \$2,500, to purchase 20-ton cold patch and delivery charges. Motion carried 4-0 Mayor Twombly indicated the college may have interest in using well #3 for irrigation purposes. The city will need to gather more information and explore that possibility.

#### **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**Finance Committee** – Jesse Marriott – Nothing at this time

**Law Enforcement Committee** – Charles Batchelder – Absent

**Parks and Rec. Committee** – Dana Clary – Reported the soccer goals are up; the branch library would contribute ½ of the cost for a bike rack, plus ½ city funds (approx. \$150), to possible be placed in front of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home; Rachael Gibson painting a mural on the former elementary building and sidewalk; community service group to clean and stain the park benches in Degginger Park and a water park representative to attend September's meeting. Matt Peterson moved and Rocky Ruhnke seconded a motion allowing Rachel Gibson to paint the building and sidewalk, following the school districts approval, with expenses charged to the Minier Fund. Motion carried 4-0

**Street and Alley Committee** – Rocky Ruhnke – Reported the fire district approved MCon to reconstruct the south side of the community building parking lot when the remainder of the lot is being rebuilt. Thanks to everyone involved, esp. the County, the streets are much improved following the oil and chat.

**Water and Sewer Committee** – Matt Peterson – Nothing at this time

**Outreach Committee** – Jerry Twombly, Jesse Marriott – Nothing at this time

**Planning & Zoning** – Jerry Twombly, Matt Peterson, Jesse Marriott – Nothing at this time

**Personnel Committee** – Jesse Marriott – Requests an executive session

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

In regards to the hog roast and street dance on Main Street, August 18, 2018, four (4) port-a-potty will need to be rented. Rocky Ruhnke moved and Matt Peterson seconded a motion to approve rental of four (4) port-a-potties, with Superintendent Leach's assistance, up to \$1,000. Motion carried 4-0

#### **ORDINANCES:**

Following discussion, Jesse Marriott moved and Dana Clary seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance #546. An Ordinance of the City of Highland, Kansas incorporating the *Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities*, Edition of 2018, with certain changes and additions. By roll call vote: Marriott – yes, Ruhnke – yes, Peterson – yes and Clary – yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Dana Clary moved and Jesse Marriott seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance #547. An Ordinance of the City of Highland, Kansas incorporating the *Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities*, Edition of 2018, with certain omissions, changes and additions. By roll call vote: Marriott – yes, Ruhnke – yes, Peterson – yes and Clary – yes. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Jesse Marriott moved and Rocky Ruhnke seconded a motion to recess into executive session at 6:00 p.m. for 10 minutes for consultation with an attorney on legal matters that would be deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship and the open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried 4-0 Mayor asked the city attorney to remain

Jesse Marriott moved and Rocky Ruhnke seconded a motion to recess into executive session at 6:10 p.m. for 10 minutes to review individual employee(s) pursuant to the non-elected personnel for the protection of the privacy rights of the protected employee(s) and the open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 6:20 p.m. Motion carried 4-0. Mayor asked the city attorney to remain

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rights of the protected employee(s) and the open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 6:40 p.m.  
Motion carried 4-0. Mayor asked the city attorney to remain

Jesse Marriott moved and Rocky Ruhnke seconded a motion to recess into executive session at 6:40 p.m. for 10 minutes to review individual employee(s) pursuant to the non-elected personnel for the protection of the privacy rights of the protected employee(s) and the open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 6:50 p.m.  
Motion carried 4-0. Mayor asked the city attorney to remain

Jesse Marriott moved and Dana Clary seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried 4-0

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Mayor

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City Clerk