

INFORMATION

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Next Meeting – May 11th, 2009

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Regular Council Meeting April 13th, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gibson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Commissioners Jason Klenklen, Dale Barnum, Marlin Youngquist and Mark Roberts. Members absent: Commissioner Steve Stanton.

Citizens in attendance were Sandi Goetz, Bob Holliday, Amanda Watson, Chris Feuerborn, Marilyn Blevins, Grace Jolly, and Lynn Drown

OPENING COMMENTS:

Marilyn Blevins at 544 Delaware thanked the council on doing such a great job on burning off the corp. property it was very much appreciated. Thank yous will be sent out to all who were involved in the burning. The City appreciates the acknowledgement.

Sandi Goetz at 107 Vista View Ct. reported that she is very impressed with the car clean up on Delaware. She reports that there is a car up on jacks on her road at this time. She also wanted to thank maintenance worker Travis Adams for picking up trash on Delaware.

II. COUNCIL COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Commissioner Klenklen reported that the Corp. Ground Committee meeting is May 7th at 7pm and he requests that all of the council members be present at the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Klenklen to approve the agenda, discussion by Roberts to move #6 Employee and Vacation policy to next month due to new mayor and council members coming in. Motion was second by Youngquist. The motion passed 4-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

a) MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9TH, 2009 AND MARCH 9TH, 2009 MEETING

Motion by Klenklen to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2009 meeting, second by Barnum. The motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Roberts to approve the minutes from March 9, 2009 meeting second by Youngquist. The motion passed 4-0.

b) MARCH TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bieker furnished the Mayor and Council with a monthly financial report for March. The report reflected credits/debits of \$5,898.24/\$7,268.61 for General, \$5,599.38/\$3,091.91 for Water, \$2,065.08/\$628.01 for Sewer, \$0/\$47.92 for Parks, \$0/\$222.86 for Equipment Reserve and \$3,107.88/\$4,917.00 for Trash. The total receipts/expenditures for March were \$16,670.58/\$16,176.31.

Motion by Klenklen to approve the March Treasurer's Report, second by Roberts. The motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Klenklen to approve the February Treasurer's Report, second by Barnum. The motion passed 4-0.

c) MARCH WARRANT REGISTER

The March Warrant Register reflected an expenditure amount of \$12,333.38 for General, \$7,232.07 for Water, \$670.71 for Sewer, \$222.86 for Equipment Reserve, and \$17.13 for Park. Total expenditures for March were \$20,476.15.

Motion by Youngquist to approve the March Warrant Register, second by Roberts. The motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Klenklen to approve the February Warrant Register, second by Roberts. The motion passed 4-0.

V. REPORTS:

Planning & Zoning:

Committee Chairperson, Sandi Goetz informed the Council that the Planning & Zoning Committee met on April 9th all members were present except for Arnold Leek. The board reviewed plans for a 6x18 front sitting porch to be located at 102 Vista View Court. The committee recommends approval of the plans presented by Mrs. Whitehouse. The Planning and Zoning Committee also reviewed plans for an auxiliary shed for Marlin Youngquist at 628 Delaware. Ms. Goetz read the following statement:

The Planning and Zoning Committee reviewed the site plan for shed placement located at 628 Delaware and recommends approval of the permit application to the City Council. However, the Planning and Zoning Committee wishes to express their concerns when citizens, and in particular City Council members, do not follow appropriate procedures by submitting plans to the Planning and Zoning Committee **prior** to placing structures on their property. This practice significantly diminishes the effectiveness of the governing body and also sets precedence to future applications presented to the committee.

There is also a new shed that went up at 444 Kiowa that went up without a permit. It's requested that a letter be sent to the residence about getting a permit for the shed.

Dottie Hissong recently purchased the property at 108 Main Street. The square footage of the building is 300 square feet and does not meet the 500 square feet now required by ordinance. Ms. Hissong contacted Ms. Goetz to make sure that the smaller footage of 300 square feet is grandfathered. Sandi reported that they are grandfathered in and an e-mail had been sent to Ms. Hissong.

The fencing at 316 Sioux is an ongoing issue for not meeting the set backs put forth by the city. Planning and Zoning believe that there are no safety issues with the fence and both of the neighbors have no concern with the fence. The committee believes that it would be fine to keep the fence there until the resident decides to move if/when this happens it would be requested that the fence be taken down. The committee decided that since all parties had agreed to the fence that it would be acceptable for it to stay the way that it is and to no longer push the issue. Commissioner Klenklen disapproves of this plan. Klenklen has concern that if the fence is allowed to stay up if the resident does sell and move the city can't hold the resident responsible. Commissioner Roberts reports that he has walked around the fence and has concern with the neighbor behind the residence. Roberts saw that the fence cuts off the line of sight out to the street. Mayor Gibson says that he has no objection to the variance but the residence has not had a house light or house numbers for months. There have been a numerous letters sent to Mr. McCollum to resolve these issues to meet city ordinance. Mr. McCollum has not complied with fixing the yard light and house numbers. Mr. Gibson requests that the other issues be fixed before granted a variance on the fence. Mr. Gibson would like that Mr. McCollum come to the council meeting in person instead of the Planning and Zoning committee to request the variance. Mr. Roberts agreed with Mr. Gibson. Mr. Roberts would like something done now about this issue. Mr. Klenklen added that he wants to see that city codes are enforced. Motion by Roberts for the variance to be denied and that a certified letter be mailed to Mr. McCollum to have the fence moved to meet city code within 90 days, second by Klenklen. The motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Klenklen to approve building permit 2009-03 BP#5 at 102 Vista View, 2nd by Barnum. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Klenklen to approve building permit 2009-04 BP#4 at 628 Delaware Dr. 2nd by Roberts. Motion passed 4-0 Youngquist abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

Sandi Goetz had concern about the electric dog fences that are appearing all over the city. There are no ordinances to enforce any set backs for these.

Councilmember Roberts would like a letter sent out to Jim McCarthy about the trees on his lot needing to be trimmed, or removed due to the lack of visibility for motorists trying to turn onto Kansa.

Streets:

Street Commissioner Youngquist reported that he is looking into the following street projects for 2009:

- North end of Delaware from Kansa north to cul-de-sac
- Goldenrod to Delaware to Kansa
- Sunflower from Kansa to Kiowa
- Joint repair on Delaware (approximately 16 joints that need to be ground out and re laid.)

Councilman Youngquist will be requesting bids for the projects.

Mayor Gibson reported that there are drainage issues at the Shaw, Dillinger, and Young residence. Mayor would like to see the drainage issues dealt with. Mayor also reported that there is a big patch on central where the county stops and the city starts.

Klenklen reminded the council that city maintenance is still planning on replacing the water line to the school after school gets out so that will tear up the street where that is located.

Mayor Gibson reported that Mr. Stanton at 300 Delaware has not trimmed his trees as requested back in February. Mr. Stanton reported at the February meeting that he would trim the trees in order to help with visibility at the intersection of Delaware and Sunflower. Mr. Gibson believes that 2 months is ample time for Mr. Stanton to have trimmed his trees. Mr. Klenklen wants to know if the maintenance workers can cut them. Mr. Roberts would like to see that the trees are trimmed as soon as possible. Motion by Klenklen that Mr. Roberts talk to Mr. Stanton to get him to cut the trees, if not done by April 20th, 2009 then the city will trim back trees to the easements, 2nd by Youngquist. Motion passed 4-0.

Utilities:

On April 3, 2009 Mr. Case with Blue Valley and Doug Schmidt with Jefferson County Emergency Management met with Commissioners Klenklen, Roberts, and Stanton. After the meeting Mr. Klenklen feels that all concerns/questions were answered in regards to the storm siren. A development on the east side of the lake is still looking into purchasing the old storm siren.

Mr. Klenklen provided the council with a storm ready hand out information. The storm ready program helps America's communities with the communication and safety skills they need to save lives and protect property during threatening weather. The storm ready program encourages communities to take a proactive approach to improving local hazardous weather operations. There are many benefits to this program to keep our city safe. This is something that Mr. Klenklen would like the council to consider this plan for the future to help ensure the safety of our city.

Mr. Klenklen reports that hydrate flow testing will take place sometime in June after school is out.

Work session for new mayor and councilmen is set for April 30th at 7pm at the Township hall to discuss past and future projects for the city. The council requests an email reminder about this meeting when the date is closer. It's also requested that a letter be sent to new mayor Chris Fuerborn and new council members Mark Larson and Steve Stanton to inform them of this meeting and request their presence. Klenklen thinks this meeting will be very beneficial especially with budget coming up in August.

Mr. Roberts reported that the state wide tornado siren test was on 3/10/09 and he was happy with the results. Roberts reported that Ms. Blevins, Mr. Brunton, Mr. Park, and himself were all able to hear the siren clearly inside their homes the day of the test. Mr. Roberts agreed that the meeting with Blue Valley and Doug Schmidt went well and was affective. Doug Schmidt verified that the town of Ozawkie is safe. It was mentioned that in the future the city could put up another storm siren on the North end of town if possible. The talk of providing weather radios was also discussed during the meeting. Mr. Schmidt reported that studies have been done and it's found that the TV is the top source most people turn to during bad weather.

Mr. Klenklen wanted to remind everyone that the test in February was NOT ideal conditions. He also wanted to remind everyone that hearing the siren indoors is subjective because the siren is an outdoor system.

Parks:

Park Commissioner Barnum requested to meet with the mayor to put together a plan to work on the park. There is a limited budget but a horse shoe pit and volleyball court will fit that budget reasonably. Westar will be giving free labor for the park plan. Discussion of the short and long term plan for the park. Klenklen reports there are outlets for tree donations. Barnum will talk to K-state about getting trees.

Law Enforcement:

Councilman Stanton is not present. Mayor Gibson reported there was some underage drinking at a residence on Delaware this past month. There were some tickets issued and could be more issued if the county attorney decides to press charges against the owner of the residence. Klenklen reported there were some issues with people going down on the corp. ground when it was muddy, gates were shut and that seemed to take care of the problem.

Governmental Affairs:

Governmental Affairs Commissioner Roberts reported on several bills that are of interest to municipalities, including the state budget shortfall, Proposition K "Taxpayers Bill of Rights", and three annexation bills; HB 204, HB 254, HB 251, and FYI 2010 Mega Budget Bill.

House Bill 2152 did pass to allow golf carts on city streets; however the city has to pass the appropriate ordinance to make this legal.

Tree Board:

Commissioner Barnum reported that Arbor Day is April 24th, 2009. He wants to get something together for the weekend of the 25th26th to possibly get some trees planted in the park. Mayor Gibson offered his help on this project.

Maintenance:

Nothing to report.

Certified Operator:

Mayor Gibson recognized Travis Adams for recently getting certified as a Water Supply System Operator for all Class I water systems. Travis passed the certification tests at the Kansas Rural Water Conference in Wichita in March.

City Clerk:

Please take note of the following upcoming events:

April 23rd – City-wide Vet Clinic at the Township Hall from 6pm to 8pm

May 2nd – City-wide garage sales

May 9th – City-wide cleanup

Clerk Schuler also presented certificates of appreciation to Mayor Gibson and Commissioner Klenklen for all their hard work and dedication to the City of Ozawkie. Their determination and commitment to make our city better is greatly appreciated and will be missed.

NEW BUSINESS

VI. Contract regarding Leisure Lane agreement

Mayor Gibson reported that John Kurth has not had time to get back to Clerk Schuler or himself since last council meeting. Mr. Gibson read emails from the day of the council meeting Kurth states that he “hopes to have the agreement updated and ready by next council meeting, but due to his busy schedule that may not be possible”.

Discussion for possible change of city attorney that would be able to serve the city better and in a timelier manner.

Motion by Barnum to table discussion until May, 2nd by Klenklen. Motion passed 4-0.

VII. Property Insurance

Mayor Gibson looked over a copy of the property insurance. Mayor Gibson would like copies made for each council member for next meeting in May and to have property insurance on the agenda in May to discuss.

VIII. City Wide Clean Up

Mayor Gibson discussed City Wide Clean Up is scheduled for the Saturday after the city wide garage sales May 9th. The council would like to remind citizen that **TIRES** are **NOT** acceptable. City employees and council members have volunteered to monitor the dump site during the hours of operation.

Motion by Klenklen to move forward with City Wide Clean up on Saturday May 9th from 8am-2pm and to work with S.M. Ball Waste Disposal to meet our budget, 2nd by Youngquist. Motion passed 4-0.

IX. Garage Sales

Sharon and Gary Branson were not present. Mayor Gibson reported that the city is willing to help with making copies of the maps that will provided the day of the sales. Many people have already paid and there is a lot of excitement surrounding the city garage sales.

X. Chevy S10

Mayor Gibson discussed that the maintenance workers would like something done with the grey Chevy S10 that is sitting next to the maintenance building. The truck used to be use for animal control but that service is no longer needed in the city. Discussion about sealed bids for the truck and how to advertise the truck being for sale.

Motion by Barnum to advertise the pick up for sale in the paper for sealed bid, 2nd by Klenklen. Amended by Roberts, the council reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Sealed bids will be accepted until May 11th and they will be opened that night at the City Council Meeting. The truck is for sale as is where is, no warranties implied Motion passed 4-0.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Klenklen to adjourn at 8:49pm, second by Youngquist. The motion passed 4-0.

Janelle R. Schuler
City Clerk

