

INFORMATION

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Next Meeting – May 8th, 2006

Regular Council Meeting April 10th, 2006

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gibson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Mayor Scott Gibson. Commissioners Terry Marsh, Ed Carmona, Kirk Vernon, Brad Ayres and Elke Lassiter.

Citizens in attendance were Jason Klenklen, Leone Harries, Randy Harries, John Howey, Ed Lindsay, Jim Brasher, Don Lassiter, Jim Cox, Sandi Goetz, Sharon Branson, Bob Schuenight, and Wayne McNary.

Mayor Gibson informed all in attendance of a letter submitted by Councilmember, Brad Ayres, resigning his seat on Council due to lack of time to actively pursue the position. Motion by Carmona to accept the letter of resignation, second by Marsh. The motion passed 3-0.

OPENING COMMENTS:

In opening comments, citizen, John Howey, informed the Council that he felt that it would be a mistake if the Fire Department moved out of the City. He explained that he was one of the members who first created the Fire Department, and a lot of history would be lost by losing it.

Sharon Branson informed the Council that she has received several registrations, and reminded all in attendance that registrations must be received by April 30th in order to be put on the map. Councilman Carmona explained that he has been in contact with the Jefferson County Humane Society, and he has agreed to pay the fee for them to set up a booth in the park. They will have some cats and dogs available for adoption at their booth. Motion by Marsh to approve the Council waives the booth fee, second by Carmona. The motion passed 4-0.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Gibson added Item #8 – Executive Session, Employee Review. Motion by Carmona to approve the agenda as amended, second by Marsh. The motion passed 4-0.

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

a) **MINUTES OF THE MARCH 13TH MEETING**

Councilman Marsh inquired as to whether the telephone in the Maintenance Building has been removed. Clerk Zimmerman confirmed that it has. Motion by Carmona to approve the Minutes of the March 13th, 2006 meeting, second by Marsh. 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 of \$4,121.43 for General, \$4,389.63 for Water, \$2,516.54 for Sewer, and \$3,178.55 for Trash. The total receipts for March were \$14,206.15.

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

c) **MARCH WARRANT REGISTER**

The March Warrant Register reflected an expenditure amount of \$11,612.58 for General, \$6,199.44 for Water, \$1,802.40 for Sewer, \$516.37 for Special Highway and \$102.83 for Park. Total expenditures for March were \$20,233.62.

Motion by Carmona to approve the Warrant Register, second by Vernon. The motion passed 4-0.

IV. REPORTS:

Planning & Zoning:

Committee Chairperson, Sandi Goetz reported that the committee held 3 meetings in March, a regular one on March 6th with Arnold Leek, Deb Gaskill and Sandi Goetz in attendance, an ordinance review meeting on March 20th with Arnold Leek, Deb Gaskill, Grace Jolly and Sandi Goetz in attendance and a meeting to review proposed plans on March 27th with Jason Phillips, Deb Gaskill, Grace Jolly, and Sandi Goetz in attendance. The Planning & Zoning Committee recommended Council's approval for plans on block C lot 3 at 719 Kansa for a new home construction. Randy Harries, the general contractor building the house, explained to the Council that due to some water drainage issues, the house will be flipped on the property. The plans are exactly the same, just flip flopped. Motion by Marsh to approve the plans, second by Carmona. The motion passed 4-0. The next Planning & Zoning meeting will be on May 1st, 2006.

Streets:

Street Commissioner Marsh reported that he does not have any preliminary quotes, but he hopes to have them by the May meeting. Marsh was hoping to use some of the Street budgeted money to begin working on parking spaces for the park, but questions have arisen as to whether Street money can be used for Park improvements. Marsh explained that if he cannot work on parking, he will work on milling and putting a cap on Delaware, where work has not been done in several years.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks:

Information was provided by Steve Stanton showing park equipment from various cities. The Council agreed that most of the equipment from other cities is very old and may not meet OSHA Standards.

Park Commissioner Lassiter explained to the Council that she has received her estimates for park equipment and recommends that the Council approve her getting a loan from Denison State Bank in the amount of \$20,000 at an interest rate of 4.95%. Lassiter explained that Denison State Bank would not agree to loan any amount less than \$20,000, so she would need the large loan, and then she would pay off however much possible with what is in the park fund currently. Councilwoman Lassiter informed all citizens that she will be forming a "Park Committee", which will help her with fundraisers and the managing of the Park donations and contributions, which will be put into a 501 C 3 account. Motion by Lassiter to approve the expenditure of \$20,000.00 for park equipment, second by Carmona. The motion passed 4-0 with Marsh abstaining with the reason being that he is concerned with financing.

Jim Cox pledged to donate \$500.00 and Bob Schuenight pledged to donate \$100.00. Anyone who may be interested in donating to the new park equipment, please make a check out to the City of Ozawkie and make a note that it is a park donation. Citizen, Wayne McNary, encouraged Councilwoman Lassiter to contact the Prairie Band of Potawatomi for donations.

Anyone who may be interested in sitting on the Park committee is asked to contact Elke Lassiter at 876-2513.

Law Enforcement:

Nothing to report.

Governmental Affairs:

Councilman Carmona informed all in attendance that USDA will be making an announcement that they will be servicing cities with populations of less than 20,000, aiding in financing homes and improving roadways and sewer infrastructures.

Tree Board:

Councilman Vernon informed the Council that he has an 8-10' Oak tree that he will donate to the tree board, if they are interested.

City Maintenance:

Public Works Supervisor Thomas furnished the Council with a report for March. The report reflected equipment, parts, and supplies purchased in March.

Public Works Supervisor Thomas informed the Council that Mayer Specialty Services has surveyed approximately 9,000 linear feet and is approaching Meadowlark and Delaware. So far, one significant problem has been found, as well as a few smaller issues. The significant problem dealt with a manhole under the street having infiltration of water from a broken seal. Mayer Specialty Services will be faxing an estimate for the repair. The smaller issues are caused by broken tiles, which will cost around \$200-\$300 a piece to fix. There is one issue with an individual connection due to roots, which will be the homeowners' responsibility.

Public Works Supervisor Thomas explained that the small lawnmower has been cutting great, because of the up-keep that the Maintenance Staff did last year with the weeds and lagoons and the lagoons will be kept clean and weed-free again this year.

Public Works Supervisor Thomas informed the Council that Miller Excavating will be out around Thursday to start work on the Lagoons and ditches along Kiowa, weather permitting. The projects should take approximately 1-1 ½ weeks to complete.

City Clerk:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

V. Main Street Land/Fire Dept.

Ed Lindsay, Ozawkie Township Clerk, attended to request that the City negotiate a 50' parcel of land north of the current fire station for an addition. If the City would be willing to sell or donate 50' of land north of the current station, it would allow enough space to add 3 bays, as well as an office for the fire department, so the City would solely be in the current office. The Township would negotiate a set rent amount, as opposed to the 2/3 of the utilities that has currently been agreed upon. None of the park equipment would be affected by the addition, except a tree and a park bench, and both could be relocated with ease. Councilman Carmona explained that he has always been for selling a piece of land on Main Street to the Township for the amount of \$7500.00. Motion by Marsh to deny the request for the land, second by Lassiter, the motion failed at 2-3 with Carmona and Vernon voting nay. Mayor Gibson broke the tie vote with a nay. Citizens, Jim Cox and Jason Klenklen, explained that they didn't feel that the 50' of land would hurt anything and was a small price to pay for having a Fire Department in the City limits. Ozawkie Township Board Member, Jim Brasher, explained that the Board has had a difficult time creating a larger work space for the Fire Department that the voters will approve, and an addition to the current station seems to be the most convenient and sensible. Councilwoman Lassiter explained that she is not in favor of permeating the park, but she will be open-minded to the idea. Councilman Carmona and Councilman Vernon were both interested in looking

into the addition. Councilman Marsh expressed his concerns for the wear and tear of Kiowa Street due to the constant traffic from the Fire Trucks. Mayor Gibson requested that the Township Board meet to set a rent amount for the City Office, and the Councilmember's will assess the property before the next meeting and make a decision at the May 8th meeting as to whether the City will be willing to negotiate the 50' of land north of the current station.

Clerk Zimmerman furnished the Mayor and Council with all of the costs for appraising the land on Main Street, with the recommendation of hiring Marc Bunting, from Bunting Appraisal Services. Councilman Carmona agreed that Mr. Bunting would be a good choice, being the least expensive and most knowledgeable of the area. Motion by Marsh to approve hiring Marc Bunting, second by Vernon. The motion passed 4-0. If for some reason Marc Bunting cannot do it, the Council agreed to hire the next least expensive appraiser.

VI. Codified Ordinance Committee Report

Councilman Marsh informed the Council that, although he was certain the ordinances would be ready for Council's review for this meeting, they are not because the committee decided to meet one last time to finalize everything. The proposed changes are approximately 72 pages long and will be ready for Council's approval at the May meeting.

VII. Ozawkie City-Wide Cleanup

Mayor Gibson inquired as to whether the Council would like to approve the dumpsters for the City-wide cleanup again this year. After much discussion, the Council agreed to have the City-wide cleanup day on the second Saturday and Sunday of May, and have the dumpsters available for dumping between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm. Four dumpsters will be available. Motion by Vernon to approve Council's agreement, second by Carmona. The motion passed 4-0.

VIII. Executive Session – Employee Review

The Council will recess into an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (1). Motion by Carmona to recess into an Executive Session for 10 minutes, second by Vernon. The motion passed 4-0. Executive session began at 9:07 and is set to conclude at 9:17. Council reconvened at 9:17.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Vernon to adjourn at 9:20pm, second by Carmona. The motion passed 4-0.

Melissa A. Zimmerman
City Clerk



Gary & Sharon Branson will be putting **Garage Sale Registration Forms** on all homeowner's doors around the first of April. You may also download the form from the website (www.ozawkie.org) and print it out. If you would like to participate in the Ozawkie City-wide garage sales on May 6th, please fill out the registration form and return it to either the City Office or Gary and Sharon Branson. For more information, please call Gary or Sharon at 876-2720.



If you are interested in sitting on the Park Committee or making a donation towards the park equipment, please contact the City Office or Elke Lassiter at 876-2513.