

## **Regular Council Meeting August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

Mayor Buckman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Members present: Terry Marsh, Janice Brasher, Steve Scott, and Ed Carmona.

### Opening Comments:

In opening comments, citizen, Jason Phillips, voiced his concerns regarding the burn pile. Jason explained that when the burn pile burns, it affects all of the houses on Kiowa because of the odor. Engineer Thomas agreed to burning the green grass clippings in a separate pile.

Phyllis Cooper informed the Council that there have been numerous dogs running loose within the City. Mrs. Cooper requested that an announcement be put in the newsletter regarding the leash laws in Ozawkie.

### Agenda Item #2 – Approval of 8/9/04 Agenda

Motion by Carmona to approve the agenda, second by Marsh, motion carried.

### Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Consent Items

Motion by Marsh to approve the Consent Items, second by Carmona, motion carried.

### Agenda Item #4 – Reports

#### Planning & Zoning:

Planning & Zoning Committee Member, Terry Marsh, reported that he has spoken with a citizen of Ozawkie who has displayed interest in sitting on the Planning & Zoning Board. Councilman Marsh requested that all Council Members put their thoughts and ideas about the building permit fees and rules in writing.

#### Streets:

Street Commissioner Marsh informed the Council that Kiowa Street is not yet complete. The company will be back to finish the project as soon as possible.

#### Utilities:

Nothing to Report.

#### Parks:

Councilman Scott presented the Council with a status report for the playground equipment in the park including estimated cost of repair for the current equipment and information on new equipment and costs. No decisions were made. Discussion will continue at next month's meeting.

#### Law Enforcement:

Councilwoman Brasher reported that she had requested additional detailed information from the Sheriff's department, on her six month report.

#### Governmental Affairs:

Nothing to Report.

#### Tree Board:

Phyllis Cooper reported on the upcoming Fall Festival. Charlie Stutesman, one of the festival committee members, formally invited the Mayor and City Council Members to attend the parade. He also requested that after the raising of the flag, the Mayor kick off the festival by welcoming everyone. Charlie explained that this year's festival is the 150th year anniversary of the establishment of Old Ozawkie. Next year, the committee would like the festival to coincide with the Annual Crappie Tournament at Lake Perry with the Ozawkie Fall Festival, to hopefully bring in new people to the area.

#### City Maintenance:

City Engineer Thomas requested the purchase of a new 2000 4X4 dump truck for the City's use along with a snow blade and sander to replace the existing city dump truck/blade and sander. He cited the following as reasons for his request 1) the existing truck has limited utility. He stated that it was only useful in pushing snow on the main city roads whereas a smaller truck could be utilized to do a better job of pushing snow on the cul-de-sacs and would be more useful in everyday city maintenance 2) The existing truck is going to require numerous repairs at an estimated cost of \$5,000, even after spending a considerable amount of money on the dump truck last year. The existing truck, blade and sander will be used as a trade-in for the new truck, blade and sander. The net cost to the city will be approximately \$17,000. Motion by Carmona, second by Brasher, motion carried.

City Engineer Thomas also informed Council that eventually the sewer system will have to be de-rooted. De-rooting the sewers will not get rid of the problem completely, but it will alleviate a large majority of the complications.

City Clerk:  
Nothing to Report.

Agenda Item #5 Variance for Garage Addition Plans B-1

Ken Bieker has requested a variance for his garage addition plans on lot B-1. The variance will be for the eastern part of Kansa, which is a dead end. The Planning & Zoning Committee has already reviewed the variance and recommends approval to the Council. Motion by Carmona to approve the variance, second by Scott, motion carried.

Agenda Item #6 – Website Compensation

Deb Gaskill presented Council with a Website Design Contact which contained 2 different payment options. The first option is a one-time fee of \$1,700 for the initial design/implementation of the website along with monthly maintenance/assistance of 8 hours for a period of 2 years. The second payment option would provide for an exchange of services with the city whereby Ms. Gaskill would receive free utilities for a period of 4 years. After much discussion regarding the two options, the Council agreed that option 1 would be the better method of payment. Discussion took place regarding an addendum attached to the contact which is to be used if the City wants any kind of advertisement on their website. Deb Gaskill explained that if surrounding businesses wanted ads on the website, there would be a small fee from the business, and 15% of that would go to the City to alleviate some of the cost of the website. Motion by Brasher to accept option #1, with 4 hours of free work time, second by Carmona, motion carried.

Agenda Item #7 – Codification of Ordinances

City Clerk Zimmerman informed Council that once the ordinances are codified, every 2 to 3 years, we will send the ordinance book back to the League of Kansas Municipalities and they will update it for us for a small fee. Motion by Carmona to approve the codification of the ordinances, second by Brasher, motion carried.

Agenda Item #8 – Corps Annual Management Plan

City Clerk Zimmerman and Councilmember Marsh worked on updating the previous Annual Management Plan for the City's Corps Lease. Clerk Zimmerman explained that this has been reviewed and deemed satisfactory by the Corps, now the City has to approve it. Motion by Carmona, second by Brasher, motion carried.

Agenda Item #9 – Budget Discussion & Approval

City Clerk Zimmerman explained that she along with Ken Bieker, City Treasurer, had worked with the Kansas Department of Administration to complete the budget. The Budget as proposed, decreased the tax rate from 16.991%, existing to 16.347% effective January 1, 2005. In spite of the reduction in the actual tax rate the increase in property valuation over prior year resulted in a slight increase to the total tax levied for the coming year. Motion by Carmona to approve, second by Marsh, motion carried.

Agenda Item #10 – Ranson Housing Compliance

No action taken unless someone from Ranson Housing Compliance wants to come in and explain why the City should sign.

There being no more business before the Council, motion to adjourn by Carmona, second by Scott, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.