

INFORMATION

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Next Meeting – March 12th, 2007

Regular Council Meeting February 12th, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gibson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Mayor Scott Gibson. Commissioners Jason Klenklen, Marlin Youngquist, Kirk Vernon. Members absent: Commissioner Elke Lassiter.

Citizens in attendance were Don Lassiter, Ken Bieker, Chuck Toy, Sandi Goetz, Mark Roberts and Steve Stanton.

OPENING COMMENTS:

In opening comments, Clerk Zimmerman noted that the City received a thank you note for the holiday Ham from Sandi Goetz, on behalf of herself and the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Clerk Zimmerman informed the Council that there were several complaints regarding street maintenance after the winter weather. Councilman Vernon informed the Council that he traveled to several other surrounding cities after the winter weather and that their streets were comparable to Ozawkie's streets. Mayor Gibson noted that the City is trying to make every effort to clean the streets to the best of our ability, and will continue to do so.

Citizen, Mark Roberts approached the Council with an issue regarding the American Flag flying in the City Park. Mr. Roberts informed all in attendance that there is a Flag Code that is to be abided by, and Ozawkie is in violation of subsection (k) "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." Mr. Roberts displayed the flag for the Councilmember's, and Councilman Vernon informed Mr. Roberts that it is against the law to take the flag from the City Park without permission. Mayor Gibson informed the citizens that the maintenance department tries to change the flags out every 6 months, but the City, with the help of citizens, will work on changing the flags out on a more as-needed basis. Councilman Vernon requested that the maintenance department keep an extra flag in stock so that the tattered flag can be replaced immediately.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Youngquist to approve the agenda, second by Klenklen. The motion passed 3-0.

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

a) MINUTES OF JANUARY 8TH, 2007 MEETING

Motion by Klenklen to approve the Minutes of the January 8th, 2007 meeting, second by Vernon. The motion passed 3-0.

b) JANUARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bieker furnished the Mayor and Council with a monthly financial report for January. The report reflected credits/debts of \$38,348.72/\$9,345.23 for General, \$4,255.86/\$2,836.33 for Water, \$2,177.43/\$831.13 for Sewer \$0/\$25.13 for Park and \$2,759.42/\$4,185.60 for Trash. The total receipts/expenditures for January were \$47,458.39.

Motion by Klenklen to approve the January Treasurer's Report, second by Vernon. The motion passed 3-0.

c) JANUARY WARRANT REGISTER

The January Warrant Register reflected an expenditure amount of \$9,325.67 for General, \$3,040.17 for Water, \$1,088.04 for Sewer, \$785.60 for Special Highway and \$23.77 for Park. Total expenditures for January were \$14,263.25.

Motion by Klenklen to approve the Warrant Register, second by Vernon. The motion passed 3-0.

IV. REPORTS:

Planning & Zoning:

Committee Chairperson, Sandi Goetz informed the Council that the Planning & Zoning Committee held a Special Meeting on February 8th, 2007 to review building plans submitted by Chuck Toy. The plan are for a new home construction at 505 Sioux (Block L Lot 2). Sandi informed the Council that Planning and Zoning approved recommendation of the plans for Council's approval. Motion by Youngquist to approve the plans, second by Vernon. The motion passed 3-0.

Planning and Zoning will have a regularly scheduled meeting on March 5th, 2007 at the Township Hall. There are currently no plans for review.

Streets:

Street Commissioner Youngquist reported that he received a few results back from the street survey that was to be completed by all citizens, and the general consensus was that everyone wants the City to continue doing the overlay on the streets. The possibility to pass a bond for street improvement arose, as well.

Utilities:

Utilities Commissioner Klenklen informed the Council that the maintenance department had to purchase a Water Circulation Pump for the chlorine injection system because the old pump recently failed. The cost for the pump was \$1,250.00. Councilman Klenklen also informed the Council that he will soon begin working with the maintenance department to repair the water building, because many safety concerns have arisen in regards to the building. Councilman Klenklen also reported that he is still working with the maintenance department to complete the sewer inspections for personal services.

Parks:

Park Commissioner Lassiter was unable to attend the meeting, but Clerk Zimmerman relayed the message from Elke that she is still working on the audit information, and hopes to have enough information at the March Council meeting for the Council to make a decision.

Law Enforcement:

Councilman Vernon addressed the complaints that were discussed at the January Council Meeting:

- Pit Bull Issue – Councilman Vernon informed the Council that he will forward the resolution that Jefferson County adopted, which should eliminate the issue of people claiming that their dog is not a pit bull.
- Semi-Truck parked on Kansa Issue – Councilman Vernon explained that the semi-truck being parked along Kansa was a violation of a state statute, so from here on out, if any citizen witnesses a violation of a state statute, he or she is encouraged to report it to the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department.

Councilman Vernon explained that the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department cannot enforce City ordinances, but they can enforce state statutes.

Governmental Affairs:

Clerk Zimmerman reported that she will be attending the Meriden/Ozawkie Area Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, February 15th, 2007 at noon at the Meriden VFW.

Tree Board:

Nothing to report.

City Maintenance:

Nothing to report.

Animal Control Officer:

No animals were picked up in January.

City Clerk:

City Clerk Zimmerman reported that the Clerk’s Spring Conference will be held at the Wichita Marriott from March 6th through the 9th. After much discussion, motion by Klenklen to approve Clerk Zimmerman’s attendance at the Spring Conference, as well as 3 nights’ stay at the Marriott, second by Vernon. The motion passed 3-0.

Clerk Zimmerman informed the Council of an upcoming Governing Body Institute held by LKM. The class is May 4th and May 5th at the Ramada Inn in Topeka. LKM recommends that all governing body officials attend this class, whether they are new or not to the Council. The Council is also recommended to participate in LKM’s Municipal Leadership Academy.

Clerk Zimmerman informed the Council that the United States Department of Commerce will be asking the City of Ozawkie to participate in an upcoming census.

NEW BUSINESS

V. Building Inspector Discussion

Mayor Gibson informed the Council that Building Inspector, Frances Lorenz, resigned on January 17th, 2007. The Council requested that Clerk Zimmerman contact other Cities to find out who they use as their building inspectors. The Council also requested that Clerk put an employment opportunity ad in the Lawrence Journal World, Topeka Capital Journal, Oskaloosa Independent and the Valley Falls Vindicator. Clerk Zimmerman will also make all of the information available on the City’s website.

VI. Jefferson County Humane Society

Mayor Gibson informed the Council that the Jefferson County Humane Society is no longer asking that City’s pay a set monthly fee to drop animals off at the humane shelter. Instead, the humane society is charging on a per-animal basis. The cost is \$25.00 per animal or \$50 per litter. More information can be found on the City’s website or on the Jefferson County Humane Society’s website at www.jfcountypets.com.

VII. Jeff West Donation

The City received a letter from Jefferson County school district #340 requesting a donation for the upcoming school carnival. The Council agreed to put an advertisement in the newsletter, website, and minute stating that the school district is accepting donations.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Klenken to adjourn, second by Vernon. The motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Melissa A. Zimmerman
City Clerk