

INFORMATION

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Tuesday-Friday: 8am – 2pm

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Next Meeting – February 8th, 2011

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Official Regular Council Meeting January 11th 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Stanton called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Members present: Mayor Steve Stanton, Council members Mark Larson, Dale Barnum and Mark Roberts. Councilmember Joe Beck was absent.

Citizens in attendance were Sandi Goetz, Marilyn Blevins, Daniel Rosencutter, Mark LaPier, Pat Happer, Bill Parker and Jim Shaw.

City employee in attendance was city clerk Rita Christlieb.

OPENING COMMENTS:

Pat Happer of 525 Delaware stated that he was concerned that the water rates would be increased when the City went to the monthly billing. He was also concerned about the additional cost of extra work for the employees including, meter reading, postage, and the clerk's time preparing billings.

Bill Parker of 111 Leisure Ln stated that he also was concerned about the water rates.

Councilmember Mark Larson responded that they monthly cycle would help to reduce delinquencies and the water must show capacity for some government agencies to consider giving the city a loan if it should ever be needed to take care of repairs or the aging infrastructure.

Councilmember Mark Roberts said that he would oppose any increase in water rates at this time because residents have indicated that they did not want it, but were inclined to keep the surcharge instead.

Captain Mike LaPier of the Ozawkie Township Fire department came to comment on the burn trailer on city property. Mayor Stanton asked him how long it would last. Captain LaPier stated until it rusted away. He also informed the Council that it would burn wood, hay, brush, and the like, and that no hazardous material would be burned in it.

Councilmember Larson stated that he would like to see a burn schedule from the fire department and that a time limit be set as to how long it would remain on City property.

Sandi Goetz let the Council know that she would like to see the burn trailer moved over next to the burn pile and outside of City limits.

II. COUNCIL COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Mayor Stanton informed the Council that he had spoken with the City attorney about dealing with abandoned vehicles. The Attorney told him that the city would need to pass a resolution regarding procedures to follow. Mayor Stanton will make a copy of a tow sheet and give it to Council to review and Consider.

Mayor Stanton then stated that he was going to amend Code C-201 and repeal C-202, the ordinance on Stand Alone Yard Lights under ordinance under 1-205 (j). Councilmember Roberts stated his objection to Mayor Stanton vetoing the Stand Alone Yard Lights on principle.

Mayor Stanton informed the Council that the City would no longer continue with the Meriden/Ozawkie Chamber of Commerce. The Council concurred.

Mayor Stanton requested that the part-time position for Maintenance be renewed for 2011, not to exceed 999 hours in the calendar year.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Mark Roberts to approve the agenda, second by Larson. The motion passed 3-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

a) MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 8TH, 2010 MEETING

Motion by Larson to approve the Minutes of the November 8th, meeting as amended, second by Roberts. There were no December minutes. The motion passed 3-0.

b) NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bieker furnished the Mayor and Council with a monthly financial report for November. The report reflected credits/debits of \$7,020.44/\$7,887.26 for General, \$57,158.50/\$3,484.17 for Water, \$2,414.09/\$840.27 for Sewer, \$0/\$33.37 for Parks, \$0/\$7,573.50 for Special Highway, \$0/\$222.86 for Equipment Reserve and \$3,570.67/\$4,937.50 for Trash. The total receipts/expenditures for November were \$20,163.70/\$24,978.93.

Treasurer Bieker also furnished the Mayor and Council with a monthly financial report for December. The report reflected credits/debits of \$2,293.39/\$65,526.50 for General, \$3,566.69/\$7,577.20 for Water, \$1,255.56/\$5,859.79 for Sewer, \$0/\$17.61 for Parks, \$0/\$0.0 for Special Highway, \$0/\$222.86 for Equipment Reserve and \$1,866.56/\$0.00 for Trash. The total receipts/expenditures for December were \$75,982.23/\$79,203.96.

Motion by Larson to approve the November and December Treasurer's Report, second by Roberts. The motion passed 3-0.

c) NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER WARRANT REGISTER

The November Warrant Register reflected an expenditure amount of \$8,627.73 for General, \$2,577.20 for Water, \$859.79 for Sewer, \$0.0 Trash \$222.86 for Equipment Reserve, \$0.0 for Special Highway, and \$17.61 for Park. Total expenditures for December were \$12,305.19

The December Warrant Register reflected an expenditure amount of \$7805.27 for General, \$3608.76 for Water, \$694.31 for Sewer, \$4944.50 Trash \$222.86 for Equipment Reserve, \$0.0 for Special Highway, and \$17.47 for Park. Total expenditures for December were \$17,293.17

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

V. REPORTS:

Planning & Zoning:

Committee Chairperson, Sandi Goetz informed the Council that the Planning & Zoning Committee met on January 3rd. She stated that the committee recommends that the council considers providing a process or procedures to enforce its ordinances. It is the belief of the Ozawkie Planning and Zoning committee that if the City was able to enforce its ordinances, it would also serve to preserve and protect the beauty as well as the property values of the city.

Streets:

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Governmental Affairs:

Already covered.

Parks:

Nothing to report.

Law Enforcement:

Nothing to report.

City Maintenance:

Nothing to report.

City Clerk:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

VI. Appeal for Delinquent WST Procedures

To be covered in the water rates.

VII. Appeal for Delinquent WST Procedures

Councilmember Larson recommended to the council that an “In City limits/Out of City limits” designation be adopted for the purpose of billing and planning. Motion by Roberts, second by Larson. Carried 3-0

VIII. Water Rates

Councilmember Larson gave the Council the General Provisions ordinance XV Utilities to amend the current Ordinance XV. Council member Roberts recommended some word changes.

Larson made a motion to accept the Amendment to XV Utilities with changes, second by Roberts. Carried 3-0

Councilmember Larson also provided the council the amended 15-301(c) Reminder and Disconnection Notice. Councilmember Roberts recommended wording changes.

Larson made a motion to accept the Amendment 15-301(c) with the recommended changes, second by Roberts. Carried 3-0.

IX. Deannexation of Property Across Highway

Planning and Zoning Chairperson Sandi Goetz requested to speak to the Council regarding the deannexation of the property across the highway. She gave the Council a map along with the description of the land. She stated that it was in the business district, but was zoned residential. She stated that the consensus of the Planning and zoning commission was due to lacking any sound figures or facts demonstration how this divesture would impact the city, the Planning and Zoning Committee recommends that the City keep control of that portion of Block S, that is south of HWY 92. If it was deannexed then the City would not have a voice in what was built or how it would be built on that property.

X. Executive Session – Employee Reviews

Motion by Larson to go into executive session under K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (1) – personnel matters of non-elected personnel, at 9:25 for 15 minutes, second by Roberts. The motion passed 3-0.

Council reconvened at 9:40.

Motion by Roberts to give employees Rita Christlieb and Gordon Smith a \$100.00 bonus for satisfactory performance evaluations, second by Larson. Carried 3-0.

XI. Closing Comments:

Mayor Stanton also spoke to the council to get a consensus on changing the monthly council meetings from the second Monday of each month to the second Tuesday of each month.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Barnum to adjourn at 9:45pm, second by Roberts. The motion passed 3-0.

Rita Christlieb
City Clerk