

INFORMATION

City Office – (785) 876-2550
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Mon: 9am – 6pm
Tuesday-Friday: 8am – 2pm

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Next Meeting – February 13th, 2012

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Official Regular Council Meeting January 9th 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Stanton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Mayor Steve Stanton, Council members Mark Larson, Bradley McNary, Nancy Leek and Mel Armstrong. Councilmember Joe Beck was absent.

Citizens in attendance were Sandi Goetz, Marilyn Blevins, Margret Payne, and others.

City employee in attendance was City Clerk Rita Christlieb.

OPENING COMMENTS:

Mayor Stanton opened up the meeting asking if anyone had questions on the prowlers that had been seen in the city. He told them that the sheriff has been informed of the situation and that if any citizen sees anything they are to immediately call the Sheriff's Department. He then proceeded by receiving comments and concerns from the citizens on the Yard Light Ordinance. He asked those members that were on the Yard Light Committee to come and sit at the table up by Council that was put up there for the committee. Two committee members and chairperson Don Majors were present.

John Schaffer of 118 Sunrise stated that he was told when he built his house that he could have either a yard light or a house light.

Gail Dillenbeck questioned what purpose does the yard light serve. She stated that she did not believe that they were for safety or security. Discussion followed.

Don Majors stated that if police officer states that there is enough light in the area that he would consider not ticketing that residence, if there was adequate lighting.

Mayor Stanton asked Yard and Light Committee Chairman Don Majors if he wanted to handle the issues on a case by case basis.

Ms. Goetz of Planning and Zoning stated that the enforcement of the Yard Light Ordinance is the first step in making the residents of Ozawkie in compliance with the City's ordinances.

II. COUNCIL COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Councilmember Larson stated that the Yard Light Committee has no authority to enter a residence's yard in assisting in the repair or installation of the light. The Yard Light Committee is a recommendation committee only. He believes that the committee would be liable for any damage.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilmember Larson requested that Executive Session be added as item #7. Motion by Armstrong to approve the agenda with addition, second by McNary. The motion passed 4-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

a) MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 14th , 2011 MEETING

Clerk Christlieb stated that she had a correction on the name of Debbie Gaskill. It had been misspelled with only one "l" by is spelled with two "l". There were no other corrections. Motion by Larson to approve the Minutes of the November 14th, meeting as amended, second by Leek. There were no December minutes. The motion passed 4-0.

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 \$7,484.76 for General, \$1,819.63 for Water, \$1,003.38 for Sewer, \$2,599.00 Trash, \$0.0 for Special Highway, and \$17.61 for Park. Total expenditures for December were \$17,171.35

The December Warrant Register reflected an expenditure amount of \$5,283.69 for General, \$2,784.62 for Water, \$3,292.84 for Sewer, \$1,480.42 for Trash , \$993.44 for Special Highway, and \$0.00 for Park. Total expenditures for December were \$13,835.01

Motion by Larson to approve the November's Warrant Register, second by McNary. The motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Larson to approve the December's Warrant Register, second by Armstrong. The motion passed 4-0.

V. REPORTS:

Planning & Zoning:

Committee Chairperson, Sandi Goetz informed the Council that the Planning & Zoning Committee met on January 2nd. She stated that they have concerns about many residences doing construction without building permits. She also had giving the Council a rough draft of Chapter 8 Article 2: Health Nuisances in their Council Packets. She requested that Council review the packet and recommend any changes on the packet and return it to the City Clerk by February 1st. This would give the Committee the opportunity to review the recommendations.

She also requested that Council have Law Enforcement become Law Enforcement/Code Enforcement.

She also gave the Council the options and pricing received from SM Ball Waste Disposal on recycling options for the City of Ozawkie. Mayor Stanton stated that he would like to get the information out to the citizens of Ozawkie and told Clerk Christlieb that he would like the information put in the next City newsletter.

Streets:

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Councilmember Larson stated that he would like to request a Rotary Hammer for demolition be purchased for the maintenance department to aid in making repairs and breaking through rock. He stated that it would cost approximately \$660.00.

Motion by Larson to approve the purchase of a Rotary Hammer for the maintenance department, second by Armstrong. Carried 4-0.

Governmental Affairs:

Nothing to report.

Parks:

Nothing to report.

Law Enforcement:

Motion by McNary to place the Yard Light Committee under Governmental Affairs for guidance and to bring their findings to the Council, second by Larson, carried 4-0.

Councilmember Leek stated that she greatly appreciates the Citizens of Ozawkie and their response to the Yard Light Ordinance.

City Maintenance:

Nothing to report.

City Clerk:

City Clerk Christlieb brought up Charter Ordinance #5 that would opt the City of Ozawkie from being required to join the Kansas Underground Utility Damage Protection plan and would allow the City to provide its own substitute provisions for such.

Larson made the motion to adopt the Charter Ordinance #5, second by McNary. Carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

VI. Trash Billing for all Residents

Mayor Stanton stated that the policy that was voted on last month to require all resident of Ozawkie to pay for Trash service need to be revisited by the Council due to the fact that some businesses and residents use another service or do not use the service.

Motion by Larson to abate the ordinance of November that required all residents to pay for trash service. Second by McNary, carried 4-0.

VII. 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 8:15 for 20 minutes, second by Armstrong. The motion passed 4-0.

Council reconvened at 8:40.

VIII. Closing Comments:

No Closing Comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Armstrong to adjourn at 8:42pm, second by McNary. The motion passed 4-0.

Rita Christlieb
City Clerk