

## **INFORMATION**

City Office – (785) 876-2550  
Located at 515 Kiowa

### Office Hours

Mon: 9am – 6pm

Tues-Wed: 8am – 4pm

City Engineer – Bob (785) 640-1194  
Ron (785) 640-8750

Next Meeting – August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005

## **Regular Council Meeting July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Gibson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Members present: Mayor Scott Gibson Commissioners Terry Marsh, Kirk Vernon, Brad Ayres and Elke Lassiter. Members absent: Commissioner Ed Carmona.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

In opening comments, city clerk Zimmerman read aloud a complaint taken from the website from citizen, Jim McCarthy. Mr. McCarthy questioned as to whether it would be worth the City paying the \$200 a month that the Jefferson County Humane Society is asking, because the City will have to pay additional fees to hire someone to pick the animals up to get them to the shelter. Mr. McCarthy explained his irritation with the lack of ordinance enforcement within the City. Councilman Marsh clarified that the Council is not abandoning animal control issues, but until the Ordinances have been codified, the City is at a stand-still. The Council assures all citizens that once the ordinances have been codified, ordinance enforcement will not be an issue.

Citizen Forrest Jolly voiced his concerns regarding electric scooters being driven throughout the City. The scooters are deemed dangerous because of their height. Councilman Vernon explained that anyone operating one of the scooters is still expected to operate under normal rules and regulations.

### **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Marsh to approve the agenda second by Vernon. The motion passed 4-0.

### **III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS:**

Motion by Marsh to approve the consent items, second by Vernon. The motion passed 4-0.

### **IV. REPORTS:**

#### ***Planning & Zoning:***

Planning & Zoning Committee President, Sandi Goetz reported that the committee did not meet in July. The next meeting is scheduled for September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005, however, September 5<sup>th</sup> is Labor Day so President Goetz will be reviewing the dates and re-scheduling the meeting.

#### ***Streets:***

Street Commissioner Marsh reported that A&W has given two bids for the street painting on Kiowa, Bid #1 is for the edge striping only for \$950.00, Bid #2 is for the edge striping and also painting the double yellow lines down the center for \$1,900.00. Councilman Marsh would like the Council's input as to which bid to accept. Councilmen Ayres and Vernon expressed their support for the edge striping only. Motion by Marsh to approve A&W's bid to stripe the edges of Kiowa, second by Ayres. The motion passed 4-0. Mayor Gibson reported that he hasn't been able to get a solid response from the County Commissioners as to when they will be back to do the erosion control along Kiowa.

#### ***Utilities:***

Nothing to report.

#### ***Parks:***

Councilwoman Lassiter informed the Council that she has contacted the USDA Rural Development Offices in Oskaloosa and Manhattan to learn more about possible grant money, and learned that the only way they could get money from the USDA would be to secure a bond to get a loan. Councilwoman Lassiter will continue searching for more possibilities. Councilwoman Lassiter explained to the Council that resident and former councilmember, Steve Scott, will be shipping to Iraq soon, and it might be a good idea to use the garage sale money from the Branson's to send a package, from the City, to Steve Scott's entire unit. Councilwoman Lassiter will ask Sharon Branson if that would be a feasible use for the money. Discussion took place regarding people draining their swimming pools, causing flooding in surrounding yards.

#### ***Law Enforcement:***

Nothing to report.

#### ***Governmental Affairs:***

Nothing to report.

#### ***Tree Board:***

Nothing to report.

#### ***City Maintenance:***

City Clerk Zimmerman reported that Engineer Thomas has received 3 different estimates on the work to be done on the main sewer line from the Delaware lift station, south around the entire City, to Coyote. The project includes approximate 15,025 feet of sewer line. The first bid is from Ace Pipe Cleaning for \$1.65 per foot, totaling around \$24,791.25. The second bid is from Utility Maintenance Contractors for \$1.80 per foot, totaling around \$27,045.00. The third bid is from Mayer Specialty Services for \$1.15 per foot, plus a fee of \$1,925 for the travel, totaling around \$19,203.00. Further discussion will take place once Certified Operator Scheunight checks the references for Mayer Utility Services. Engineer Thomas provided the Council with a June Engineer Report which included 1 line break, replacement of sump pump, supplies purchased, and odd jobs that have been completed around the City.

*City Clerk:*

Nothing to report.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1) Dog Catching Issue**

Clerk Zimmerman informed the Council that after contacting the surrounding cities, almost all of them use their Engineer, Administrator, and Superintendent, as the animal control officer. Clerk Zimmerman provided information to the Council from Ken Swartz, who wants to start up an animal control business. The annual cost would be approximately \$2,208.00. Councilman Marsh suggested that since Engineer Thomas already needs a full-time assistant, since his current assistant will be going off to college at the end of the summer, perhaps a new assistant could have the responsibility to be the animal control officer. Mayor Gibson suggested possible fee increases for animals running at large, and animals not being registered with the City. Discussion will take place at a later date.

### **2) Jefferson County Humane Society**

After the Council reviewed the 2006 Business Plan & Budget presented by the JCHS, motion by Marsh to approve the use of the proposed shelter, second by Lassiter. The motion passed 4-0. Jolie Kearns informed the Council that if for some reason the project does not succeed to begin, the City will not be expected to pay the annual fee of \$2,412.43. The Shelter is believed to be up and running by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005.

### **3) Ranson Housing Compliance**

The City of Ozawkie has received a letter from Ranson Housing Compliance in regards to a mortgage revenue bond program that assists first-time homebuyers with closing costs and down payments. In order for citizens to be allowed to participate in this program, the City Council would have to sign a Cooperation Agreement and Resolution. This will cost the City nothing. Councilman Marsh questions a paragraph located in the resolution which states "...Governing Body of the City of Ozawkie, Kansas, in cooperation with the Issuers, also desires to undertake a program to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing for persons of low and moderate income and to issue bonds and other obligations and to provide security therefore...". Councilman Marsh informs the Council of his disapproval of this wording. The Council unanimously agreed to not sign the resolution and agreement.

### **4) Sump Pump Attachment to Sanitary Sewer**

Mayor Gibson questioned as to whether the City of Ozawkie possesses an ordinance prohibiting homeowners from attaching their sump pumps into the storm sewers. Clerk Zimmerman will check in the ordinance book. Further discussion will take place at next months meeting.

### **5) Fire Department Building Plans**

Councilman Carmona had his company survey the piece of land on the west end of the land on Main Street and has provided the published survey. Councilman Marsh questioned as to whether the Fire Building would still require the 200' X 265', since the property has moved from the east side of the land to the west side. It was decided that due to the utility easement, the extra land will be necessary.

**6) 2005 Standard Traffic Ordinance & Uniform Public Offense Codes**

Councilman Marsh reported that the following ordinances will need to be rescinded before the 2005 STO & UPOC can be adopted: 10-102, 11-401, 11-402 and ordinance #6. Motion by Vernon to rescind the ordinances, second by Marsh. The motion passed 4-0. Motion by Vernon to approve the 2005 Standard Traffic Ordinances, second by Marsh. The motion passed 4-0. Motion by Vernon to approve the 2005 Uniform Public Offense Codes, second by Marsh. The motion passed 4-0.

**V. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Ayres to adjourn the meeting, second by Vernon. The motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

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Melissa A. Zimmerman  
City Clerk