

INFORMATION

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Next Regular Meeting – August 13th, 2007

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Continued Council Meeting July 23rd, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gibson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Mayor Scott Gibson and Commissioners Jason Klenklen, Mark Roberts, Marlin Youngquist and Elke Lassiter. Members absent: Commissioner Kirk Vernon. Clerk Zimmerman and Treasurer Bieker were also in attendance.

One citizen was attendance: Bob Holliday.

II. OPENING COMMENTS

Clerk Zimmerman informed the Council that a complaint was received, regarding the view being obstructed at the intersection of Sunflower and Delaware, caused by large trees. After researching this issue, the Council noted that this is a violation of Section 126 of the Standard Traffic Ordinances, which requires that any tree, plant, shrub, etc. be removed within ten days of the homeowner being notified. The Council agreed to notify Clerk Zimmerman of any other violations of this type so that a letter may be sent out to the homeowners.

Clerk Zimmerman informed the Council that there have been a few citizens who have requested a “Children at Play” sign for the street around their houses. The Council agreed that they couldn’t provide the signs to everyone who requested them, therefore, they would not be able to pick and choose who would receive one.

Mayor Gibson reported that three Planning and Zoning Committee members would like to attend a Planning and Zoning course in Olathe, hosted by LKM. The cost is \$100 per person. The Council all agreed that the course is a great idea and would be very helpful, but since the cost wasn’t budgeted for, the Committee might have to postpone attending until 2008. After much discussion, the Council unanimously agreed that the funding was not available to send any members of the committee, but necessary budgeting would be done for their attendance at future courses.

Mayor Gibson reported that the following individuals volunteered their time on Saturday to help put the new swing set in the park: Michael Youngquist, Don & Elke Lassiter, along with their two sons, Mark Roberts, Jason Klenklen, Bill Kuntzsch, Scott Gibson and Larry Goetz. Mayor Gibson would also like to thank Larry Goetz for donating the concrete and White Star Machinery and Supply for donating their auger for this project.

Kim Bomberger will be visiting the City on September 26th to train the maintenance employees on pruning and planting trees. All citizens are invited to attend.

The Council recessed for 5 minutes at 9:00pm. The Council reconvened at 9:05pm.

III. 2008 BUDGET

The Council discussed whether or not to budget for a municipal judge. Questions arose as to how the City would enforce ordinances and issue tickets without a law enforcement officer or code enforcement officer. The Council reviewed a resume submitted by Jim Roelfs, a certified Kansas Law Enforcement Officer. After reviewing the 2008 budget, the Council unanimously agreed not to hire an enforcement officer or retain the municipal judge at this time, due to a lack of funds.

The Council agreed to budget \$1,000 for education for all City employees, Councilmember's and Planning and Zoning members to attend conferences.

The Council agreed to budget \$2,000 to update the City Office when the fire station is completed and the City takes over the use of the office.

After much discussion, the Council agreed not to pay the requested amount of \$1,891 to the Humane Society, but an amount of \$900 for the 2008 year.

The Council budgeted for estimated cost of living, utility, fuel, and postage increases.

Councilman Klenklen reported that the Corps of Engineers is expecting the City to make slight improvements to the leased Corps Property, mainly the tennis court area. Councilman Klenklen requested \$4,000, but to keep the mill levy increase as low as possible, the Council agreed to budget only \$2,000 for Corps Property Improvements.

The Council agreed not to budget any money for an annual audit, in order to keep the mill levy increase lower.

After reviewing all increases and decreases, the Council was still not satisfied with the proposed mill levy increase, therefore the Council agreed to cut the street budget from \$30,000 to \$15,000. This will not allow for all of the necessary maintenance and repairs needed for the streets and gutters.

Motion by Klenklen to approve the preliminary budget increase not to exceed 5.995 mills, second by Youngquist. The motion passed 4-0.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Klenklen to adjourn at 10:10pm, second by Youngquist. The motion passed 4-0.

Melissa A. Zimmerman
City Clerk