

Rescheduled Council Meeting June 29th, 2004

Mayor Buckman called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. Members present: Terry Marsh, Janice Brasher and Jay Harrison. The meeting had to be rescheduled due to a lack of quorum on June 14th.

Opening Comments:

Elka Lassiter voiced her concerns regarding the City Park. She cited a broken swing and splinters on the jungle gym. She also stated she would like to see more equipment for smaller children. Mayor Buckman stated he would have City Engineer Thomas look at the swing and jungle gym to see what could be done about repairing them. As for new equipment purchases, he stated that Parks Commissioner Scott would be responsible for assessing these needs and making recommendation to the Council.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of 6/29/04 Agenda

Motion by Marsh to approve the agenda, second by Brasher, motion carried.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Consent Items

Motion by Marsh to approve the Consent Items, second by Brasher, motion carried.

Agenda Item #4 – Reports

Planning & Zoning:

Nothing to Report.

Streets:

Terry Marsh reported that he A&W has just now completed the 2003 project. Councilman Marsh has received bids from A&W to perform needed repairs for 2004. Councilman Marsh presented a proposal that included asphalt repair and overlay for Sumac, Buffalo and the USD #340 Easement. He stated he had sent out 3 separate bid sheets and received only one response from A&W Asphalt. He requested approval to engage A&W for the work at a cost of \$21,000. Motion to approve the work to be done by Harrison, second by Marsh, motion carried.

Discussion also took place regarding Jefferson County repairing Kiowa. Councilman Marsh reported that he has contacted the County, and they plan on having Kiowa repaired this year.

Utilities:

Nothing to Report.

Parks:

Nothing to Report.

Law Enforcement:

Councilwoman Brasher reported that she will have a 6 month report prepared for the Council to review at the meeting next month.

Governmental Affairs:

Nothing to Report.

Tree Board:

Nothing to Report.

City Maintenance:

City Engineer Thomas has voiced concerns regarding the amount of trash pickup that he is having to do around Casey's General Store. Councilman Marsh recommended that Clerk Zimmerman send Casey's a friendly letter requesting they help out by cleaning more around their building. Councilman Marsh requested Engineer Thomas repair the collapsed area of the storm drain on Main Street next to Casey's. Engineer Thomas asked the council's consent to begin looking for a replacement to the 2-ton dump truck. He stated the truck did not have much utility for the city other than pushing snow and that it was too big for most of the streets in town. He asked that Council give consideration to selling or trading the 2-ton truck in exchange for a 1-ton late model 4WD. Council asked that he provide them with more specifics on the projected net cost to the city so that they could assess the economic viability of the proposal.

City Clerk:

City Clerk Zimmerman reported that she has been working with KMIT to receive a discount on the current Workman's Compensation Premium. The City of Ozawkie has just received a bronze certification, meaning the City will receive a 1%

discount on the current premium. City Clerk Zimmerman presented the council with a proposal to change the office hours to better suit her current availability. The proposal would keep the office open 3 days/week instead of 5 for extended hours on those 3 days so that the office was still open the same amount of hours per week. The current hours are Monday 11am – 6pm and Tues – Fri 8am – 1pm. The proposed hours are Monday 9am – 6pm and Tues-Wed 7am – 4pm. Council approved the proposal, with the new hours taking effect immediately.

Agenda Item #5 Cereal Malt Beverage License

Motion by Harrison to approve the new Cereal Malt Beverage License for Casey's Retail Co, second by Marsh, motion carried.

Agenda Item #6 – Mowing Reimbursement

Discussion took place regarding a letter that was sent to Mayor Buckman requesting a reimbursement on mowing for the 2003 season. The letter states that this person paid the \$350.00 to have her lot mowed for 2003, but she didn't realize that it was for the upcoming season, she thought it was from the 2002 season and she was being billed after the services were rendered. She claims that she paid someone else to mow her lot and they claim to have mowed it, so it would appear as if the lot had been mowed by two different people. After reviewing the mowing information from the previous engineer for the previous year, the council decided not to reimburse for the services, because they had already been performed. Motion by Harrison not to reimburse, second by Marsh, motion carried.

Agenda Item #7 – Disconnect-Reconnect Fees/Procedures

Pending until next month.

Agenda Item #8 – Building Permit Fees/Rules

Councilman Marsh presented the final copy of the proposed ordinance amendment. Councilman Harrison voiced his concerns regarding the fees and rules for the permits. Harrison feels like that would be giving the City too much control over what goes on within the limits. Mayor Buckman questioned the need for something this restrictive for Ozawkie and cited concerns about enforcement, as the proposed amendment would basically take into effect any improvement to the property which many citizens would likely tend to innocently not take into consideration. The result will be ordinance infractions that will either have to be excepted or dealt with. Discussion will continue at the July 12 meeting.

Agenda Item #9 – Ordinance Codification

Pending until next month.

Agenda Item #10 – Stop/Yield Sign Review

Pending until next month.

Agenda Item #11 – Terry Marsh – Building Discussion

Pending until next month.

Agenda Item #12 – Township Building Discussion

Pending until next month.

Agenda Item #13 – Wellman Party

Pending until next month.

Agenda Item #14 – Annual Handout

Pending until next month.

Agenda Item #15 – Final Proposal – Streets & Roads

Discussed during Street Commissioner Report.

Agenda Item #16 – Ranson Housing Compliance

Pending until next month.

Agenda Item #17 – Fireworks Permit Approval

Motion to approve pending location is not on City Property, second by Harrison, motion carried.

Agenda Item #18 – Senate Bill #328 Discussion

Governor Kathleen Sebelius has recently signed a 2004 Senate Bill No. 328 prohibiting cities from holding landowners liable for water and sewer bills when renters or lessees occupy the property. City Attorney Steven Montgomery has provided the Council with 3 primary options. The first one being, that a new ordinance which will allow the City to bill the occupant of the property. The second option is passing a charter ordinance exempting the City from SB 328. The third option is to pass a regular ordinance which requires the City to contract water with each land owner. After much discussion regarding this matter, motion by Harrison to abstain from any action regarding SB 328, second by Marsh, motion carried.

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting is recessed until next month. Meeting recessed at 9:30pm.

Anyone interested in helping with this year's Fall Festival, please contact the City Office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August – NEWLETTER!

August 2nd – Planning & Zoning Meeting

August 9th – Council Meeting