

INFORMATION

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Next Meeting – July 11th, 2005

Regular Council Meeting June 13th, 2005

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Vernon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Commissioners Terry Marsh, Kirk Vernon, and Brad Ayres. Newly Elected Member Elke Lassiter. Members absent: Mayor Scott Gibson.

SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICER:

Clerk Zimmerman administered the Oath to Elke Lassiter for councilmember. Oaths of Office were signed and returned to Clerk Zimmerman to be sealed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

In opening comments, citizen, Sharon Branson reported that after all of the expenses from the sales have been paid, there is \$60.00 left over to be spent on a tree or flowers for the park. Mrs. Branson informed the Council that she will be waiting for the park fountain to be completed before deciding on the exact placement of the flowers. The Branson's have expressed that they are no longer wanting to run the Ozawkie City-Wide Garage Sales. Anyone who is interested in taking it over is asked to contact Gary or Sharon Branson at (785) 876-2720.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council President Vernon would like item #9 – Fire Department Building. Clerk Zimmerman would like to add a Variance Request to item #5. Motion by Ayres to approve the agenda with item #5 changed and #9 added, second by Carmona. The motion passed 4-0.

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS:

Motion by Marsh to approve the minutes of the May 9th meeting, second by Carmona. The motion passed 4-0. Motion by Marsh to approve the Consent Items, second by Carmona. The motion passed 4-0.

IV. REPORTS:

Planning & Zoning:

Planning & Zoning Committee President, Sandi Goetz reported that the committee met on Monday, June 6th, 2005, by her request, to preview two sets of building plans. Both plans were recommended for Council's approval. The next Planning & Zoning meeting will be held in September, unless a request is made to hold a meeting before then.

Streets:

Street Commissioner Marsh reported that A&W did bid the edge striping on Kiowa at \$950.00, and will be back to bid the yellow striping down the middle of Kiowa.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks:

Councilwoman Lassiter informed the Council that she has been contacting park equipment companies for prices and further information. Councilwoman Lassiter would like any citizen who has a suggestion or recommendation for the park, to please contact her at (785) 876-2513 or email her at elklassiter@earthlink.net.

Law Enforcement:

Nothing to report.

Governmental Affairs:

Nothing to report.

Tree Board:

Nothing to report.

City Maintenance:

Engineer Thomas provided the City Council with an Engineer's Report for May and reported that there has been very obvious infiltration of water into the sewer system, causing the lagoon's to be higher than normal. Thomas informed the Council that he has been getting prices from various companies on cleaning and inspecting the sewer system in the City. The two companies that have answered his price request have both priced the job around \$60K. This service will not *fix* the sewer problems, only identify where the infiltration is occurring. The process will clean the entire sewer system out, and then send a camera in to record the internals of the system. A suggestion was brought up that maybe the City could have the project done in increments, alleviating the harshness of the cost. Further discussion will take place once more information has been attained. Engineer Thomas reported that he has installed the water line for the fountain, he's just waiting for the ground to settle and the weather to permit. Thomas also reported that a new highway sign has been painted and assembled right off of the highway. Councilman Marsh inquired as to whether Engineer Thomas will be purchasing a cement mixer for City use. Thomas reported that he does plan to purchase a cement mixer to be used for multiple purposes, but mostly to fix the curbs of the City.

City Clerk:

City Clerk Zimmerman informed the Council that it is time to begin working on the 2006 budget. The 2001, 2002 and 2003 budgets were prepared by Paul Heinen, however he is no longer able to do the budget, so the City had Bogner & Long prepare the 2004 budget, but they were no longer interested in preparing the budgets for the City. Treasurer Bieker and Clerk Zimmerman prepared the 2005 budget with the aid of the Kansas Department of Administration and the City Council would like to continue that for the preparation of the 2006 budget. Motion by Marsh to hold a Budget Meeting on June 27th, second by Carmona. The motion passed 4-0. A Special Meeting will be held on the 27th of June to discuss the budget. Clerk Zimmerman presented the Council with a report and pictures from the Regional Meeting she hosted on June 8th and thanked the Council for paying for the catering of the lunch. Clerk Zimmerman provided each Councilmember with a **Governing Body Handbook** to be read and understood by each councilmember.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1) Eck Building Plans

The City Council was presented plans that were recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Committee. The plans are for an addition to an existing residence at 321 Sioux. There is a height violation, there the Eck's are

also requesting a variance on the height. Ordinance 3-205 states that “The height of houses is restricted to twenty (20) feet,” but Mr. Eck’s addition plans show the height at 24 feet. Mr. Eck explained that he can reduce the overall height to 22 feet without a problem, but is still requesting a 24 foot variance in case of any unforeseen complications. Due to the placement of the structure, there are no foreseen viewing nuisances. Motion by Marsh to approve the height variance, second by Ayres. Motion by Marsh to approve the building plans. Motion died for lack of second. The motion passed 4-0. Discussion arose as to whether the addition would be in violation of the required 30 foot set-back. After much debate, it was decided that if Mr. Eck would be willing to push the addition back 5 feet, it would eliminate the set-back violation. Motion by Carmona to approve the amended plans, second by Ayres. The motion passed 3-0 with Marsh opposing.

2) Cox Building Plans

The City Council was presented plans that were recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Committee. The plans are for a new home at 436 Kiowa. All easements, set-backs, etc. are up to the building and zoning standards. Motion by Carmona to approve the plans, second by Ayres. The motion passed 4-0.

3) Jolie Kearns – Jefferson County Humane Society

Jolie Kearns, secretary of the Jefferson County Humane Society (JCHS) presented the Council with information on the 2006 Business Plan & Budget. The JCHS is requesting that each City make a monthly contribution based on the population of the City. The City of Ozawkie would be expected to pay \$201.04 a month, from January to June, and then adjustments would be made for the remainder of the year once the budget can be estimated a little more clearly. It was noted that the City is no longer paying the \$200 retainer fee for Judge Reiling, which could compensate for the price of the Humane Shelter. However, this fee that is to be paid to the JCHS, is only for the storage of the animals, not for picking up the animals and transporting them to the shelter. The Council asked Clerk Zimmermann to look into what other City’s do for animal detaining. The discussion was tabled until further information could be attained.

4) Cox – Manhole Lowering

Citizen, Jim Cox expressed his concern regarding a manhole located on his property at _____. The manhole sits 16” above the ground, making it difficult to landscape the area. Mr. Cox suggested removing an 8” riser and an 8” cap from the manhole, and then installing a lower profile manhole covering. The equipment that would be removed could still be used for other manholes. Engineer Thomas informed the Council that there is no problem doing this, and that the project would only require approximately an hour of his time. Motion by Carmona to approve the lowering of Mr. Cox’s manhole, second by Ayres. The motion passed 4-0.

5) Fire Department Building Plans

Councilmember, Terry Marsh, informed the Council that when ILC Co. of Topeka came to survey the east side of the property on Main Street, it was recognized that due to a sewer line/storm sewer running east-to-west through the property, the Fire Department would not be able to build on the east side of the property. With the consent of the Mayor, ILC Company of Topeka surveyed the west side of the property instead. Because there was not a representative from the Ozawkie Fire Department attending the meeting, the discussion was tabled until the July meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Marsh to adjourn, second by Vernon. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Melissa A. Zimmerman
City Clerk