

INFORMATION

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Next Meeting – July 14th, 2008

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Regular Council Meeting June 9th, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gibson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Mayor Scott Gibson. Councilmember's Mark Roberts, Dale Barnum, Steve Stanton and Marlin Youngquist. Councilman Klenklen arrived at 7:30pm. No members absent.

Citizens in attendance were James Shawn, Larry Goetz, Sandi Goetz, Beni Goebel, Paul Goebel, Bob Holliday, Ben White, Jody Godfrey, Dalton Godfrey and Don Majors.

City employees in attendance were Bob Schuenight, Travis Adams and Melissa Zimmerman.

OPENING COMMENTS:

In opening comments, the Council discussed a request from Jody & Dalton Godfrey, of 500 Delaware, to grant a temporary variance of the allotted number of dogs allowed per household. The family currently has four dogs, three boxers and a very old Chihuahua. Dalton Godfrey will be taking one of the boxers with him in May of 2009, after he graduates from high school, in which case there will be only the two boxers and Chihuahua at the house. Motion by Stanton to grant the temporary variance, expiring May of 2009, second by Barnum. The motion passed 3-1 with Roberts voting against.

The council reviewed an email complaint submitted by Margaret Payne of 324 Delaware Drive in Ozawkie. Ms. Payne voiced her concerns regarding the City's leased property from the Corps of Engineers not being maintained by the City. The Council responded by explaining that the wear and tear on city equipment caused by mowing the Corps property is expensive to the City, but that there is currently money in the budget to clean up the property. Councilman Klenklen has been working with the NRCS and the Corps of Engineers, as well as, formed a Corps Ground Management Committee to research options and devise solutions to fix the current condition of the Corps property.

Ms. Payne informed the Council of a ditch that drains on the north end of their lot at 324 Delaware. The Council agreed to have the maintenance department clean and fix the ditch.

Citizens Paul and Beni Goebel requested that the Council research a drainage issue at the north end of their lot at 204 Kansa Drive. Councilman Klenklen questioned whether the drainage issue is caused by the shallow storm drainage ditch, or the natural slope of the lot. Councilman Youngquist will look into the matter and bring it to the July Council Meeting.

Councilman Roberts requested that the Council look into citizen's concerns and do what can be done to help solve issues, within the parameters of the City's budget.

Citizen, Larry Goetz, of 107 Vista View Court, expressed his concerns regarding the violations of "...state traffic laws relating to underage unlicensed operator of non-licensed illegal non-street machines..." Mayor Gibson reported that he has been in contact with several of the violators, as well as, the Sheriff's Department, the City Attorney and the Corps of Engineers.

II. COUNCIL COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

The Council agreed to meet on June 23rd at 6:30 pm to work on the 2009 City budget. All wish list figures need to be turned into Clerk Zimmerman no later than June 20th.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilman Klenklen requested that item #12 – Building Permit Fees, be added to the agenda. Motion by Youngquist to approve the agenda, second by Stanton. The motion passed 5-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

a) MINUTES OF THE MAY 12TH MEETING

Motion by Roberts to approve the minutes of the May 12th, 2008 meeting, second by Stanton. The motion passed 5-0.

b) MAY TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bieker furnished the Mayor and Council with a monthly financial report for May. The total credits/debits for May were \$19,459.01/\$27,186.51. Motion by Klenklen to approve the May Treasurer's Report, second by Youngquist. The motion passed 5-0.

c) MAY WARRANT REGISTER

The Warrant Register reflected an expenditure amount of \$7,490.45 for general, \$2,381.97 for water, \$926.20 for sewer, \$950.00 for trash, \$222.86 for equipment reserve, and \$362.44 for parks. Total expenditures for May were \$12,333.92. Councilman Stanton questioned the gasoline bill from Casey's for the amount of \$462.04. The maintenance department has not done any extra driving, but the cost of gasoline has been increasing. Motion by Roberts to approve the warrant register, second by Youngquist. The motion passed 5-0 with Stanton abstaining due to his hesitation about the Casey's bill.

V. REPORTS:

Planning & Zoning:

Committee Chairperson, Sandi Goetz reported that the committee did not meet in June.

Don Smith, owner of lot K-38, contacted the committee to get permission to do test digging on his lot in Ozawkie. Sandi reported that since the City does not have any ordinances which pertain to test digging, she granted him permission, under the stipulations that he fill the holes in immediately after, and pay close attention to the erosion and drainage onto other properties, after digging.

Chairperson Goetz reported that citizen, Jeff Kilgore, of 401 Kiowa, is considering building a new house on his property. The property is outside the city limits, but his current home on the property does have city water and sewer services. Before he pursues house plans, Mr. Kilgore would like to make sure that the City would be willing to service City Utilities to a new house. Mr. Kilgore will come to the Council when he has more information.

Chairperson Goetz requested that Clerk Zimmerman upload a City lot and block map, as well as, a zoning map on the City's website.

The Council discussed the issue of the storage container in the yard at 401 Delaware. Mayor Gibson reported that he has been in contact with the City Attorney, and if the storage container isn't removed by tomorrow, June 10th, he will move forward with a violation of ordinance 4-211B (e), as well as, chapter 4, article 6. The Council discussed allowing approved storage containers for a short period, such as 10 days, and after the allotted time, charging the homeowner a daily fee until the container is removed. The Planning and Zoning Committee will review this and bring recommendations to the council at the July meeting.

The Planning and Zoning Committee provided a first draft for the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan for Ozawkie. The Mayor and Councilmember's were asked to review the draft and return it to the Planning and Zoning no later than July 3rd.

Streets:

Street Commissioner Youngquist recommended Council's approval for the lowest bid for street work done on Sunflower from Delaware to Kansa and all of Leisure Lane, from Bettis Asphalt in the amount of \$24,741.05. Motion by Barnum to approve the bid, second by Stanton. The motion passed 5-0.

Utilities:

Utility Commissioner Klenklen reported that he will have cost figures for a new siren system by July 1st, for budget purposes.

Councilman Klenklen reported that he is still trying to schedule the renovation projects for the water tower and is hoping that it can be done in July. His main concern is that the water tower will be out of commission for three weeks, and it's questionable as to the consequences to the water system.

Governmental Affairs:

Nothing to report.

Parks:

Park Commissioner Barnum thanked the maintenance department for fixing the water fountain in the City Park.

If you are interested in volunteering for the park committee, please contact the Ozawkie City Office or Dale Barnum.

Law Enforcement:

Councilman Stanton reported that there have been several calls regarding ATV riding in Ozawkie.

The Council discussed possible options for law enforcement in Ozawkie. Councilman Stanton reported that the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department is not able to enforce the City speed limits, ATV/pocket scooter riding, or stop sign violations because Ozawkie is not a City of the first class. The only way the Sheriff's Department would enforce City ordinances is if the City had an agreement with them to do so. In order to enforce City ordinances, the City would need a municipal court, and retain a judge. Councilman Stanton will look into options for hiring a part-time officer or reaching an agreement with the County Sheriff's Department. He will also research possible grants for the City.

Corps Ground Management Committee:

Councilman Klenklen reported that the committee has gained a couple more members. The committee will be having a meeting around the end of the month.

Tree Board:

If you are interested in volunteering for the tree board, please contact the Ozawkie City Office or Dale Barnum.

City Maintenance:

Three bids were presented for new tires for the city maintenance truck:

- Town & Country - \$562.00
- Gregg Tire - \$596.80
- Performance Tire & Wheel - \$605.60

Motion by Roberts to approve the bid from Town & Country for \$562.00, second by Stanton. The motion passed 4-1 with Klenklen voting against.

Certified Operator:

Certified Operator Schuenight reported that the Kansa lift station pump has failed, and a new grinding pump is needed. The cost to re-build the current failed pump would cost the same or more than purchasing a new pump. Role call vote to purchase new pump: Barnum – Yah, Klenklen – Yah, Stanton – Yah, Roberts – Yah, Youngquist – Yah, and motion passed 5-0.

City Clerk:

Clerk Zimmerman reported that the office project is almost complete.

The Council requested that Clerk Zimmerman look into new employee cell phone plans at Verizon Wireless and Cingular.

NEW BUSINESS

V. Township Agreement

Councilman Roberts recused himself from all discussion.

The Council reviewed the agreement for the City's use of the Office, at a cost of \$280 per month, due by the 15th of the month. The City and Township/Fire Department will split the cost of installing the water meter, but the City will pay for the labor to install. Motion by Stanton to approve the agreement, second by Klenklen. The motion passed 5-0 with Roberts abstaining.

VI. Ozawkie History Book

Discussion tabled until next month.

VII. ATV Discussion

A valid driver's license is required to drive on city streets, regardless of what is being driven. Speed limit laws still apply. Everyone is encouraged to be responsible, safe, and wear helmets when riding on city streets. Safety is number one.

VIII. Firewood Cutting Permit

City Attorney Kurth recommended that the Council consider requiring insurance for anyone who wants to cut the wood on city property. Clerk Zimmerman will look into whether other cities require insurance, and if so, the amount of insurance required.

IX. IMA Insurance Discussion

Clerk Zimmerman informed the Council that she recently met with a representative from IMA, the City's workman's compensation insurance company. For the fifth year in a row, the City will qualify to become a "safe city", which saves the City 5% on the annual premium. The insurance company had a few suggestions to advance on the safety measures taken within the last few years. The first suggestion is implementing a formalized drug and alcohol program. The City currently has a program for post-accident drug screening. The Council agreed to look into pre-employment drug screening. The insurance company also suggested looking into implementing a policy for post-offer physicals to be performed on new hires. The Council agreed to look into a policy which would require physicals for all new employees.

X. Executive Session – Employee Review

Motion by Klenklen to go into executive session under K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (1) – personnel matters of non-elected personnel, at 9:43pm for 20 minutes, second by Stanton. The motion passed 5-0.

Council reconvened at 10:03pm

XI. Building Permit Fees

Tabled until next month.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Youngquist to adjourn at 10:13pm, second by Roberts. The motion passed 5-0.

Melissa A. Zimmerman
City Clerk