

INFORMATION

City Office – (785) 876-2550

Located at 524 Kiowa

Office Hours

Mon: 9am – 6pm

Tuesday-Friday: 8am – 2pm

Next Meeting – April 12th, 2011

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Official Regular Council Meeting March 8th, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Stanton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Mayor Steve Stanton, Councilmembers Mark Larson, Dale Barnum and Mark Roberts and Joe Beck.

City Employees present were City Clerk Rita Christlieb and Treasurer Ken Bieker.

Citizens in attendance were Sandi Goetz, James Shaw, Sharon Branson, Marilyn Blevins, and Bradley McNary.

OPENING COMMENTS:

Sharon Branson reported that she and Gary will be coordinating the 2011 annual garage sales for one more year, but they would greatly appreciate, and are willing to train, anyone who would be willing to take over the coordination of the event. Ms. Branson gave the council a handout with the anticipated deadlines for each step of preparation for the sale. It is self-supporting. She requested if the City would print the maps for the sale and they would provide the paper.

Sandi Goetz addressed the Council regarding the possible closing of the Ozawkie Post office. She asked if Council would contact our Representatives and encourage the citizens of Ozawkie to do the same.

Ms. Goetz also informed the Council that 700 Kansa has moved out and left tires, trash, and Styrofoam in the yard.

II. COUNCIL COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Mark Roberts recommended that Council contact our Representatives if the Ozawkie Post Office is in danger of being closed.

Mayor Stanton recommended that Bradley McNary be appointed to fill the Council vacancy the will expire April 2011.

Motion by Larson, second Beck, and motion carried 3-1, Roberts opposed.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilmember Larson requested that the City wide cleanup added to the agenda as #7, and executive session be moved to #8.

Councilmember Larson made a motion to approve the Agenda, second by Barnum. The motion passed 5-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

a) MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11TH MEETING

Motion by Roberts to approve the Minutes of the January 11th meeting, with changes second by Barnum. The motion passed 5-0.

b) FEBRUARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bieker furnished the Mayor and Council with a monthly financial report for February. The report reflected credits/debits of \$2,234.24/\$35,193.53 for General, \$6065.03/1,658.93 for Water, \$2,368.98/\$3,473.77 for Sewer, \$0/\$17.32 for Parks, \$0.00/\$0.00 for Special Highway, \$0.00/\$222.86 for Equipment Reserve and \$3,562.82 /\$2,486.00 for Trash. The total receipts/expenditures for February were \$14,231.34/\$43,052.41.

Motion by Roberts to approve the February Treasurer's Report, second by Barnum. The motion passed 5-0.

c) FEBRUARY WARRANT REGISTER

Treasurer Bieker requested that the Council allow him to keep the warrant register open until the 20th of each month due to the way that some vendor bill late in the month. No warrants register this meeting.

V. REPORTS:

Planning & Zoning:

Committee Chairperson, Sandi Goetz informed the Council that the Planning & Zoning Committee met on March 1st. Ms. Goetz gave Council a copy of an article from the Capital-Journal, Sat., March 5, 2011, about a new fence type that has become available. She stated that this prefabricated fence would still need a building permit, just like a regular fence.

Ms. Goetz also stated that the Planning and Zoning was still working on swimming pool barriers and will have it on their agenda for next meeting. She also told Council that Planning and Zoning may return to meeting on Monday nights again instead of Tuesdays.

Discussion followed.

Streets:

Councilmember Larson stated that the winter weather has been harsh on the streets and they are showing wear. There will need to be some repair this summer.

Utilities:

Nothing.

Governmental Affairs:

Councilmember Roberts informed the Council the Legislators are spending a lot of time on the budget, but does not have much affecting municipalities on the schedule.

Councilmember Roberts told the Council that he had contacted the Corps and was informed that the property directly across from 524 Kiowa on Corps ground, had been solicited by the Ozawkie Fire Dept. to put their burn trailer there. Councilmember Roberts told Corps official that speaking for himself as a Councilmember, and not the whole Council, that he was opposed to it.

Parks:

Nothing.

Law Enforcement:

Mayor Stanton presented the Council with a form on Nuisance and Abandoned Vehicles. It is to record vehicles that are in violation of city ordinances and to notify the owners that they are in violation. He stated that Ordinance 8-307 needs to be replaced and rewritten to fit the need.

Councilmember Larson stated that the law needs to be in place before the enforcement begins. He requested that the issue be table until the next Council Meeting.

Maintenance:

Nothing to report.

City Clerk:

Clerk Christlieb told the Council that a new web site is being built for the City of Ozawkie, and that a new web program would need to be bought. The old program is 7 years old and is having some programing conflicts.

NEW BUSINESS

VI. Nuisance/Abandoned Vehicle Procedures

Already covered under law enforcement.

VII. City Wide Clean up

Councilmember Larson stated that in the past people have dropped off tires at the Cleanup and also people outside of the City have used it in the past.

Mayor Stanton said that it needs to be made known that it is for residents of Ozawkie only. Also, that city resident has used it heavily in the past, and is beneficial to the residents. Councilmember Barnum suggested posting a sign stating no hazardous waste or tires.

Councilmember Beck said that he would be willing to head up a city group cleanup of the Corps ground surrounding residences. He requested that it be place in the newsletter and on the web site to gain interest. He requested the date of April 30th and a rain date of May 1st.

VI. Executive Session

Councilmember Larson made a motion for executive session at 8.25pm not to last longer than 10 minutes, seconded by Barnum, and carried 5-0.

Council reconvened at 8.35pm.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Barnum to adjourn at 8:37, second by Beck. The motion passed 5-0.

Rita Christlieb
City Clerk