

Regular Council Meeting May 10th, 2004

Councilmember Terry Marsh called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. Members present: Terry Marsh, Janice Brasher and Ed Carmona. The meeting was called to order 50 minutes late because the Council was assured that a third Councilmember would arrive to make a quorum.

Opening Comments:

Resident, Chuck Brooks, voiced his concerns about the City Clerk returning his most recent water, sewer, trash payment. Chuck Brooks explained that due to the economy, many people are liable to lose their jobs at any time, therefore he has been paying large amounts on his bill, in case he were to ever lose his job, he would have a definite grace period. Clerk Zimmerman explained that the current billing system does not allow for there to be a high negative number, and if someone were to keep paying on a negative balance, the water reports are incorrect. Clerk Zimmerman added that hopefully one day the billing system will be able to register high negative numbers, but until then, all citizens are asked to pay the exact amount on their water bills.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of 5/10/04 Agenda

Councilman Marsh would like to add items #10 – Jefferson County Economic Development Commission, #11 – City Generated Brochures, and #12 – Stop/Yield Signs. Motion by Carmona to approve the agenda after the amendments, second by Brasher, motion carried.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Consent Items

Motion by Carmona 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 has spoken with A&W Asphalt and they will hopefully be out to do the roads May 19th. They hope to have completed the project by the end of May.

Utilities: Nothing to Report.

Parks: Nothing to Report.

Law Enforcement: Councilwoman Brasher has requested that City Clerk Zimmerman have an estimated cost for codifying the ordinances for the Council's review next meeting.

Governmental Affairs: Councilman Marsh noted to Councilman Carmona that Clerk Zimmerman will be getting grant information for the two of them to work on and discuss.

Tree Board: The Tree Board consists of Mark Roberts, Gary Branson, and Phyllis Cooper. Committee Chairman, Phyllis Cooper, inquired if the Tree Board has a budget, or any money allocated for the Committee to plant flowers, trees, etc. Councilman Marsh advised Cooper to price whatever work or supplies they need, and come to the next Council Meeting with a request for the money. Phyllis Cooper also thanked the City for sponsoring the Fall Festival last year and is requesting that the City sponsor again this year by paying for the insurance again. Motion by Carmona to approve sponsoring the Fall Festival by paying the approximate \$200.00 insurance fee, second by Brasher, motion carried. Phyllis Cooper would also like all citizen's to know that they would greatly appreciate volunteers to help organize the festival. Anyone interested is asked to call the City Office.

City Maintenance

City Clerk Zimmerman requested approval for the purchase of a new trailer, and trade-in of the current trailer for City Engineer Ron Thomas. Motion by Carmona, second by Brasher, motion carried

City Clerk

Nothing to Report

Agenda Item #5 City-Wide Garage Sales – Sharon Branson

Councilman Carmona began the discussion by thanking Sharon & Gary Branson for all of their hard work in putting the City-Wide Garage Sales together. Ex Fire Chief Bob Holliday also thanked the Branson's for all of the time and effort they put into making the garage sales such a success. Sharon Branson generated a report for the Council and any citizen interested in the turn-out of the garage sales. In the reported, she noted that there were 4 citizen's not willing to pay the \$6.00, even after being confronted. Sharon would like all resident's to know that the \$6.00 garage sale fee was not a fee to have your address put on the map, but alleviate some of the cost for advertising, not to be misconstrued. Anyone interested in having this report, please contact the City Office or Sharon Branson.

Sharon reported that they have new ideas for next year, including a bigger map, and perhaps to put the map on the same side of the paper as the addresses, and use the back for advertisements for local businesses.

Agenda Item #6 – Fire Department Building Discussion

Councilman Marsh informed all attending citizen's and Councilmembers, that there will be an Open Forum on May 24th at 7:00pm in the Township building for all citizen's to come and discuss this matter with both the Township Committee and the City Councilmembers. Councilman Marsh also made it clear that the Township will be discussing the new building and financing, the City will have nothing to address concerning this matter. After discussing the written agreement, motion by Brasher to approve the agreement, pending the City Attorney's approval, second by Carmona, motion carried.

Agenda Item #7 – Disconnect-Reconnect Fees/Procedures

Pending until next month.

Agenda Item #8 – Building Permit Fees/Rules

Pending until next month.

Agenda Item #9 – Ozawkie Beauty Salon – Betty Wells

The Mayor and City Council received a letter from Betty Wells, Ozawkie Beauty Salon, explaining the difficulties that she has been having, which have hindered her paying her City water, sewer, trash bill. After reviewing a letter sent to the City from Betty Wells, and discussing the matter previously, City Clerk Zimmerman and Councilmember Marsh recommended to Council that all of the late charges be removed from Ms. Wells' water, sewer, trash bill so that she can get caught up and start over fresh. After some discussion, motion by Marsh to forgive Betty Wells' late charges, died for lack of second.

Agenda Item #10 – Jefferson County Economic Development Commission

Councilman Marsh refreshed the idea of a City Brochure to the Council. Clerk Zimmerman explained that she has spoken with Jim McGrath, from the Economic Development Commission, and has began working on a brochure. The Council has asked Clerk Zimmerman to have a rough draft, selling the fine points of the County and City, ready for the next meeting.

Agenda Item #11 – City Generated Brochures

The Council has asked Melissa to work on a City brochure, selling the fine points of the City.

Agenda Item #12 – Stop/Yield Sign Review

Pending until next month.

There being no further business before the Council, Motion by Carmona to adjourn, second by Brasher, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50p.m.

***NOTE TO CITIZENS ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS:**

May is the month to register your pets. The cost is \$4.00 per animal, and lasts a year. All citizen's with an animal are asked to visit the City Office to register.

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

May 24th – Public Forum

May 31st – Memorial Day – OFFICE CLOSED!

June – NEWSLETTER!

June 7th – Planning & Zoning Meeting

June 14th – Council Meeting

June 23rd – City Clerks Region 7 Meeting (Here in Ozawkie!!!!)