

INFORMATION

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Next Meeting – October 13th, 2008

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Regular Council Meeting September 8th, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gibson called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. Members present: Mayor Scott Gibson. Commissioners Jason Klenklen, Marlin Youngquist, Dale Barnum, Steve Stanton and Mark Roberts. No members absent.

Citizens in attendance were Sandi Goetz, Bob Holliday, Wayne McNary, Ken Bieker and Grace Jolly.

OPENING COMMENTS:

In opening comments, Clerk Zimmerman read aloud a request made by citizen, Blaine Moore, 101 Cottonwood Ct., to have “SLOW, Children at Play” signs placed around the 600 block of Kansa. Mr. Moore explained that there is excessive speeding around that area and he is concerned that one of the many children who live around there will end up getting hurt. Mayor Gibson informed the Council that similar requests have been made and due to the fact that speeding is not only an issue around that part of town, but other areas as well, it could be determined that the signs are necessary throughout the City. Councilmember’s Barnum and Stanton agreed that excessive signage might not be as affective as enforcing the speed limit. Councilman Youngquist suggested lowering the speed limit throughout the City to 25 miles per hour. Councilman Klenklen suggested either enforcing the speed limit or getting speed bumps to encourage slower driving.

Donna Eck, 308 Sioux, contacted the City Office with a complaint regarding the number of vehicles parked on the street at 313 and 315 Sioux. Councilman Stanton will work on a resolution to this issue.

Ben White, 512 Delaware, filed a written complaint with the City regarding the houses at 500 and 504 Delaware not having a working yard light, which is a violation of amended building code C-201. Councilman Stanton reported that the yard light is working at 500 Delaware. Mayor Gibson will do a yard light check this week and homeowner's in violation of C-201 will be notified.

II. COUNCIL COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Councilman Stanton will be looking into cigarette and beer tax for the City.

Councilman Roberts presented information that he would like to include in the October newsletter, regarding the laws that govern the operation of ATV's, utility vehicles, golf carts, etc. on city streets. The Council reviewed the information and agreed to have the information included in the newsletter. Councilman Roberts will send the information to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department for review before the final draft is printed.

The Council discussed the issue of mowing in Ozawkie. Mayor Gibson reported that currently the City is required by ordinance to send a certified letter to all the property owners living outside the City limits. This method has become costly, therefore Mayor Gibson requested that the Council consider either increasing the cost for mowing, to encourage people to maintain their lots, or revise the ordinance so that the City wouldn't have to send the notice via certified mail. Councilman Stanton requested permission to be informed when a lot needs mowed, so that he may take care of the issue. The Council agreed to continue abiding by City policy and sending notices out to property owners.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Bob Holliday, representing Ozawkie Fire District #7, requested that the Fire Department be added to the agenda. Motion by Klenklen to approve the agenda with item #6 - Ozawkie Fire Department added, second by Youngquist. The motion passed 5-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

a) MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 11th, 2008 MEETING

Motion by Klenklen to approve the Minutes of the August 11th meeting, second by Youngquist. The motion passed 5-0.

b) AUGUST TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bieker furnished the Mayor and Council with a monthly financial report for August. The report reflected credits/debits of \$2,697.54/\$11,278.23 for General, \$3,003.70/\$10,743.35 for Water, \$966.29/\$628.54 for Sewer, \$100.00/\$13.38 for Parks, \$0/\$222.86 for Equipment Reserve, and \$1,203.80/\$0 for Trash. The total receipts/expenditures for August were \$7,971.33/\$22,886.36.

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

c) AUGUST WARRANT REGISTER

The August Warrant Register reflected an expenditure amount of \$6,343.60 for General, \$2,744.72 for Water, \$614.15 for Sewer, \$4,393.50 for Trash, \$222.86 for Equipment Reserve, \$714.37 for Special Highway and \$13.12 for Park. Total expenditures for August were \$15,046.32.

Councilman Roberts questioned as to whether the new door had been installed on the maintenance building. Councilman Klenklen reported that the door has been ordered and will take approximately 5-6 weeks to be delivered. He is hoping to have the door completely installed by November 1.

Motion by Barnum to approve the Warrant Register, second by Youngquist. The motion passed 5-0 with Stanton abstaining because he wants to review the bill for Miller's Excavating.

V. REPORTS:

Planning & Zoning:

Committee Chairperson, Sandi Goetz informed the Council that the Planning & Zoning Committee met on September 3rd to review plans. The Planning & Zoning committee recommends three building plans for approval:

Building Permit 2008-03 – Plans submitted by Matt & Stephanie Flores for a new home construction at 424 Kansa Drive, on block M lot 10. The plans meet all City requirements and will require all four necessary inspections. Motion by Youngquist to approve the plans, second by Stanton. The motion passed 5-0.

Building Permit 2008-04 – Plans submitted by Aimee Carroll for a new home construction at 649 Delaware Dr., on block E lot 11. The plans meet all City requirements and will require all four necessary inspections. Motion by Barnum to approve the plans, second by Stanton. The motion passed 5-0.

Building Permit 2008-05 – Plans submitted by Ted & Lynne Drown to replace the back cement patio, lay a new cement foundation and construct a 3 seasons porch at 102 Valley View Ct., on Block K lot 11. The plans meet all City requirements and will require three necessary inspections. Motion by Roberts to approve the plans, second by Stanton. The motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Klenklen will be working with the Planning and Zoning Committee to review and make changes to the recently approved Erosion & Sediment Control Plan.

Mayor Gibson recommended the appointment of Ben White to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Motion by Klenklen to appoint Ben White, second by Barnum. The motion passed 5-0.

Streets:

Street Commissioner Youngquist will be contacting Bettis Asphalt to ascertain the exact schedule for the street work.

Utilities:

Utility Commissioner Klenklen reported that the well project with Strader Drilling has been delayed due to various issues, including the weather.

Councilman Klenklen will be working with the maintenance staff regarding several procedural changes, including filing and reporting procedures.

Councilman Klenklen is looking into 3rd party testing for the water testing, which will save the City a lot of time and effort if KDHE claims that the City has submitted an unacceptable water sample

Councilman Klenklen is continuing to work on the strategic plan, but is having an issue with some of the budgeting figures. He is hoping to have the formal plan in place shortly.

Governmental Affairs:

Clerk Zimmerman will be working with the Chamber of Commerce to raise funds for the installation of a restroom facility in the Ozawkie City Park. The next Meriden/Ozawkie Chamber of Commerce will be on September 18th at noon at the Jefferson Assembly of God.

Parks:

Nothing to report.

Law Enforcement:

Law Enforcement Commissioner Stanton reported that last month there were reported cases of domestic dispute, vandalism and juvenile problem in the 500 block of Delaware. There was also a reported case of vandalism on Sioux.

Leased Property Committee:

The tennis court demolition project was started on August 23, work will commence within the next month. The Council would like to thank Mel Armstrong, Armstrong Contracting, for donating the operation of his backhoe. Bill Kuntzsch and Eric Wooderson, White Star Machinery, for donating a *Bobcat* and concrete breaker. Specialized Services, LLC. for transporting equipment and committee members Jim Shaw and Don Schaeffer for their hard work and dedication. The Leased Property Committee would like to thank Mayor Gibson and city personnel for preparing the city equipment and work area for the project. The metal acquired from the project will be recycled and contributed to improvements in the park.

The next meeting for the Leased Property Committee will be on September 29th at 7pm at the Township Hall. The committee will be discussing fall plans and wrapping up the 2009 Corps Property budget. The initial plans for a walking trail on the Corps Property will also be discussed.

Tree Board:

Nothing to report.

City Maintenance:

Councilman Roberts requested that the City look into selling the old mower, which will give the maintenance staff more room in the building during the winter. Mayor Gibson also requested that the Council consider selling the gray Chevy S-10, which is not in use since the City no longer employs an animal control officer. Councilman Klenklen suggested using the old mower for mowing the rough areas in the City, which will help keep the new mower in better condition. Councilman Youngquist will research options for advertising the equipment online. Further discussion will take place at the October Council Meeting.

Certified Operator:

Nothing to report.

City Clerk:

Clerk Zimmerman reported that there has been a change in the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA), effective July 1, 2008. Previously, under KOMA, a majority of the quorum, which was 2 councilmember's, could not discuss City business without it being considered a public meeting. Under the new rule, a majority of the membership of a body, 3 councilmember's, cannot discuss City business, therefore 2 members of the governing body can legally discuss city business without violating KOMA.

NEW BUSINESS

VI. Fire Department – Land Discussion

Dan Rosencutter, Ozawkie Fire District #7 Fire Chief, requested that the Council consider selling block O lot 14 to the Fire Department. The extra lot would be used to expand the current driveway/parking lot, so that the large trucks can maneuver in and out of the doors with more ease. The lot, which is just north of the new addition, is 90' wide by 135' deep. The Council agreed to research the topic and bring ideas and information to the October Council Meeting. Councilman Roberts requested that the Fire Department look into the cost and the possibility of relocating the tree that is in the middle of the gravel parking lot, which could alleviate the maneuverability issues.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Youngquist to adjourn at 8:27pm, second by Stanton. The motion passed 5-0.

Melissa A. Zimmerman
City Clerk