

CITY OF OZAWKIE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 8, 1997
Ozawkie Township Building

Carl Maichels commented on the plans for the upcoming Community Picnic scheduled for Sunday, October 5, details of which will be included in the F.Y.I. section of the Minutes/Newsletter. Clerk Smith read a letter addressed to the Mayor and Council regarding a Neighborhood Watch Program and inquired as to the procedures if any in contacting our Police Department. Mayor Schuenight advised that the Neighbor Watch topic was included on the current meeting Agenda for discussion.

Agenda Item #1

Mayor Schuenight called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. Members present: Larson, Rivera and J. Smith. Bostwick arrived at 7:25 P.M.

Agenda Item #2 - Approval of Meeting Agenda

J. Smith asked that a letter from the State Treasurer regarding electronic transfer of funds be added to the agenda for discussion. The topic was added as Agenda Item #5 and the other agenda items numbered accordingly. Motion by J. Smith, seconded by Rivera, to approve the Meeting Agenda as amended. Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #3 - Approval of Consent Items

Motion by J. Smith, seconded by Rivera, to approve the Consent Items consisting of the 8/11/97 Meeting Minutes, 8/31/97 Treasurer's Report and September Warrant Register totaling \$11026.40. Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #4 - Reports

Planning & Zoning - The minutes reflected P&Z's recommendation for approval of a the Building Permit Application submitted by Jeff Kilgore for construction of a single family residence on Lot 4, Block A, 106 Timberlane Drive.

Park Commissioner Bostwick reported that installation of the sand digger toy and sandpile border is nearing completion. G. Smith will attempt to have the project completed prior to the Community Picnic.

Police Commissioner Larson mentioned that he had visited with a County Deputy and distributed printed information to Council regarding establishment of Neighborhood Watch Programs. He noted that such programs are organized and operated by residents. These programs are a watch only and involves no law enforcement by the participants.

Commissioner Smith presented an informal quiz from the Governing Body Handbook which corroborates the fact that a quorum exists when a majority of the Council is present, every member present is required to vote, and that abstentions are to be counted as a vote in favor of the position taken by the majority.

G. Smith reported that the higher wattage street lights have been installed by KPL on Main Street.

Agenda Item #5 - Electronic Transfers

Commissioner J. Smith encouraged the City Clerk and Treasurer to take advantage of the electronic fund transfers being made

available by the State of Kansas. G. Smith and Ken Bieker acknowledged the inevitability of this process but noted that currently implementation of the procedure would cause the Clerk and Treasurer more confusion than benefit.

Agenda Item #6 - Building Permit - 106 Timberlane Dr., Lot 4 Block A - Jeff Kilgore. Following discussion, Motion by J. Smith, seconded by Larson, to approve the building permit as recommended by P&Z. Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #7 - Sprint Telephone Franchise
The Clerk advised that Sprint has expressed the need to execute a formal Franchise Agreement with the City. The Clerk was directed to contact the Kansas Corporation Commission and the League of Kansas Municipalities for information and options available to the City. A suggestion was made that responsibility for easement maintenance be defined in any and all future franchise agreements.

Agenda Item #8 - Consideration of Resolution 97-0908
Following discussion, Motion by Larson, seconded by J. Smith, to approve Resolution 97-0908 as written. Motion Carried. The Resolution provides for installation of a mini lift station to serve the residence and structures on Lot 3, Block H and establishes the lift station as the official connection point to the sewer system. Implementation is contingent upon receiving written acknowledgment of the resolution from the owners of record.

Agenda Item #9 - Neighborhood Watch Program
Police Commissioner Larson solicited council member comments regarding the current operational procedures of our local part-time police department and solicited opinions as to the most effective and economical methods of maximizing local service which can be provided with our limited resources. Thirty-five hours per month provides local coverage only 4.7% of the time. Larson will review current procedures with City employees which may include an advanced on duty schedule being provided from the Marshal so that a Neighborhood Watch does not duplicate effort. It was the consensus of Council that the Patrol car be garaged in the City maintenance building when not in use as soon as space can be made available. Inquiry will be made as to the best way to coordinate County/City Law Enforcement as well as how, when and who residents are to contact for enforcement of local ordinances which cannot be enforced by the County or its courts.

There being no further business before Council, Motion by J. Smith, seconded by Larson, to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

F.Y.I.

Sunday, October 5, 1997 1:00 P.M. - Community Picnic - see attached information.

Leash Law - Ordinance 2-103 prohibits dogs from running at large within the City limits. Animals must be restrained at all times unless under the control of the owner on private property. Violation could result in a fine up to \$50.00.