

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 2, 2001

7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Dan Tilton, Tony French, Verl Stevens, Jerry
Bruns and Brad Hurd.

ALSO PRESENT: Roger Hopkins, Linda Herring, Mike
Odrowski, James Lambert, Ila Spaulding, Roger
Rush, Ted Collins, Ruth Ann Tilton, Katie
Hargis, Chad Clary, Carol & Bill Hopkins,
Roger Streib, Dick Powell and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Janet Tyler.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with all
councilmembers present.

Jerry Bruns moved to approve the minutes of the last
Regular Council Meeting held June 6, 2001. Tony French
2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Tony French moved to approve the bills for the month of
June, 2001. Verl Stevens 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS

James Lambert of Kansas Gas Service spoke of the upcoming
renewal of the franchise agreement and answered questions
concerning the introduction of the Ordinance.

Verl Stevens moved to introduce an Ordinance providing for
the granting of a natural gas franchise to Kansas Gas
Service, Inc. and moved that the same be placed on first
reading as Ordinance 423. Brad Hurd 2nd, motion carried
5-0.

Mike Odrowski of Bartlett & West Engineers, Inc. spoke to
the Council about their services for the water system
improvements grant. The proposed amount for engineering
services proposed for phase one was \$49,460.

Brad Hurd moved to accept the proposed contract of
Bartlett & West Engineers, Inc. upon the City Attorney's
approval. Motion died for lack of second.

Jerry Bruns moved to accept the contract of Governmental
Assistance Services for administration of the grant except
for line 8 to be revised to the City Attorney's approval.
Verl Stevens 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Brad Hurd moved to accept the Water System Improvements Grant from the Kansas Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program. Tony French 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Tyler asked that Councilmembers have their questions prepared by Friday, July 6th for Bartlett & West Engineers, Inc. and for a special meeting to be held on July 16, 2001 to discuss the contract for engineering services.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

Roger Streib requested that something be done about the drainage behind the businesses on the east end of the 400 Block of West Main. Mayor Tyler appointed the Street and Alley Committee to look into the Streib request.

Roger Rush asked that the error that occurred on the annexation on the 400 Block of South Avenue be corrected. Mayor Tyler asked City Attorney Ted Collins to report on the issue at the next Regular Council Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street & Alley Committee Chairman Verl Stevens presented reports concerning the closing of the 100 Block of South Vine by the Ben Spaulding residence and the 700 Block of West Ohio. Mayor Tyler asked that Committee Chairman Verl Stevens meet with the Spauldings and other property owners to determine a recommendation for the 100 Block of South Vine and for no action to be taken on Ohio Street until City Attorney Ted Collins reports to the Council on the procedures necessary to close a street.

Water & Sewer Committee Chairman Dan Tilton reported that the committee recommended a five dollar increase on the minimum charge due to the upcoming water project, land purchase and other water system improvements. Dan Tilton moved to raise the minimum water charge five dollars and have the City Attorney prepare the Ordinance as such. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Jerry Bruns reported the changes to the security contract with Highland Community College. Jerry Bruns moved to approve the Security Contract with Highland Community College as written. Brad Hurd 2nd, motion carried 4-1 with Tilton voting No.

Finance Committee Chairman Tony French asked and was given a one month extension to report on a plan for rotation of city equipment.

Park & Recreation Committee Chairman Brad Hurd and City Attorney Ted Collins reported on the history of the old roadside park area west of town. Collins stated that he would like to get in contact with KDOT to get more information about the area given to the City and that title search work may need to be done depending on the direction the City wanted to approach the use of the land. Tony French moved to get the title search work done on the roadside park area. Verl Stevens 2nd, motion carried 3-2 with Bruns and Tilton voting No.

OLD BUSINESS

Brad Hurd presented a bid of approximately \$2500 to have the remote siren control installed. Jerry Bruns moved to table the possible purchase of the siren control until the next Regular Council Meeting. Tony French 2nd, motion carried 4-1 with Hurd voting No.

9:37 P.M. Tony French moved to take a ten minute recess. Brad Hurd 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

9:47 P.M. Mayor Tyler called the meeting back to order.

Brad Hurd moved to approve City Clerk Bill Butrick's recommendations on improving meeting efficiency and to publish some recommendations so the public would be aware of the City's new policies. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

City Clerk Bill Butrick informed the Council that the preparation of the 2002 budget was not completed and that the approval to publish would need to be held at a Special Council Meeting on July 16, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Verl Stevens questioned the use of the drug dog in other towns in the county. Mayor Tyler asked Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Jerry Bruns to meet with the Highland Police Officers to determine if a policy needed to be established for possible charges or collections.

Brad Hurd moved to purchase a 1998 Ford Crown Vic patrol car from the Kansas Highway Patrol for \$12,600 and a new dog kennel for the car of \$1500. Verl Stevens 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

City Superintendent Roger Hopkins presented bids for the lease-purchase of a new BobCat and attachments less trade in of the old BobCat and attachments. The bids were as follows:

1. KC BobCat \$21,274 includes two new buckets and sweeper.
2. Henry Bros. \$21,900 includes two new buckets, sweeper and backhoe. No air.
(Case)
3. Skyview \$23,470 includes two new buckets, sweeper (New Holland) and backhoe. No air.
4. Murphy Tractor \$28,800 includes two new buckets, (John Deere) sweeper and backhoe. No air.

Jerry Bruns moved to table the possible lease purchase of a BobCat until the July 16th special meeting. Brad Hurd 2nd, motion carried 4-0-1 with Tilton abstaining.

Brad Hurd moved to approve the bid of Sticks & Stones of \$3395 to install a fence around the lift station and control panel area. Verl Stevens 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Tony French moved, seconded by Dan Tilton, to approve Ordinance #424. An Ordinance authorizing the declaration of a water watch, warning or emergency; establishing procedures and voluntary and mandatory conservation measures; authorizing the issuance of administrative regulations; and prescribing certain penalties. By roll call vote: Hurd-yes, Stevens-yes, French-yes, Bruns-yes, Tilton-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

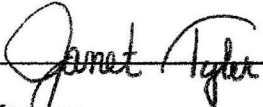
Brad Hurd moved to accept the offer of \$3000 from Bill Gibson to purchase the 1995 Crown Vic Patrol car. Dan Tilton 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Tyler asked that a Special Council Meeting be held July 23, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. to interview three applicants for the police officer position.

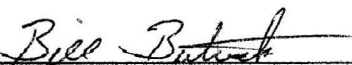
Mayor Tyler asked Verl Stevens to attend the Technical Assistance workshop in Topeka on July 9th at 1:00 p.m. to pick up the City's contracts for the start of the grant process. Councilmember Stevens confirmed he would do so.

Tony French asked that a meeting be held with the Summer Recreation Director, the Parks & Recreation Committee and Coaches to form a Citizens' Committee to better prepare for the summer ball program next season.

10:52 p.m. Dan Tilton moved to adjourn. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried 5-0.



Mayor



City Clerk