

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 7, 2001

7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Tony French, Charles Batchelder, Verl Stevens, Jerry Bruns and Janet Tyler.

ALSO PRESENT: Donna Crawford, Ken & Linda Herring, Roger Streib, Jeff Riley, Chad Clary, Neal Hontz, Jim Gilmore, Jennifer Davis, Amy Keller, Casey Vaught, Katie Hargis, Marian Thompson, Chris & Trish Gibson, Todd Witt, MariAnn Parker, Galen Lay, Russell Karn, Mark Allen and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Roger Hopkins. (Council President Tyler called the Public Hearing to order. Mayor Hopkins arrived shortly after that time.)

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:33 p.m with all Councilmembers present.

### PUBLIC HEARING: WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS GRANT

Donna Crawford of Governmental Assistance Services informed the Council that the scope of the grant would be the same as applied for last year with a total of \$221,833 for the project with the city matching \$75,000 with General Obligation Bonds.

Galen Lay of Bartlett & West Engineers explained that the work proposed would be for repairs to the current Well Number Four and funds to construct a new well, Number five.

Mayor Hopkins asked for public comment.

Verl Stevens moved to adjourn the Public Hearing. Janet Tyler seconded, motion carried 5-0.

7:40 p.m. The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Hopkins with all Councilmembers present.

Jerry Bruns moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held February 7, 2001. Verl Stevens 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Charles Batchelder moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held February 14, 2001. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Verl Stevens moved to approve the bills for the month of February, 2001. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Charles Batchelder moved, seconded by Tony French, to approve Resolution #01-02. A Resolution certifying legal authority to apply for the 2001 Kansas Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program from the Kansas Dept. of Commerce & Housing and authorizing the Mayor to sign and submit such an application. By roll call vote: Tyler-yes, Stevens-yes, French-yes, Batchelder-yes, Bruns-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Tony French moved, seconded by Verl Stevens, to approve Resolution #01-03. A Resolution of the City of Highland, Kansas stating commitment to seek funding through the Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing, small cities CDBG Program, in the amount of \$145,755 and further commitment, by the City to leverage project costs in the amount of \$75,000 with General Obligation Bonds. By roll call vote: Tyler-yes, Stevens-yes, French-yes, Batchelder-yes, Bruns-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Bruns moved, seconded by Charles Batchelder, to approve Resolution #01-04. A Resolution assuring the Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing that funds will be continually provided for the operation and maintenance of improvements to the water system to be financed with Community Development Block Grant Funds. By roll call vote: Tyler-yes, Stevens-yes, French-yes, Batchelder-yes, Bruns-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Charles Batchelder moved to approve the Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan as amended, the statement of assurances and certifications, the CDBG Disclosure form and authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Tony French moved, seconded by Verl Stevens, to approve Ordinance #422. An Ordinance of the City of Highland, Kansas, authorizing improvements to the city public water supply system; and providing for the payment of the costs. By roll call vote: Tyler-yes, Stevens-yes, French-yes, Batchelder-yes, Bruns-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

#### CITIZENS REQUESTS

Chris Gibson asked about street repairs on West Avenue. Mayor Hopkins stated that several streets were in need of repair and that he hoped to present a plan at the next Regular Council Meeting to start work as soon as possible when the weather changed.

Roger Streib asked about installing a wood burning furnace at his residence. Mayor Hopkins told him that to the best

of his knowledge that it should be OK to do so.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Jerry Bruns moved, seconded by Verl Stevens, to approve Ordinance #421. An Ordinance of the City of Highland, Kansas, enacted in accordance with Section 805 of Ordinance Number 264 of said City, amending said Ordinance #264 with respect to boundaries of zoning districts and amending Ordinance #410 of said City and specifically amending Section 6 of said Ordinance #410. By roll call vote: Tyler=yes, Stevens=yes, French=yes, Batchelder=yes, Bruns=yes. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Bill Butrick informed the Council that the only bid received on the purchase of the 1995 Crown Vic Patrol car had been withdrawn. The Council agreed to contact the county to see if they might be interested.

Councilmember Janet Tyler presented prices for new Christmas bell wreaths and refurbishing prices on the old double candles. Janet Tyler moved to purchase four bell wreaths at a cost of \$255 each from Wayne Manufacturing Co. Charles Batchelder 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Marian Thompson stated that the PRIDE Committee had committed to buying snow flake decorations for Degginger Park.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Tony French moved, seconded by Jerry Bruns, to approve Resolution #01-05. A Resolution of the City of Highland, Kansas pledging their support to the Highland PRIDE Committee for the year 2001. By roll call vote: Tyler=yes, Stevens=yes, French=yes, Batchelder=yes, Bruns=yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mari Ann Parker asked for the City's support and help with the upcoming PRIDE Clean-up day. Mari Ann stated that no date had been set yet but that she would like to have city maintenance help and discuss the plans with Ken Herring at a later date.

Verl Stevens moved to interview Summer Recreation Director applicants Todd Witt, Ted Williams and Monica Henriod at a Special Council Meeting to be held March 14, 2001 starting at 7:30 p.m. Tony French 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Janet Tyler moved to contact attorneys' representing the Degginger Estate to have them attend a Regular Council Meeting to see about restrictions being lifted and more money being provided for the maintenance of Degginger Park. Verl Stevens 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Jerry Bruns moved to keep the contract the same for the caretaker position of Degginger Park and to advertise the position in the Highland Vidette. Janet Tyler 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Charles Batchelder moved to purchase two high-band radios at \$580 each from Motorola and one scanner for the Police Department. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Tony French moved to have internet installed on the City Hall computer and an additional phone line if necessary. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Charles Batchelder moved to purchase a portable welder for city maintenance and to accept the lowest price between Tractor Supply Company and Northern Equipment Company of approximately \$1000. Tony French 2nd, motion carried 4-1 with Stevens voting NO.

Councilmember Jerry Bruns informed the Council of the need for support of extending the current 1% sales tax in the upcoming April election. The Council agreed to have a letter published in the Vidette explaining the need for continuing the 1% sales tax and asking for citizens' support.

Chad Clary gave a brief report on the purchase of the patrol car from Kansas Highway Patrol. He stated that the people were excellent to work with and that all areas of the car were checked out before purchase.


Councilmember Verl Stevens asked about having a qualified law enforcement officer attend the Special Meeting on March 21, 2001 when interviewing possible Police Officer/Police Chief applicants. The Council took the matter under advisement.

11:04 p.m. Jerry Bruns moved to go into executive session for ten minutes to discuss personnel. Tony French 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

11:18 p.m. Charles Batchelder moved to come out of executive session. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Charles Batchelder moved to discontinue the contract for Maintenance Consultant. Tony French 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

11:24 p.m. Jerry Bruns moved to adjourn. Charles  
Batchelder 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Roger Hopkins", positioned above a horizontal line.

Mayor

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bill Butert", positioned above a horizontal line.

City Clerk