

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 2, 2001

7:30 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Kristin Olson, John Petrik, Bill Crabtree, Norman Gaul, Bill Noll, Francis Penny, Katie Hargis, John Manyon, Carol and Bill Hopkins, Ted Williams, Tom Miller, Brian Reiter, Russell Karn, Ken & Linda Herring, Leland Windmeyer, T. Mohler, Bob Garner, Doris Gibson, Shay Eppard, Judy Allen, Jan Wanlass, Michelle Smith, Willard Erickson, Dorothy Diveley, Pam Wiedner, Ted Collins, Jim Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. Jr. Dawson, Sandra and Erin Groeltz, Betty Lewis, Ila Spaulding, Ruth Ann Tilton, Lynn Windmeyer, Amanda Williams, Noah Diveley, Donna Manyon, Charlene Twombly, Melva Blakeley, Dick Powell, Chris Gibson, Marty Ann Leach, Brad Hurd, Roger Hopkins, Chad Clary, Neal Hontz and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Janet Tyler.

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

City Clerk Bill Butrick administered the Oath of Office to newly elected councilmember Dan Tilton and re-elected councilmembers Jerry Bruns and Tony French.

Tony French moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council meeting held April 4, 2001. Jerry Bruns 2nd, motion carried 4-0.

Verl Stevens moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting held April 11, 2001. Tony French 2nd, motion carried 3-0-1 with Tilton abstaining.

Councilmember Jerry Bruns left the meeting due to a family member's recent surgery.

Tony French moved to approve the minutes of the second special meeting held April 11, 2001. Verl Stevens 2nd, motion carried 3-0.

Tony French moved to approve the bills for the month of April, 2001. Verl Stevens 2nd, motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Janet Tyler presented an award to former Governing body member Roger Hopkins for his years of service as councilmember and Mayor for the City of Highland.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

PRIDE Representative Betty Lewis asked the City for approval to hang pole banners from the Post Office corner to K-120 intersection and from the K-120 intersection to the city limits. The Council agreed to take the matter under advisement depending upon the possible interference with Christmas lights and flag holders.

Leland Windmeyer stated that he was not satisfied with the appointment of Roger Hopkins to the City Superintendent position. Mr. Windmeyer read a list of grievances pertaining to his dissatisfaction and also spoke of a petition that other citizens had signed.

John Petrik asked about the procedure used to determine the appointment of a new councilmember. City Attorney Ted Collins stated that according the Governing Body Handbook, it states that the appointment is to be made by the Mayor with the consent of the Council.

Chris Gibson asked if the City was considering hiring another maintenance worker. Mayor Tyler, Councilmembers French and Stevens stated that no consideration had been given to hiring another worker.

Pam Wiedner, Bill Crabtree, John Manyon and Marty Ann Leach also voiced their concerns about the procedures and hiring for the Superintendent position in the Public Works Department.

Michelle Smith asked if the City had contacted the people involved with the planted field across from their residence to notify them of proper setbacks from the street. Mayor Tyler stated she would look into the matter.

PRIDE Representative Dorothy Diveley asked and was given permission to install a wood stop for the painted mural in the Community Center so chairs would not hit up against the painting.

Mayor Tyler said she had received a call from Deidre Bunck asking if the city would close the 200 block of N. Vermillion street for her parents 50th wedding anniversary reception. The Council agreed to barricade the street from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. that day and that all residences in that area be notified.

8:30 p.m. City Clerk Bill Butrick asked the Mayor to proceed to New Business on the agenda due to the circumstances involved with the power outage.

NEW BUSINESS

Tony French moved to appoint The Highland Vidette as the official City newspaper for 2001. Verl Stevens 2nd, motion carried 3-0.

Tony French moved to appoint all employees to their current position's for 2001. Verl Stevens 2nd, motion carried 3-0.

Verl Stevens moved to appoint the Farmers State Bank of Highland as the official city depository for 2001. Tony French 2nd, motion carried 3-0.

Dan Tilton moved to table the appointment of Council President and Council Committees' until the next Regular Council Meeting. Tony French 2nd, motion carried 3-0.

Street & Alley Committee Chairman Verl Stevens presented the committee's recommendations for asphaltting and street repair for 2001. The committee's recommendations were as follows: 1. North Elmira Street be shaped and prepared from Main Street north to Missouri Street for paving this summer. 2. That the bridge on E. Missouri Street at the Edie property be repaired and that a large portion of the project be contracted. 3. To prioritize other needed street repairs if finances are still available.

Verl Stevens moved to proceed with the recommendations of the Street & Alley Committee as presented. Dan Tilton 2nd, motion carried 3-0.

The Council asked that Superintendent Hopkins look into available contractors and tube pricing for the E. Missouri project and to meet with Herzog Contractors concerning prices for the paving on N. Elmira Street.

Brad Hurd and Chris Gibson asked about repairs to S. Prairie Street and West Avenue next to their residences. Street & Alley Committee members and Superintendent Hopkins agreed to look into possible options for drainage issues on both streets.

9:07 p.m. Mayor Tyler declared a five minute recess.

9:12 p.m. Verl Stevens moved to go back into session. Tony French 2nd, motion carried 3-0.

CITY OFFICERS REPORT

Police Chief Chad Clary reported he had contacted the Kansas Highway Patrol about a 1998 patrol car to

replace the totaled 1997 Crown Vic Police Cruiser. Clary stated that the cost for the 1998 was \$12,800 or \$13,000 to include the push bumpers.

It was determined by the Governing body that Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Jerry Bruns attend the next scheduled College board meeting to confirm they are still in agreement to finance most of the third officer's wages after completion of the grant and for City Attorney Ted Collins to draft a written agreement to that effect and to delay the purchase of a replacement car until all details are finalized.

City Superintendent Roger Hopkins reported on necessary repairs for the dump truck, tractor and mowing equipment. Hopkins stated that the cost for clutch repair for the tractor from Steve's Tractor Repair would be \$1200 and to replace the weed eater from Highland Hardware would be \$139.95. Hopkins also asked the city to consider purchasing a tandem trailer to haul mowing equipment as well as the BobCat if needed. He stated that the bid he had received on the trailer was \$1700.

Verl Stevens moved to purchase a Ryobi weed eater from Highland Hardware for \$139.95. Tony French 2nd, motion carried 3-0.

Dan Tilton moved to allow Superintendent Hopkins to purchase a tandem trailer not to exceed \$1700. Tony French 2nd, motion carried 3-0.

Verl Stevens moved to have Steve's Tractor Repair fix the clutch on the city tractor for \$1200. Dan Tilton 2nd, motion carried 3-0.

Tony French moved to table discussion of the water rates until the next Regular Council Meeting. Dan Tilton 2nd, motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Tyler asked about purchasing shale for the infield area at the ball park due to hardness. The Council asked the Mayor to talk with the College about costs and the amount of shale needed.

11:00 p.m. Verl Stevens moved to go into executive session for ten minutes to discuss personnel. Tony French 2nd, motion carried 3-0.

11:10 p.m. Verl Stevens moved to come out of executive session. Dan Tilton 2nd, motion carried 3-0.

11:10 p.m. Tony French moved to go back into executive session for five minutes to discuss personnel. Verl Stevens 2nd, motion carried 3-0.

11:15 p.m. Tony French moved to come out of executive session. Dan Tilton 2nd, motion carried 3-0.

11:18 p.m. Verl Stevens moved to adjourn. Dan Tilton 2nd, motion carried 3-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Janet Tyler", positioned above a horizontal line.

Mayor

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

City Clerk