

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 8, 2009

5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Ken Stewart, Donna Parish, Mari Ann Parker, and Mike Batchelder. Tony French was absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Brandon Whetstine, Jason Pendleton, Barry and Wendy Simmons, Dennis Blevins, Joe Florence, Michael Stonebarger, Robert Powell, Scott Sisk, Scott Huss, Zach Powell, Randy Snyder, Dick Powell, Ted Collins, Chris Gibson, Bob Ryser, Jeff Riley, Marilyn McVicker and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Marty Allen

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Mike Batchelder moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held on March 11, 2009. Donna Parish 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart moved to approve the bills for the month of March, 2009. Mike Batchelder 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

### PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Allen presented a plaque to Donna Parish on behalf of the City of Highland for her years of service on the City Council.

### CITIZENS REQUESTS

Mari Ann Parker moved to pass Resolution #09-02, a Resolution for participation in the Pride Program. Donna Parish 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Mari Ann Parker informed the Council that the Tree Board along with Highland Community College would be sponsoring a seminar given by the North East Kansas Community Forrester, Kim Bomberger. The seminar will be held on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at the HCC Math-Science building room #101 from 6:30p.m. to 8:30p.m. The presentation will cover such topics as tree selection, how to plant and pruning. The public is invited to attend.

Scott Sisk, owner of Ernies B.S., asked the Council for permission to have street dances on July 4<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup>. He also asked if the City could help with the deteriorated sidewalk and large pot holes in front of his business.

Mari Ann Parker moved to work with Scott in a joint effort to repair the sidewalk and holes in the street in front of Ernies B.S. Ken Stewart 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart moved to allow Ernie B.S. to have street dances on July 4, 2009 and August 22, 2009. Donna Parish 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Randy Snyder expressed his concern about brush fires being set on property in town and asked about any fire ordinances that might apply.

Barry Simmons asked the Council about the possibility of closing the 500 block of North Genesee St. City Attorney Ted Collins spoke about regulations involving the septic system and set-backs for location of the home. It was agreed to have further discussion at a future meeting to determine what steps would be necessary.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dennis Blevins stated that the Summer Ball Program for Highland this year would include a K-ball boys team and a K-ball girls team. He asked if the City would help to pay for the costs of line painting, umpires, insurance and other materials needed.

Ken Stewart moved to have the City of Highland pay for all items needed for the Summer Ball Program. Mike Batchelder 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Ken Stewart updated the Council on the progress on the New Fire Station/Community Center and stated that an extension had been applied for with a new closing date of June 1, 2009.

Ken Stewart stated that he had received bids from Herzog Contracting Corp. for the asphalt work to be done from Main street North to the city limits on West Avenue. After discussion, Ken Stewart, City Attorney Ted Collins and Mayor Allen said they would meet with HCC to get their input and further discussions would take place at the next Regular Council meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Robert Powell presented to the Council bids for 18 rectangular tables, 18 round tables and 280 chairs for the New Community Center. The companies that submitted bids were: Mity-Lite for \$19,839.53, Bright Settings for \$11,784.00, Sam's Club for \$9621.38, Wholesale Folding Tables and Chairs for \$9,981.00, and National Business Furniture for \$10,703.11. After a brief discussion and some examples of the tables and chairs were shown and tested, Donna Parish moved to accept the bid of \$9621.38 from Sam's Club in St. Joseph, Missouri. Ken Stewart 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Mari Ann Parker reminded the Council that anyone wanting to donate funds for the New Community Center could do so at Farmers State Bank in Highland where Pride has an account set up for that purpose.

Donna Parish moved to approve the Fair Housing Proclamation since April is Fair Housing month. Mike Batchelder 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

There was a discussion about the water hydrant/fire hydrant replacement for 2009. Ken Stewart moved to replace 5 fire hydrants in the city and to have Highland Station Fire Chief Joe Florence and City Superintendent Jeff Riley decide which hydrants will be replaced. Mari Ann Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Mike Batchelder moved to accept the bid of Utility Services Company to disinfect the City's (old) water tower for approximately \$1600.00. Donna Parish 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Allen asked about the property located at 507 N. Kirkwod and the clean-up that was needed. It was agreed that the Code Enforcement Officer be notified and have him try to contact the owner and if clean-up does not take place in the required time frame that the city will clean it up and apply it to the property tax.

Mayor Allen announced he was looking into any Grant funds that might be available to construct a walking trail at the old roadside park West of Highland.

Mayor Allen talked about "Green" city. He stated that he was looking into finding a location in Highland for residents to bring old computers, monitors, and other dysfunctional electronic equipment for a company called E-Waste to pick up once a month.

5:55p.m. Ken Stewart moved to go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss contractual issues. Mari Ann Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

6:25p.m. Ken Stewart moved to come out of executive session. Donna Parish 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart moved to accept the termination of the Law Enforcement contract with the Doniphan County Sheriff's Department and to start procedures to again establish a Police Department for the City of Highland. Donna Parish 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

6:32p.m. Mari Ann Parker moved to adjourn. Donna Parish 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

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City Clerk