

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 9, 2009

5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Scott Huss, Mari Ann Parker, Ken Stewart and Jerry Twombly. Mike Batchelder was absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Powell, Ted Collins, Randy Snyder, Brandon Whetstone, Dennis Lentz, and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Marty Allen

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

Scott Huss moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held November 12, 2009. Jerry Twombly 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held November 24, 2009. Scott Huss 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Mari Ann Parker moved to pay the League of Kansas Municipalities dues for 2010. Ken Stewart 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart moved to approve the bills for the month of November 2009. Scott Huss 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS REQUESTS:

Robert Powell asked if any fire hydrants had been installed. Mayor Allen informed him that Miller Construction had planned to be here last week but no word has been received as of yet.

OLD BUSINESS:

City Clerk Bill Butrick informed the Council that the 2008 audit should be completed next week. He also informed them that he was in the process of accepting proposals from other companies for next year's audit and budget preparation.

City Attorney Ted Collins updated the Council on the status of the Personnel Manual. Attorney Collins also reported briefly on the progress of a comprehensive plan and to modernize the City's Zoning Ordinance. He informed the Council of the approximate costs involved and stated that Wathena seemed favorable and that he was unsure if Troy and the County were interested in pursuing this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scott Huss moved to approve Cereal Malt Beverage applications from Ernies, Caseys General Stores and Clark's Convenience Store for 2010. Mari Ann Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Scott Huss moved to not allow parking from the alley to the City Hall parking lot driveway on the 100 block of North Genesee to prevent problems with the Grocery Store delivery truck. Mari Ann Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Scott Huss moved to replace the sidewalk in front of Degginger Park when weather permits and to pay for the repairs from the Degginger Park funds. Ken Stewart 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Marty Allen updated the Council about possibly purchasing the Saddle Club area and that he was still working on an application about placing a mileage sign at Elwood.

A brief discussion was held concerning selling water to Rural Water District #6. It was agreed that no cost estimates be discussed until getting the water report from Ground Water Associates.

5:51 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss personnel and for Brandon Whetstine and Bill Butrick to remain for a portion of the meeting. Scott Huss 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

6:11 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to come out of executive session. Mari Ann Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart moved to give current Full-Time Employees 1 step raises on the salary schedule, Part-Time Employees 25 cents per hour raises and to give the City Attorney the equivalent of 1 step or \$520.00 per year. Mari Ann Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 3-1 with Huss voting no.

6:16 p.m. Scott Huss moved to adjourn. Mari Ann Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 3-1 with Stewart voting no.

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Mayor

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City Clerk