

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2009

5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Ken Stewart, Mike Batchelder, Mari Ann Parker, Donna Parish and Tony French (5:08 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy A. Twombly, Melanie Edie, Ted Collins, Barry & Wendy Simmons, Randy Snyder, Penny Donaldson, Steve Gaul, Brandon Whetstine, Jeff & Kim Riley, Brian Kingsley and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Marty Allen.

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

Ken Stewart moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held January 14, 2009. Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart moved to approve the bills for the month of January, 2009, with the exception of the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Contract payment and to discuss it later in the meeting. Mike Batchelder 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

CITY OFFICERS REPORT

Mayor Allen reviewed the recommended “NoParking Changes” from the list and asked for public comment when a street was read from the list that anyone wanted to discuss.

Kathy A. Twombly asked that the “No Parking signs” be posted on the east of side of South Prairie Street instead of the west side. (Item #2) Ken Stewart brought up that he felt the “No Parking” signs should be posted on the west side of the 200 block of N. Ives instead of the east. (Item #3) Penny Donaldson questioned where she would be able to park if “No Parking” was posted on S. Genesee Street. (Item #6)

Ken Stewart moved to approve the recommended parking changes except that Items #2 and #3 be changed as stated and Item #6 be tabled for further review. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

City Superintendent Jeff Riley reported moving into the new shop location and that they were working on GPS locates, burning debris at west roadside park and over hauling the city maintainer. He informed the council that he had purchased a trash pump and that he and Aaron Leach would be attending the K.R.W.A. Convention in Wichita. Riley further stated that he would like to review street paving plans for this year as soon as possible.

Ken Stewart moved to the have Jeff Riley look at a 1989 Chevy utility truck for \$2500.00 for city maintenance use and go ahead with the purchase if it meets his approval. Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Riley asked about the Pride banners being replaced. Mari Ann Parker stated that she would look into it.

Deputy Whetstine gave a brief report on citations issued, arrests and other calls made.

Code Enforcement Officer Steve Gaul stated that verbal warnings on clean-up issues were not working as planned. He informed the council that as of April 1st, all residents that needed to be told will have been given their final verbal warning and he will start issuing citations to those who do not comply. Gaul also asked that he be involved whenever the Code Enforcement position is being discussed.

CITIZENS REQUESTS:

Barry and Wendy Simmons stated they were looking into purchasing land to build a new home and asked about the city sewer line hook-up options. Jeff Riley explained that the depth of the sewer line would not be conducive if a basement is included in the construction that does not include a grinder pump. After discussion, the council asked the Simmons to get elevations and bring those to a future council meeting.

PRESENTATIONS:

Brian Kingsley of BG Consultants informed the Council of grants and loans that may be available to city's when and if the new stimulus package is approved. A brief discussion was held concerning possible projects the city may have that would be available for this money. Projects discussed were street improvements, water line distribution and rehabilitation, main street enhancement and the bridge project. Council members Ken Stewart and Mike Batchelder will be attending a meeting on February 12th at the BG Consultant office with grant and loan representatives.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Recreation Commission member Mike Batchelder stated that some representatives of the Recreation Commission would be attending the next regular council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tony French moved to revert back to the old contract for the Code Enforcement Officer and for the officer, city maintenance and law enforcement to work together on picking up and transporting dogs when needed. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tony French moved to have the Mayor and City Superintendent sign the annual review of the Emergency Water Supply Plan for 2009. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart moved to implement an Identity Theft Prevention Program pursuant to the Federal Trade Commission's Red Flag Rule. Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held concerning recent changes to the cereal malt beverage regulations with no action taken at this time.

Tony French moved to approve Resolution # 09-01. A Resolution of finding that financial statements and fixed asset accounting prepared in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis law and budget laws of Kansas and are of no significant value to the Governing Body or the General Public of the City Of Highland. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Tony French moved to accept the bid of \$1095.00 with trade-in and service agreement of Heartland Business Machines for the purchase of a color printer/fax/scanner/copier for City Hall. Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart moved, 2nd by Mike Batchelder to approve Ordinance #480. An Ordinance of the City Of Highland, Kansas, setting forth the offense of unlawful noise and providing for penalties for the violation thereof. By roll call vote: Batchelder –yes, Parker –yes, French-yes, Stewart-yes, and Parish-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

6:45 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel and for City Attorney Ted Collins to remain. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

7:00 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to come out of executive session. Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

7:00 p.m. Mari Ann Parker moved to go back into executive session for an additional 10 minutes to discuss personnel. Mike Batchelder 2nd, carried unanimously.

7:10 p.m. Tony French moved to come out of executive session, Batchelder 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart moved to pay one half of the January Law Enforcement Contract amount and to have the County prepare an account of the hours performed. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

7:15p.m. Tony French moved to adjourn. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

City Clerk