

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 10, 2011

7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Randy Snyder, Jerry Twombly, Scott Huss, Kevin Lackey and Lori Kelley.

ALSO PRESENT: Dorothy Diveley, Melanie Edie, Ted Collins, Brandon Whetstine, Mike Batchelder, Aaron Leach, Michael Hunsaker, Pam Twombly, Scott Sisk, Dennis Lentz, Greg Delzeit and Bill Butrick. Rex Bollinger arrived at 8:08 p.m.

PRESIDING: Mayor Ken Stewart.

Mayor Stewart called to order the Public Hearing for the proposed 2012 budget and asked for public comment. Kevin Lackey moved to approve the 2012 budget. Scott Huss 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Scott Huss moved to adjourn the Public Hearing. Kevin Lackey 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Mayor Stewart called to order the August Regular Council Meeting with all council members present.

Jerry Twombly moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held July 13, 2011. Scott Huss 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Scott Huss moved to approve the bills for the month of July, 2011. Kevin Lackey 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

### CITY OFFICERS REPRORT

Police Chief Brandon Whetstine presented the police department activity report for the month of July 2011. It was as follows: 2-arrests, 3-citations, 14-verbal warnings, 40-calls for service, 5-assists to other agencies, 1-accident report, 11-criminal reports.

Chief Whetstine briefly discussed nuisances, weed violations and derelict structures. The Council asked Chief Whetstine to make initial contact with the property owners he had listed and to come back to the next Regular Council meeting with violators that need to be pursued further.

Aaron Leach spoke to the Council about several locates that had been performed for the Kansas Gas Service Company. He was asked several questions concerning maintenance department activities. Scott Sisk offered use of his golf cart to spray weeded areas around town.

### CITIZENS REQUESTS

Dorothy Diveley stated that Pride had purchased five US flags for the City. Mayor Stewart thanked Pride for their donation.

Jerry Twombly asked about the handicap parking in front of the Med Clinic. Mayor Stewart said he has not talked with Hiawatha Hospital recently. City Attorney Ted Collins stated that it would be handled thru normal procedures for handicap accessibility.

### OLD BUSINESS

Scott Huss moved to pay the Summer Recreation Director \$500.00 for the summer program activities. Randy Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Mayor Stewart informed the Council about a meeting that was held for the use of the City ballpark. He stated that the College, the High School and City officials all agreed to work together and proceed with the current contract in force.

Randy Snyder moved to send Melanie Edie to City Clerk School in November 2011. Lori Kelley 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Stewart declared that a work session would be held on August 23, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Stewart presented bids, requested by Mari Ann Parker, for maintenance needing done in Degginger Park. Moran Landscaping bid \$1255.00 to redo the grass on the back half of the park. Shane's Tree Service bid \$395.00 to remove two cedar trees and stumps. Kevin Lackey moved to accept the bid of Shane's Tree Service for tree and stump removal to be paid from the Degginger Park fund. Scott Huss 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Jerry Twombly moved to accept the bid of Moran Landscaping to redo the grass at the park and to be paid from the Degginger Park fund. Scott Huss 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Mayor Stewart appointed Randy Snyder to look into a repair and maintenance agreement for the fountain in Degginger Park, and to bring back his findings at the next Regular Council meeting.

Randy Snyder moved to accept the bid of Diamond Auto Body for \$1020.80 to paint and perform rust repairs to the Police pickup. Lori Kelley 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

8:03 p.m. Mayor Stewart declared a 5 minute recess.

8:08 p.m. Mayor Stewart called the meeting back to order.

USD #111 Superintendent Rex Bollinger spoke to the Council about the school district's intentions to have a practice field facility constructed on the property they had purchased and property that had been donated south of the High School in blocks #85 and #108. Mr. Bollinger stated that a portion or all of E. Virginia Street has been asked to be vacated for this project. He further explained that the Doniphan County Zoning Board had met and would be sending their recommendation to the City Council to vote on a conditional use for a practice field on this property.

Mayor Stewart asked for public comment concerning the vacating of the east one half of the 400 block of East Virginia Street.

Kevin Lackey moved to approve Ordinance #500; an Ordinance of the City of Highland, Kansas vacating a portion of Virginia Street in the original town. Randy Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup>, by roll call vote: Snyder-yes, Kelley-yes, Twombly-yes, Lackey-yes, Huss-yes. Motion carried.

Scott Huss moved to allow the school district to tear up the east one half of East Virginia Street so they can begin their dirt work. Randy Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

8:17 p.m. Kevin Lackey moved to adjourn. Lori Kelley 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

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Mayor

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City Clerk