

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 14, 2011

7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Randy Snyder, Lori Kelley, Scott Huss and Jerry Twombly (7:15). Kevin Lackey was unable to attend.

ALSO PRESENT: Dorothy Diveley, Brandon Whetstine and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Ken Stewart.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Mayor Stewart thanked the City for the plant given to his family for the recent death of his mother.

Lori Kelley moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held November 9, 2011. Randy Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Scott Huss moved to approve the bills for November 2011. Lori Kelley 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Dorothy Diveley of the Pride Committee presented a check for \$2477.48 donated towards the purchase of the new Christmas lights. Dorothy explained that the money came from the selling of aluminum cans, Pride fund raisers and individual donations. Mayor Stewart thanked the Pride Committee and all the Community for their donation toward the Christmas lights.

Randy Snyder moved to approve Resolution #11-06. An entry Resolution for participation in the Kansas Pride Program. Lori Kelley 2<sup>nd</sup>. By roll call vote: Snyder-yes, Kelley-yes and Huss-yes. Motion carried.

CITY OFFICERS REPORT

Police Chief Brandon Whetstine presented his activity report for November 2011, it is as follows: 9-Arrests, 17-Citations, 15-Verbal Warnings, 43-Calls for Service, 6-Assists to other Agencies, 1-Accident Report and 13-Criminal Reports.

City Clerk Bill Butrick met with Brian Kingsley of BG Consultants. He stated that Mr. Kingsley will be sending a notice to bid in the next few days to be published in the local newspaper for the City's Street Project Grant. He further stated that January 31, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. is a tentative meeting date to open the bids and that the awarding of the bid could be done at the February 8, 2011 Regular Council Meeting. Mr. Kingsley had also informed Butrick that a grant announcement should be made mid to late January to determine if the City might receive the grant for their Water Tower/Water Line Distribution Project.

## NEW BUSINESS

Scott Huss moved to accept the resignation of Police Officer Blaine Kennedy with regret. Randy Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Police Chief Brandon Whetstine spoke briefly about the Police Officer applications he had received and that the interviewing committee would recommend the hiring of Arthur Buckingham. Lori Kelley moved to hire Arthur Buckingham for the position of Police Officer at step #22 on the salary schedule and to include a signing bonus for agreeing to a 1 year employment contract. Randy Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Dorothy Diveley asked if the banner in front of City Hall could be straightened out and if City Maintenance would be replacing banners that had been blown down. Mrs. Diveley also asked about street repairs on the 300 block of South Iowa.

Scott Huss stated that the sewer man hole on the 500 block of North Kirkwood needs attention. Mayor Stewart stated he would meet with City Maintenance to discuss the problem.

A brief discussion was held concerning the need for a property clean up at 107 S. Ives. The Council asked that Chief Whetstine start the procedures to inform the property owner about the problem.

Scott Huss moved to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage applications for 2012 for Ernie's B.S. Inc., Casey's Retail Company and Highland Convenience Store. Randy Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

7:18p.m. Jerry Twombly moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel and for Bill Butrick to remain. Randy Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

7:33p.m. Jerry Twombly moved to come out of executive session. Scott Huss 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

7:33p.m. Lori Kelley moved to go back into executive session for 10 minutes to continue personnel discussions. Randy Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

7:43p.m. Randy Snyder moved to come out of executive session. Scott Huss 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Jerry Twombly moved to give City Maintenance workers a 1 step increase on the City's salary schedule for 2012. Lori Kelley 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Scott Huss moved to give the Police Chief a 3 step increase on the City's salary schedule for 2012. Randy Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Randy Snyder moved to give the City Clerk a 2 step increase on the City's salary schedule for 2012. Scott Huss 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Randy Snyder moved to give the Assistant City Clerk a \$1.00 per hour increase for 2012. Lori Kelley 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Lori Kelley moved to give the Municipal Judge a \$25.00 per month increase for 2012. Jerry Twombly 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Scott Huss moved to give the City Attorney a \$500.00 per year increase for 2012. Randy Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vote was 2-2. Mayor Stewart broke the tie by voting no. Motion failed.

Jerry Twombly moved to give the City Attorney a \$1000.00 increase for 2012. Lori Kelley 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote was 2-2. Mayor Stewart broke the tie by voting yes. Motion carried.

A brief discussion was held by the governing body concerning street repairs for 2012.

7:55p.m. Scott Huss moved to adjourn. Lori Kelley 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

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Mayor

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City Clerk