

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2011

5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mike Batchelder, Mari Ann Parker, Kevin Lackey, Scott Huss and Jerry Twombly.

ALSO PRESENT: Brandon Whetstine, Robert Powell, Dennis Lentz, Scott Sisk, Dennis Snyder, Michael Hunsaker, Kyle Montgomery, Randy Snyder, Ted Collins and Melanie Edie.

PRESIDING: Ken Stewart

5:00 p.m. Mayor Stewart called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with all Council members present.

Kevin Lackey moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held December 8, 2010. Scott Huss 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

After discussion of some of the bills for the month of December, Jerry Twombly moved to approve the bills as presented, Scott Huss 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.

### PRESENTATIONS:

Scott Sisk told the Council that he was interested in the City considering the idea of Sunday carry out beer sales from his business here in town, Ernies BS. He mentioned he would like to hear the Council's opinions, both good and bad. Mayor Stewart said they would need some time to consider it and they would discuss the subject at their next work session.

Mr. Sisk also informed the Council that he would be applying to the State for Ernies B.S. to become a private club. Sisk believes he is losing a lot of drink sales because he can only serve beer. He went on to say that becoming a private club would mean anyone wanting to have a drink in Ernies would have to be a member of the private club or be a guest of an active member and it would benefit the City of Highland by increasing license fees to the City and a percentage of the liquor excise tax will also be given to the City. Mr. Sisk asked that if anyone from the Council or the community had any questions or comments, to please contact him at Ernies.

### CITY OFFICERS REPORT:

Mayor Stewart reminded everyone that applications for Mayor and Council positions are due 10 weeks prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> week in April. He also mentioned that the meeting concerning the Parker home will reconvene on January 19, 2011 at 6:30p.m.

Mayor Stewart brought up the item on the agenda concerning drug testing of part-time officers that were recently hired by the City. After a brief discussion, Scott Huss moved to have the City Clerk take the necessary steps to include the 3 part-time Police Officers on the list of employees to be drug tested. Mike Batchelder 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief Brandon Whetstine went over his monthly report with the Council. The report included information on officer hours over Christmas Break and the fact that the Police Department received over \$982.00 worth of free equipment from KDOT for participating in the Click It or Ticket Program. The Police Department had 2-Arrests, 17-Citations, 27-Verbal Warnings, 26-Calls for Service, 2-Assists to other Agencies, 1-Accident Report and 13-Criminal Reports last month.

Robert Powell asked about the Community Center Sign and when it was going to be completed. He also asked about when the City was going to be putting in new street signs. Mayor Stewart said the Council would discuss getting the necessary signs put up at the next work session and Ted Collins said he would look into it also.

Included in the Council packets this month was the 2010 Planning Meeting Agenda. Mayor Stewart suggested that the Council go over it and decide on priorities for 2011 at the next work session.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The City is considering purchasing some new Christmas lights for next year. After a brief discussion of the style and number of lights that would be needed, the Council agreed to have City Clerk Bill Butrick let out bids to three different light companies for the new lights. The Council decided they would like a snowflake design with LED lights. They agreed they would like to have the bids along with pictures back by the next Regular Council meeting to try to make their decision.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Scott Huss wanted to thank the City Maintenance crew for a job well done on snow removal around the City after the recent snow storm.

Kevin Lackey stated he would like to look into possibly looking at a different company to buy the hydro chlorite for the wells that the City maintains. Mayor Stewart said they should get together with Superintendent Jeff Riley and discuss the best option for the City.

Mayor Stewart and the Council agreed that the next Work Session would be held on January 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

5:40 p.m. Kevin Lackey moved to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel, and for City Attorney Ted Collins and City Maintenance Crew Member, Michael Hunsaker to remain. Scott Huss 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

5:50 p.m. Michael Hunsaker was excused from the executive session.

6:00 p.m. Kevin Lackey Moved to come out of executive session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Huss, motion carried unanimously.

6:00 p.m. Scott Huss moved to go back into executive session to continue the previous discussion and for City Attorney Ted Collins to remain. Kevin Lackey 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

6:15 p.m. Kevin Lackey moved to come out of executive session. Scott Huss 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

6:15 p.m. Mike Batchelder moved to adjourn. Scott Huss 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor

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City Clerk