

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 8, 2011

7:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Brandon Whetstine, Mike Batchelder, Ted Collins, Blaine Kennedy, Dorothy Diveley, Dennis Snyder and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Ken Stewart

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with all council members present.

Randy Snyder moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held May 11, 2011. Kevin Lackey 2nd, motion carried.

Jerry Twombly moved to approve the bills for the month of May, 2011. Randy Snyder 2nd, motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Dorothy Diveley of the PRIDE Committee stated that \$2281.61 was the amount, after expenses, that was taken in from the fund raiser for the Christmas lights. She further stated that PRIDE had applied for a \$2000.00 grant to also put towards the Christmas lights should it be awarded to them. Dorothy also presented a check for \$432.80 for clean-up expenses.

CITY OFFICERS REPORT

Police Chief Brandon Whetstine presented the police department's activity report for the month of May, 2011. Arrests-2, Citations-9, Verbal warnings-10, Calls for service-33, Assist to other agencies-3, Accident reports-0, Criminal reports-5.

Chief Whetstine updated the Council with a list of derelict structures for them to review. It was agreed that the Council would look into the structures at the next work session.

Scott Huss moved to allow Officer Blaine Kennedy to apply for a part-time job he had requested as long as it did not conflict with his normal working hours and on-call hours. Lori Kelley 2nd, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held concerning the reimbursement for police officer overtime through the "click it or ticket program". Kevin Lackey moved to authorize Mayor Stewart and the City Clerk to look into the possible overtime pay for the Police Department. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried.

City Clerk Bill Butrick informed the Council of the City's upcoming 2012 budget. He asked them to review the information he had given them and to let him know about any changes or additions. Butrick also stated that the City's 2010 audit would take place on June 17th.

Chief Whetstine asked about another video camera for the other police vehicle and the Council agreed to have this added to the 2012 budget.

Chief Whetstine asked about getting estimates to repair some rust damage on the police pick-up. He was instructed to get estimates and present them at the next regular meeting.

Scott Huss moved to offer law enforcement assistance to the City of Elwood for the phase II flood plan and for the Mayor to authorize city police officers to volunteer their help at his discretion. Randy Snyder 2nd, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Scott Huss moved to allow \$1000.00 expense to Hiawatha Hospital for the installation and repairs for a handicap ramp at Highland Med Clinic. Kevin Lackey 2nd, motion carried.

Kevin Lackey moved to approve the bid of \$1610.00 from Utility Services Co. to clean and disinfect the 50,000 gallon water tower. Randy Snyder 2nd, motion carried.

Mayor Stewart stated that his wife Diane would be willing to coordinate the 4th of July activities and that all activities would be held on Monday, July 4th.

Mayor Stewart informed the Council that the High School has not decided on their Ball Park Committee representatives at this time. He stated that the College representatives would be Greg Delzeit and Rick Eberly and the City representatives would be Aaron Leach, Randy Snyder and either Kevin Lackey or Scott Huss.

A brief discussion was held concerning derelict property and possible safety issues with some structures in town. Mayor Stewart stated that a work session would be held on June 29, 2011 at 7:00p.m. and that a review of the property in question would take place at that time.

Mayor Stewart informed the Council that he and Bill Butrick would be attending a Grant Workshop in Topeka on June 10th.

Scott Huss asked about the drainage tube by the Larry O'Bryan residence. The Mayor affirmed that it was in the City's plans to repair it in the near future.

Mayor Stewart asked if contributions had been made in the past toward the use of the lights at the ball park. Bill Butrick stated that usually a donation is given from tournaments where fees are charged to teams that participate.

7:45p.m. Scott Huss moved to go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss personnel and for Ted Collins, Brandon Whetstine and Bill Butrick to remain. Randy Snyder 2nd, motion carried.

8:15p.m. Randy Snyder moved to come out of executive session. Jerry Twombly 2nd, motion carried.

8:15p.m. Kevin Lackey moved to go back into executive session for 15 minutes and for Ted Collins and Bill Butrick to remain. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried.

8:30p.m. Randy Snyder moved to come out of executive session. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried.

Council member Kevin Lackey asked about the progress of the property located at the intersection of the 200 block of South Avenue and the 600 block of West Virginia and if the amended contract had been signed. Mayor Stewart stated that the contract had not been signed at this time but should be signed by the end of the week. A brief discussion continued about certain deadlines being met according to the previous contract.

8:39p.m. Lori Kelley moved to adjourn . Jerry Twombly 2nd, motion carried.

Mayor

City Clerk