

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 9, 2011

5:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Powell, Brandon Whetstine, Dennis Snyder, Ted Collins, Randy Snyder, Scott Sisk and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Ken Stewart.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with all council members present.

Mike Batchelder moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held February 9, 2011. Mari Ann Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Scott Sisk updated the Council about the procedures and costs involved with his business becoming a private club. Sisk asked for the Council's feedback on if they were in favor of or against the proposal. City Attorney Ted Collins stated that the State would actually be the one to determine the approval, however, the city would have the right to request a public hearing within 10 days of the notice. Four members of the Council said they would be in favor of or were not against the business becoming a private club and one council member stated they were undecided at this time.

CITY OFFICERS REPORT

Police Chief Brandon Whetstine reported on the department's activity for the month of February, 2011. The report was as follows: 3 arrests, 25 citations, 28 verbal warnings, 20 calls for service, 5 assist to other agencies, 1 accident report, 7 criminal reports.

Mayor Ken Stewart reported on a sewer line back-up by the Gene Rush residence. He informed the Council that Bud's Sewer had been contacted and the problem had been fixed.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

Brandon Whetstine informed the Council that the 300 block of North Vermillion was in need of repair.

City Attorney Ted Collins requested feedback from the Council concerning a petition to vacate the alley in block 115 for the purpose of constructing a new home and that he would be presenting the request at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Mayor Ken Stewart stated that a work session would be held on March 30, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Randy Snyder asked about the bridge at the bottom of the high school hill. Mayor Stewart informed him that Jeff Riley has contacted the inspector for the Kansas Department of Transportation to take a look at it.

## OLD BUSINESS

Kevin Lackey moved to approve Ordinance #498. An Ordinance of the City of Highland authorizing the sale of cereal malt beverages on Sundays, as specified and limited, within the corporate limits of the City of Highland, Kansas. Scott Huss 2<sup>nd</sup>. By roll call vote: Batchelder-no, Parker-yes, Twombly-yes, Lackey-yes, Huss-yes. Motion carried 4-1.

Mayor Stewart stated that there was no interest from the employees to have an insurance policy from Liberty Mutual withheld from their wages.

## NEW BUSINESS

Mari Ann Parker reported that she had met with the city maintenance crew, Dennis Lentz and Chris Douglas concerning the upcoming PRIDE Clean-up week. She stated the date would be around April 16<sup>th</sup> and that the clean-up may take place from Wednesday thru Saturday. Parker further stated that they are looking into e-waste, old car removal and possibly tire disposal.

Scott Huss moved to waive the fee for the PRIDE Committee for rental of the Community Center to hold their dinner to raise funds for the purchase of new Christmas lights. Kevin Lackey 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held concerning the upcoming Summer Ball Program. Mayor Stewart appointed Aaron Leach to again take care of the field preparation, scheduling and other activities involving the ball park.

Scott Huss moved to approve Ordinance #497. An Ordinance of the City of Highland, Kansas, establishing the date and time of the regular meeting of the governing body and for the date to be the second Wednesday of each month and for the time to change to 7:00 p.m. effective for the May meeting in 2011. Kevin Lackey 2<sup>nd</sup>. By roll call vote: Batchelder-abstain, Parker-abstain, Twombly-yes, Lackey-yes, Huss-yes. Motion carried 3-0-2.

5:40 p.m. Scott Huss moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel and for Brandon Whetstine, Ted Collins and Bill Butrick to remain. Kevin Lackey 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

5:55 p.m. Scott Huss moved to come out of executive session. Kevin Lackey 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

5:55 p.m. Scott Huss moved to go into executive session for fifteen minutes to discuss legal matters and for Bill Butrick to remain. Kevin Lackey 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

6:05 p.m. Scott Huss moved to come out of executive session. Kevin Lackey 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

6:05 p.m. Kevin Lackey moved to adjourn. Jerry Twombly 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

---

Mayor

---

City Clerk

