

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 11, 2011

7:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Brandon Whetstine, Michael Hunsaker, Dennis Lentz, Mel Edie, Terry Ford, Robert Powell, Mike Batchelder, Pam Twombly, Greg Delzeit, Dave Reist, Chuck Simmons, Russ Karn and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Ken Stewart.

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

City Clerk Bill Butrick administered the Oath of Office to Mayor-elect Ken Stewart and Council-members elect Lori Kelley and Randy Snyder.

Scott Huss moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held April 13, 2011. Kevin Lackey 2nd, motion carried.

Police Chief Brandon Whetstine stated that the city would not need to pay the invoice to Kustom Signals for the radar unit because it was being returned.

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

CITY OFFICERS REPORT

Police Chief Brandon Whetstine presented his monthly activity report to the Council. It was as follows: Arrest-1, Citations-14, Verbal Warnings-29, Calls for Service-41, Assist to other agencies-9, Accident Reports-0, Criminal Reports-4.

Chief Whetstine updated the Council on the status of the "Click it or Ticket" program and asked if they would consider mode 2 which would allow overtime pay to the officers and be paid by the state. Mayor Stewart stated that the City would need to change the personnel manual to show police officers would be changed to an hourly wage instead of an annual salary to allow for mode 2 to be put in place.

Jerry Twombly moved to increase Officer Blaine Kennedy's salary one step on the salary schedule due to his probation period being completed. Randy Snyder 2nd, motion carried.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

Mayor Stewart explained that USD #111 would like use the ball-park facility for more games and practices in the future. Stewart stated he would like to appoint two representatives from Highland Community College, two representatives from USD #111, two representatives from the Park & Recreation Committee from the City and Summer Rec. Director Aaron Leach to be the ball-park committee to establish policies and regulations for use and maintenance of the field and for this committee to work together to make sure all scheduling will be in place.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Stewart asked the Council to review the letter concerning committee appointments and asked if there was any discussion or problems with the committee selections. He further stated that the appointments would be voted upon later in the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The Council reviewed a bid from AHRS Construction, of \$4,170.00, through the Hiawatha Hospital for installing a handicap access ramp in front of the Highland Med Clinic. After a brief discussion it was agreed to do more review and table this issue until the next Regular Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Stewart asked if there would be any volunteers or recommendations to be the 4th of July Activities Coordinator. After no response the Mayor asked the Council to bring recommendations to the next Regular Council meeting.

Scott Huss moved to purchase an office desk from CSN Office Supply for \$499.00 for the Clerk's office. Randy Snyder 2nd, motion carried.

Mayor Stewart reviewed a letter he had sent to the Pride Committee concerning clean-up for next year.

Scott Huss moved to appoint the Kansas Chief as the official City Newspaper for 2011. Lori Kelley 2nd, motion carried.

Scott Huss moved to appoint the Farmers State Bank as the City Depository for 2011 and to appoint the Bank of Highland as the City Depository upon completion of the transition period. Randy Snyder 2nd, motion carried.

Scott Huss moved to appoint Jerry Twombly as Council President for 2011. Kevin Lackey 2nd, motion carried 4-0-1 with Twombly abstaining.

Kevin Lackey moved to accept the Mayor's committee appointments as presented for 2011. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried.

Jerry Twombly moved to appoint Larry O'Bryan, Robert Powell, Randy Snyder, Mike Parker and Mike Batchelder to the Board of Zoning Appeals for 2011. Randy Snyder 2nd, motion carried.

Kevin Lackey moved to appoint all employees to their current positions for 2011. Lori Kelley 2nd, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held concerning the culvert on East Spring street. It was agreed that Street and Alley Committee Chairman Scott Huss would get together with Superintendent Jeff Riley to come up with a solution for the repairs to the bridge.

Mayor Stewart stated that a work session would be held on May 25, 2011 at 7:00p.m.

Councilman Jerry Twombly asked about the progress on the Parker structure. Mayor Stewart said that the attorney was revising the contract and that work had been progressing.

Councilman Kevin Lackey asked if a meeting had been held to discuss communication issues with the Doniphan County Sheriff's Department. Mayor Stewart stated that it had not yet been scheduled.

7:29p.m. Scott Huss moved to adjourn. Lori Kelley 2nd, motion carried.

Mayor

City Clerk