

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 9, 2011

7:00 P.M.

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

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

PRESIDING: Mayor Ken Stewart.

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

Kevin Lackey moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held October 12, 2011. Randy Snyder 2nd, motion carried.

Scott Huss moved to approve the bills for the month of October, 2011. Kevin Lackey 2nd, motion carried.

CITY OFFICERS REPORT

Police Chief Brandon Whetstine presented the activity report for October as follows: Arrest-1, Citations-7, Verbal warnings-15, Calls for service-31, Assist to other agencies-4, Accident reports-0, Criminal reports-5.

Chief Whetstine updated the Council about the derelict and unsafe structure list and stated that the properties located at 203 S. Avenue and 208 S. Prairie could be taken off the list. The Council agreed to remove these properties and asked Chief Whetstine to continue to update them on the progress of the house being renovated on S. Avenue and W. Virginia Streets.

City Clerk Bill Butrick stated that Aaron Leach had informed him that the roof was leaking at the City Shop building due to the most recent rains and had asked about repairs. The Council agreed to have city maintenance do a temporary seal for now and have the roof redone in the spring or summer of next year.

Police Chief Whetstine and Clerk Butrick asked about replacing the back doors on the City Hall and Police Department. Mayor Stewart said he would contact several companies for prices and have the doors installed.

Mayor Stewart said he had contacted Altec Industries and that a mechanic had been scheduled to look into and fix the city's bucket truck.

City Clerk Bill Butrick informed the Council that the old police car had been sold and a few people had expressed interest in the Ford pick-up and dump truck. He also stated that Jim Gilmore and Mike Batchelder had been hauling scrap metal for the city and that a check had been given for over \$350 thus far.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

Dorothy Diveley of the PRIDE Committee stated they had received a \$1000 grant to be given toward the purchase of the new Christmas lights. Mayor Stewart thanked Dorothy and PRIDE for their generous donation.

Chief Brandon Whetstine informed the Council he had received a mini-grant consisting of 24 bicycle helmets to be given out for a child safety bicycle program.

OLD BUSINESS

Item one on the agenda under old business to pursue a possible contract to maintain and repair the Degginger Park fountain was discussed briefly and agreed to be tabled till spring of next year and to have city maintenance winterize the fountain for now.

Randy Snyder moved to amend the Personnel Manual to allow for annual and sick leave accrual to be credited on a monthly basis after the first year of employment. Lori Kelley 2nd, motion carried.

Scott Huss moved to allow overtime pay to the Police Department Officers as a limited exception to the normal employee standards for three pay periods involved with the "Click it or Ticket" program and for employee records to be forwarded to the program for reimbursement of the overtime pay. Kevin Lackey 2nd, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Scott Huss moved to accept the proposal of Environmental Laboratories of \$135 per quarter to continue the sampling and analysis of the city's wastewater treatment facility. Kevin Lackey 2nd, motion carried.

City Clerk Bill Butrick briefly reviewed the City's annual budget with the Council. He stated that the City was well within their 2011 budget in all funds at this time and that no amendment would be necessary.

7:24 p.m. Randy Snyder moved to go into executive session for fifteen minutes to discuss personnel and for Police Chief Brandon Whetstine and City Clerk Bill Butrick to remain. Lori Kelley 2nd, motion carried.

7:39 p.m. Kevin Lackey moved to come out of executive session. Randy Snyder 2nd, motion carried.

Police Chief Brandon Whetstine stated that Police Officer Blaine Kennedy had recently accepted a position with the City of Wathena Police Department. He further stated that Kennedy's last day with the City would be December 2, 2011.

After a brief discussion the Council agreed to have the City Clerk place an ad in all area newspapers for a vacant police officer position.

7:49 p.m. Scott Huss moved to adjourn. Lori Kelley 2nd, motion carried.

Mayor

City Clerk

