

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 12, 2011

7:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Melanie Edie, Aaron Leach, Robert Powell, Ted Collins, Pam Twombly, Mike Batchelder, Dorothy Diveley, Michael Hunsaker, Brandon Whetstine and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Ken Stewart.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Scott Huss moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council meeting held September 14, 2011. Jerry Twombly 2nd, motion carried.

Kevin Lackey moved to approve the bills for the month of September 2011. Lori Kelley 2nd, motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

Dorothy Diveley of the PRIDE Committee presented a check to the City for \$3000.00 to help pay for the new Christmas lights. Mrs. Diveley stated that the money was from different fund raisers and individual donations. She also gave City Maintenance two new Kansas flags.

CITY OFFICERS REPORTS:

Police Chief Brandon Whetstine presented the September activity report. It is as follows: 11 – Arrests, 12 – Citations, 16 – Verbal Warnings, 45 – Calls for Service, 8 – Assists to other Agencies, 0 – Accident Reports, 9 – Criminal Reports.

Chief Whetstine requested the Council to consider buying new tires for the police pickup. After reviewing bids, Scott Huss moved to purchase four new tires at \$159.00 each from Triple L Tire. Lori Kelley 2nd, motion carried 3-0-1 with Lackey abstaining.

Chief Whetstine spoke of the SAFE Program and stated that there has been a 7-12% increase in kids wearing their seatbelts since the program was implemented. He asked the City to donate again as they did last year to keep the program going. Scott Huss moved to give \$300.00 to the SAFE Program. Kevin Lackey 2nd, motion carried.

Robert Powell reported that the Community Center has been booked frequently up until the end of the year and asked if City Maintenance could spray weeds in the parking lot area.

Aaron Leach asked for approval to winterize the white City truck and to look into the clip that goes on the clutch. Leach was instructed to have Triple L Tire perform the service and to take the truck to Aberle Ford for the clutch repair. Leach further stated that the lift station pump is being scheduled for installment and that pump #2 will be pulled to check the bearings after pump#1 is installed.

Kevin Lackey asked about the operation of the bucket truck. Aaron Leach stated that the boom was not lifting correctly and he suspected it was the idler. Mayor Stewart instructed Aaron to have Triple L Tire look into this repair as well.

Mayor Stewart read a letter from Brenda Hines commending the work that City Maintenance did on the alley behind her house.

CITIZENS REQUESTS:

Dorothy Diveley asked the date when the Christmas lights would be turned on. Aaron Leach said hopefully they would be ready before Thanksgiving.

Mike Batchelder asked the City to waive the fee for use of the Community Center for a fund raiser on October 29, 2011 with proceeds going to the Kidney Foundation. Mayor Stewart stated the City does not waive the usage fee for fundraisers however private donations had already been arranged to cover that cost.

Ron Huss had requested the City to look into moving a street light on the 500 block of North Kirkwood. He asked that the light be moved to the north or across the street for accessibility purposes. The Council agreed to contact Westar Energy and to look into the request depending on expenses and location.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Stewart asked that item #1 under old business be tabled to the next Regular Council meeting due to Randy Snyder being absent.

A brief discussion was held concerning the crew that installed new gas meters in the City. It was the consensus of the Council that Kansas Gas Service should be notified of the general dissatisfaction of the job that was done.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Stewart opened bids on the old State truck and the 1998 Police car. One bid was received for the dump truck for \$400.10. One bid was received for the Police car for \$222.10. Scott Huss moved to refuse all bids. Kevin Lackey 2nd, motion carried.

Kevin Lackey moved to authorize the Mayor to purchase a 2004 Ford F250 4x4 pickup from Federal Surplus Property for \$14,900.00 should the truck meet his approval. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried.

Scott Huss informed the Council he had received complaints about a dog, belonging to Tammi Allen, running at large. Jerry and Pam Twombly also expressed concerns about the same dog. Police Chief Brandon Whetstine said he would talk to the owner about the dog. He also stated that this individual had received similar complaints and citations for her dog in the past.

Mayor Ken Stewart asked that the City employee annual and sick leave accrual be changed from annual to monthly. City Attorney Ted Collins said he would look into the request and make any possible changes that could be made to the personnel manual.

Mayor Stewart updated the Council on the Parker house repairs being done. He stated that the roof should be completed in a few weeks. City Attorney Collins said that he had spoke with Pat Urban about the demolition of the house on 203 South Avenue, and that it was still on his schedule to be done.

7:35 p.m. Jerry Twombly moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss legal matters and for Ted Collins, Brandon Whetstine and Bill Butrick to remain. Kevin Lackey 2nd, motion carried.

7:40 p.m. Kevin Lackey moved to come out of executive session. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried.

7:40 p.m. Jerry Twombly moved to go back into executive session for 5 minutes to continue to discuss legal matters. Lori Kelley 2nd, motion carried.

7:45 p.m. Scott Huss moved to come out of executive session. Kevin Lackey 2nd, motion carried.

Jerry Twombly moved to accept the inspection report as presented from Police Chief Brandon Whetstine and Code Enforcement Officer Malcolm Grier which constitutes that the house located on 203 South Avenue is an immediate hazard and that it shall be tore down and removed by November 4, 2011 or the City will hire a contractor and have it removed and all costs shall be assessed to the owner. Kevin Lackey 2nd, motion carried.

Kevin Lackey moved to allow Officer Blaine Kennedy to use the patrol car and to pay all fuel expenses while completing his Law Enforcement Certification. Lori Kelley 2nd, motion carried.

7:47 p.m. Scott Huss moved to adjourn. Lori Kelley 2nd, motion carried.

Mayor

City Clerk