

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 11, 2012

7:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Brandon Whetstine, Dorothy Diveley, Aaron Leach, Michael Hunsaker, Ted Collins and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Ken Stewart.

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

Lori Kelley moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held December 14, 2011. Randy Snyder 2nd, motion carried.

Kevin Lackey moved to approve the bills for the month of December, 2011. Randy Snyder 2nd, motion carried.

CITY OFFICERS REPORT

Aaron Leach presented bids to purchase a new 29 hp pump for the wastewater facility and also a bid to repair the original pump. Kevin Lackey moved to purchase the new pump from Letts Vankirk and Associate for \$7989.23. Jerry Twombly 2nd, motion carried.

Leach asked the Council for feedback concerning the fencing at the City's well site (s). After a brief discussion Mayor Stewart asked Mr. Leach to get bids and options on a 6" chain link fence with gates for well #5 and the entrance at the well site and to present the bids at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Randy Snyder moved to have Aaron Leach and Michael Hunsaker attend the Kansas Rural Water Association Convention being held on March 27th thru the 29th and for the City to pay any necessary expenses and fees. Lori Kelley 2nd, motion carried.

Mayor Stewart informed the Council that he has been calling Haug Communication's to see when the system will be installed to automatically operate the city water wells.

Police Chief Brandon Whetstine presented the monthly activity report for December, 2011. It was as follows: 2 arrest, 8 citations, 11 verbal warnings, 15 calls for service, 6 assist to other agencies, 0 accident reports , 5 criminal reports.

Chief Whetstine informed the Council that new Officer Art Buckingham started working for the City at the beginning of the year. He also gave a brief update about the cleanup of the school property where the new sports practice facility will be located.

Chief Whetstine asked the Council to approve the purchase of the second taser unit for the Police Department. Lori Kelley moved to purchase the taser unit with funds from the Law Enforcement Diversion Fund. Randy Snyder 2nd, motion carried.

City Clerk Bill Butrick reminded the Council that the bid conference to open bids for the City's street project (grant) would be held January 31, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at City Hall.

City Attorney Ted Collins spoke briefly about possible discussions being held in cooperation with the City of Wathena to look into updating the City's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulation Ordinance.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

Dorothy Diveley asked about banners and flags in need of repair. Aaron Leach said he had several that needed attention and would get them to her as soon as possible.

Aaron Leach stated that the hydraulics on the bucket truck had been fixed but the truck wasn't running properly and that a diesel mechanic would be looking at it shortly.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Stewart announced that a plaque was being presented by the Kansas Concrete Association to the City for the bridge project construction recently done. He stated that a ceremony will be held in Lenexa should anyone on the Council want to attend.

Mayor Stewart also asked about regulations where city streets are damaged or tore up for line installation by a company or individual and if that company or individual is responsible for repairs. City Attorney Ted Collins stated that he was sure the City has an ordinance that enforces this situation and he would look into it and report his findings at a future meeting.

7:35 p.m. Jerry Twombly moved to adjourn. Lori Kelley 2nd, motion carried.

Mayor

City Clerk