

**CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
OCTOBER 9, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Watts, Scott Huss, Randy Snyder, Jerry Twombly and Charles Batchelder .

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: City Attorney Ted Collins, City Police Officer Blaine Kennedy, City Maintenance Supervisor Aaron Leach, Assistant City Clerk Joann Karn and City Clerk Melanie Hollabaugh.

GUESTS PRESENT: Brian Kingsley of BG Consultants, Inc., Pam Twombly, Dennis Lentz, J.W. Twombly, Mike Batchelder, Roger Hopkins and Scott Sisk.

PRESIDING: Mayor Ken Stewart

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

Scott Huss moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular City Council Meeting held on September 10, 2013. Charles Batchelder 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Charles Batchelder moved to approve the bills for the month of September 2013. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS: Brian Kinsley of BG Consultants, Inc. began by updating the Council on information concerning elevations of the (New) West Water Tower and the North Water Tower.

Mr. Kingsley then presented to the Council a Funding Overview for possible Sanitary Sewer Collection and Treatment System Improvements. He provided information about: financing/funding options for a Sanitary Sewer project, an example of an actual engineering report done for another City, system-wide smoke testing and or TV inspection, options on rehabilitation versus replacement of our current system and what the City needs to do to begin improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Scott Sisk asked if the City had come up with a new area for residents to use to dump brush. Mayor Ken Stewart said that nothing had been figured out yet.

City Attorney Ted Collins added that the Anthros property that had been used in the past to dump brush, still needed cleaned up. Mr. Collins stated that he thought the County had said they would help in moving some of the larger debris from the area. Roger Hopkins of Doniphan County stated that he would first talk to Pat Urban of Urban Construction, who had submitted a bid to the City to clean up the Anthros area. City Attorney Collins stated that he, along with Mayor Stewart and Mr. Hopkins should get together and set a meeting with Nancy Babcock (owner of Anthros property) as soon as possible.

Councilman Jerry Twombly stated he would like to see any future presentations limited to 30 minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS: City Clerk Melanie Hollabaugh asked the Council to review the property damage claim submitted to the City's insurance by Jason Taylor.

City Maintenance Supervisor Aaron Leach updated the Council on: the bucket truck, Bud's Sewer Service performing sewer line cleaning in town, the North Water Tower Washout Inspection report, and the new brush hog mower that was purchased for the Bobcat.

Mr. Leach informed the Council he had received bids for new tires for the Bobcat from Triple L Tire for \$245 per tire and Newmann Tire for \$310 per tire. Charles Batchelder moved to purchase 4 tires for the Bobcat from Triple L Tire at \$245 per tire. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

COMMITTEE UPDATES: Jerry Twombly of the Water and Sewer Committee stated that the Committee was not in favor of requiring one-way valves on new construction in the City.

OLD BUSINESS: Scott Huss moved to accept the resignation of Robert Powell from the City of Highland Board of Zoning Appeals. Randy Snyder 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Randy Snyder moved to appoint J. W. Twombly to the City of Highland Board of Zoning Appeals. Charles Batchelder 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Stewart suggested to the Council that they wait to make a decision on what to do with the old fire hydrants until the Maintenance Dept. had made final decisions on which ones were still usable and then possibly selling the ones the City is not going to use. The Council agreed with the Mayor's recommendation.

The Council decided not to purchase a year's worth of forever stamps at this time.

Scott Huss moved to approve Payment Request #3 from Maguire Iron for \$121,020.31. Jerry Twombly 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Snow removal was discussed briefly for the upcoming winter. Maintenance Supervisor Aaron Leach stated that the City has enough salt but will probably need to purchase some sand.

8:35pm Randy Snyder moved to go into executive session until 8:40 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for the protection of the privacy rights of the protected employee and for City Attorney Ted Collins to remain. Jerry Twombly 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

8:40pm Charles Batchelder moved to adjourn. Scott Huss 2nd, motion carried 5-0.

Mayor

City Clerk