

CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
April 27, 2016
7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Batchelder, Matt Peterson, Dana Clary, Ben Gilmore and Jerry Twombly.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT: None

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: City Attorney Ted Collins, City Clerk Joann Karn, and Assistant City Clerk Melanie Hollabaugh.

GUESTS PRESENT: Dennis Lentz, Randy Snyder, Pam Twombly, David Diveley, and Brian Kingsley and Brian Foster of BG Consultants, Inc.

PRESIDING: Mayor Scott Sisk

Mayor Scott Sisk called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Charles Batchelder moved and Ben Gilmore seconded a motion to accept the bid of Gerald Neibling, IMAF LLC, in the amount of \$1,900 to relocate the emergency siren and related equipment per details listed in the bid. (Bid attached) Motion carried 4-1

Charles Batchelder moved and Jerry Twombly seconded a motion to approve installation of a 25' aluminum flag pole by Kevin Lackey to be erected near the current building sign at the community building in memory of Jim Gilmore, donated by his family, which will be no cost to the city. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Ben Gilmore abstained)

Matt Peterson moved and Ben Gilmore seconded a motion authorizing Mayor Sisk to spend up to \$1,000 to secure an immediate removal of the north sidewalk of Degginger Park for the FFA to pour the new one next week with funding out of the Degginger account. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Jerry Twombly abstained)

Following discussion, Dana Clary will visit with HCC, Dave Reist and/or Greg Delzeit, to address the concerns of the summer recreation league regarding playing on a grass infield and coordinate the removal of grass around 2nd base and 3rd base due to players sliding into the bag.

The council members were in agreement for Attorney Collins and Mayor Sisk to contact Jeremy Twombly to try and come to an agreement that would include the Highland Cemetery with an agreement with the Twombly's. The cemetery has asked that strip of land on the east side, the north/south road, be donated to them due to, in the past, the cemetery donated land for the community center.

Matt Peterson moved and Jerry Twombly seconded a motion authorizing Harry Smith to tear down and haul off the old trailer house within one week (approximately) at the former Matthias/Saddle Club property for \$600. Motion carried 5-0

Brian Kingsley, BG Consultants, briefly reviewed the steps the city has taken over the years with Doniphan Rural Water Dist. #6, Brown #2 and Wholesale Water District #27. Brian Foster along with Brian Kingsley,

explained options of water treatment for the city, that being Ion Exchange Treatment and Reverse Osmosis Treatment. Other options touched on were Blending 50/50 and purchasing 100% from the Wholesale Water District, neither of which were believed to be viable or cost-effective options. Reviewing the Summary of Present Worth Analysis and Loan Amortization Analysis with the possibility of several grants, the consent was to further study the Ion Exchange method for treated water for the city.

Jerry Twombly moved and Matt Peterson seconded a motion for Brian Kingsley, BG Consultants, to present a letter agreement for a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) to the city for Attorney Collins to review. The PER will cost no more than \$12,000 and the legal description/survey cost is estimated at \$3,994. It was suggested we contact Governmental Assistance Services for the grant writing. Brian Kingsley will contact Governmental Assistance Services and ask them to attend and provide information at the next council meeting, May 11, 2016. Motion carried 5-0

Following discussion of the former railroad depot property and the vacated Virginia Street, Jerry Twombly moved and Dana Clary seconded a motion for Attorney Collins to draft an agreement between Dennis Lentz and the city which includes, in part, Mr. Lentz agreeing to quit claim 30' strip of the former Nebraska Street right-of-way to the city, city deed lot 1 in Block 106 to Mr. Lentz, and Mr. Lentz paying \$1,000 difference for the lot; proceed on that basis and have Attorney Collins draft an ordinance for passage at the May meeting. Motion carried 5-0

Dana Clary moved and Jerry Twombly seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Motion carried 5-0

Mayor

City Clerk