

**CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS  
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING  
AND  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL  
AUGUST 19, 2017  
5:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charles Batchelder, Dana Clary, Ben Gilmore, Jesse Marriott, and Matt Peterson.

**CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** City Attorney Ted Collins, City Clerk Joann Karn, City Police Chief Brandon Whetstine, and City Maintenance Supervisor Aaron Leach.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Dorothy Diveley, Cyndi Florence, Selena Diveley, Randy Snyder, and Dennis Lentz

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Jerry Twombly

The Public Hearing for the 2018 Budget was opened at 5:00 p.m. with all council members present.

After a brief review, Ben Gilmore moved and Charles Batchelder seconded a motion to approve the 2018 budget as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Dana Clary moved and Jesse Marriott seconded a motion to close the Public Hearing at 5:04 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

5:07 p.m. Mayor Twombly called the regular city council meeting to order.

Ben Gilmore moved and Jesse Marriott seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular city council meeting held on July 12, 2017. Motion carried 5-0.

Jesse Marriott moved and Dana Clary seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the special city council meeting held on July 18, 2017. Motion carried 5-0.

Charles Batchelder moved and Jesse Marriott seconded a motion to approve the bills as presented for the month of July 2017. Motion carried 5-0.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Cyndi Florence reported on the 2017 Youth Summer Rec. Program and volunteered to coordinate next summer's program. The council thanked her and others for volunteering.

Ben Gilmore moved and Jesse Marriott seconded a motion for Cyndi Florence to be the city Summer Rec. Coordinator for 2018 although if the District Recreation Commission is established before next season, Ms. Florence would need to coordinate with them. Motion carried 5-0

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Randy Snyder thanked Aaron Leach on area mowing, commented on the continued parking on East Main, and asked the council members to review the zoning and view our city. The city attorney recommended that a comprehensive review of property usage in the city be undertaken, to determine compliance with zoning requirements, in response to lack of any prior review and in light of citizen complaints.

Selena Diveley commented on the current condition of 100 block of South Nebraska.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:**

Mayor Twombly reminded the truck parking ordinance is in effect and the closing on the roadside park area will soon be complete.

Clerk Karn asked if anyone was interested in attending and being a voting delegate at the League of KS Municipalities conference; grant writing workshop in Nortonville on Sept. 11; and the city received the quarterly nitrate report.

Police Chief Brandon Whetstine read his report and will be mailing letters to properties on the derelict/unsafe structures list.

Maintenance Supervisor Leach reported on the nitrates; use of handicap stencil at the church parking area and council mutually agreed with no charge; the north water tower has been painted inside and the outside will be painted later; and HCC will assist in installing the banners on our main streets of town.

#### **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**Finance Committee** – Ben Gilmore: Will be meeting with Drew Whetstine and Nate Keller on continued options with the school district regarding the old grade school

**Law Enforcement Committee** – Matt Peterson: Wayne Meyer would not be interested in kenneling the at-large dogs and the city will continue to look into further options.

**Parks and Rec. Committee** – Dana Clary: New park benches are installed at Minier Park and preparing for the Solar Eclipse event.

**Street and Alley Committee** – Charles Batchelder: Aaron mowing the former Saddle Club area for the Solar Eclipse campsite

**Water and Sewer Committee** – Jesse Marriott: Nothing at this time.

**Outreach Committee** – Jerry Twombly and Jesse Marriott: In city limits, the committee is considering banning or limiting the height of vegetation grown for hay crop. The council is requesting community thoughts regarding residential or non-residential areas around town which is either being hayed or vegetation growing which is unattractive, harboring animals, etc. Submit your thoughts to the Mayor or council members.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Charles Batchelder moved and Dana Clary seconded a motion to recess into executive session at 5:40 p.m. for 10 minutes for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship and the open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 5:50 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 Mayor asked the city attorney, police chief and clerk to remain

Charles Batchelder moved and Dana Clary seconded a motion to recess into executive session at 5:50 p.m. for 10 minutes for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship and the open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 Mayor asked the city attorney, police chief and clerk to remain

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Regarding the 100 Block of South Nebraska Street, Charles Batchelder moved and Matt Peterson seconded a motion the city will take bids on filling and grading Nebraska Street to completion, possibly installing the drop box by Virginia Street, and replace the tube that goes underneath Virginia Street. The city attorney will prepare bid documents. Motion carried 5-0

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Matt Peterson moved and Dana Clary seconded a motion to pay \$650 in support a new Doniphan County Economic Development Strategic Plan with a representative to be named later. Motion carried 5-0

#### **ORDINANCES:**

Following discussion, Ben Gilmore moved and Matt Peterson seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance #541. An Ordinance of the City of Highland, Kansas incorporating the *Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities*, Edition of 2017, with certain changes and additions. By roll call vote: Marriott – yes, Batchelder – yes, Peterson – yes, Gilmore – yes and Clary – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Dana Clary moved and Matt Peterson seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance #542. An Ordinance of the City of Highland, Kansas incorporating the *Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities*, Edition of 2017, with certain omissions, changes and additions. By roll call vote: Marriott – yes, Batchelder – yes, Peterson – yes, Gilmore – yes and Clary – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Following discussion, Matt Peterson moved and Jesse Marriott seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance #543. An Ordinance of the City of Highland, Kansas establishing all laws of the city apply to public parks, confirming jurisdiction

and setting forth certain laws and restrictions, including prohibition of alcohol and tobacco products and repealing any and all prior ordinances and enactments of the city in conflict herewith. By roll call vote: Marriott – yes, Batchelder – yes, Peterson – yes, Gilmore – yes and Clary – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Dana Clary moved and Jess Marriott seconded a motion to allow overnight camping at the former Saddle Club property on August 19th and 20<sup>th</sup> for the Solar Eclipse event. Motion carried 5-0

Jesse Marriott moved and Ben Gilmore seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

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Mayor

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City Clerk