

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.A. CORDTS
DENNIS GRAVES

CAROLYN MEERIAN
MARK CRIGER

MEMBERS ABSENT:

RICHARD HAMIT
DALE FOX

OTHERS PRESENT:

RON DEAN
BRUCE SMITH
MAX FRIESEN

CHERYL BROWN
MILLIE CANNON

The meeting was called to order by J.A. Cordts, president of the council in the absence of Mayor Hamit at 7:30 PM. The clerk called the roll. There was a quorum present.

MINUTES-WARRANTS: The minutes of the January 8, 1992 regular meeting were reviewed. Dennis Graves made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerian, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried. 4-0, Warrants 7480 through 7540 were presented for payment. Following discussion of the Greenfield billing, and why tires for the police car were purchased from outside the city, Dennis Graves made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerian, to approve all warrants as presented. Motion carried. 4-0

HOUSING AUTHORITY: Council president Cordts asked that Cliff Fischer be reappointed to the Housing Authority board. Dennis Graves made a motion, seconded by Mark Criger, to reappoint Cliff Fischer to the Housing Authority board for a four-year term. Motion carried. 4-0

CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY: Council president Cordts reported that Bruce Smith, acting as building inspector, had examined the property at 902 Maple in response to a complaint from a citizen regarding its safety. Police Chief Dean had pictures for the council to examine. Smith recommended the property be condemned. Council president Cordts read the resolution to the council regarding the condemnation of the property at 902 Maple, and then read the building inspector's report. Dennis Graves made a motion, seconded by Mark Criger, to approve the resolution. Motion carried. 4-0 Date for the hearing was set for April 8, 1992, 8:00 PM at the Overbrook City Hall. The clerk reviewed legal requirements concerning notices and publications. The council also instructed Smith to inspect the property at 405 W. Market.

LAW REPORT: Police Chief Dean reported to the council that due to the current rabies outbreak some animals have had to be destroyed in town; however, he said he thought the situation was leveling out. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Carolyn Meerian made a motion that the council go into executive session for 10 minutes to further discuss the problem. Dennis Graves seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0. Meeting was called back to order by Council president Cordts at 7:50 PM.

WATER-SEWER REPORT: Bruce Smith reported a problem with the sewer by the Davis locker plant. He said this has happened two or three times since the sewer mains were switched on the south end of town. Smith said this could be caused by the plant being on the dead end, and not enough water flow. Smith said he has been adding chemicals and flushing the line, and is going to try speeding up this process. After some discussion, the council requested Smith to check into the regulations regarding the city's and the owner's responsibilities.

Bruce Smith reported he is almost finished with the water line at the Bob

Shepard project, and feels he will be done in a few more days. He said that Emerson Construction had been there two or three weeks ago to finish smoothing out the dirt work. The clerk reported the city hadn't received the last draw from the engineer.

Council president Cordts asked about the problem at the Goodyear residence. Smith reported that the Osage City Sewer Dept. had come with their equipment and did a thorough job of flushing out the line. He wasn't sure what caused the problem as nothing was seen coming down the line. Smith said his maps didn't show a cleanout on the line. Max Friesen said he didn't know of one being there, but would check to see if he had a map that show one way or the other. Smith recommended one be put there if none is found.

SWIMMING POOL: Smith asked if the council wanted to discuss painting the pool as it is going to need it this year. He said it had only been two years since the last time, but it didn't look very good at the end of the season. Smith suggested he do some checking on materials and what has to be done in order for the city to do the painting, rather than hire someone. Councilman Graves said maybe the Betterment committee or the C.I.C. would be willing to help line up volunteer labor with the city furnishing the materials. After more discussion, Smith was instructed by the council to check on what needs to be done and costs of the materials and report back at the March meeting.

MISC: Carolyn Meerian asked if the city had received a note from the After-Prom party committee. The clerk reported the note had come, and in the past the city made a donation in March, but the matter could be acted upon tonight. Meerian was satisfied with the action being taken at the March meeting.

HISTORICAL LANDMARK: Councilperson Meerian reported she had been approached by some building owners within 500 ft radius of City Hall who were concerned about being allowed to remodel their businesses in the future. The clerk pointed out those restrictions of applying to the Historical Society apply only to those buildings that are 50 or more years old and have not been substantially altered. She stated she had been concerned that there would be some confusion as a result of some of the wording in a flier that had been circulated. The clerk stated there doesn't appear to be any buildings that would be subject to the restriction. Meerian stated she just didn't want business owners discouraged from making improvements.

MISC: Council president Cordts reported he had received some information regarding a state grant, different from the Jones Fund. He thought maybe the city could use it some way for recreation. The matter was tabled to a later date.

SWIMMING POOL: Councilperson Meerian reported that someone had expressed an interest in managing the pool. The clerk asked about taking applications. After much discussion, the council decided an ad should be placed in the paper, advertising for a responsible person who could be at the pool when it's open. The clerk was instructed to check with other towns about salary and job descriptions. Mark Criger made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerian, to place the ad in the paper. Motion carried. 4-0

FIREWORKS: Carolyn Meerian asked if anything had been started in regards to the fireworks display for July 4th. The clerk stated she thought there was money left from last year. Since Dale Fox, who had served as liaison, was absent the matter was tabled until later.

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MISC: Council president Cordts was asked if there has been any progress in the search to replace Dr. Ruble. Cordts said there had been some response, but nothing definite at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: Dennis Graves made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerian, to adjourn. Motion carried. 4-0 The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Brown,
Ass't City Clerk

APPROVED 3-11-92