

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dale Fox  
Cliff O'Bryhim

J.A.Cordts  
Mayor Richard Hamit

## MEMBERS ABSENT:

Floyd McGuire

Dennis Graves

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Manie Minford  
Kenneth Greene  
Bruce Smith

Max Friesen  
Cheryl Brown  
Mildred J.Cannon

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Richard Hamit at 7:40 PM. The clerk called the roll. There was a quorum present.

MINUTES: The minutes of the February 13, 1991 regular meeting were reviewed. Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Cliff O'Bryhim to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

WARRANTS: Warrants No. 6820 through 6863 were presented for payment. J.A. Cordts made a motion, seconded by Cliff O'Bryhim to approve all warrants. Motion carried.

OVERBROOK BETTERMENT COMMITTEE: Manie Minford was present as spokesperson for the Overbrook Betterment Committee. She asked the council if they had made a decision as to whether or not they wished the betterment committee to proceed with plans in connection with placing the city hall building on the State Historical Register. She said first she would like to make a statement to the effect that the betterment committee is interested in promoting things they feel are for the betterment of Overbrook and although they have limited funds and personnel, they have been able to accomplish many things along this line. She said they were only interested in going ahead with this project if the city was in agreement. She said they felt it was a worthwhile project. She noted they already had approval from the owners of the second floor and all they need now is permission from the city to go ahead. She noted if the building is accepted by the Historic Preservation Society and there was any restoration to be done or repairs to keep the building in it's historical form, there was grant money available on a 90/10 basis. 90% from the grant and 10% from the building owners. She said the contact people would be Marilyn Land, Jeanne McDowell and herself. She said the only minor problem might be if the Ridgeway Lodge for any reason folded. That portion of the building would automatically become the property of the grand lodge. She said she would discuss this possibility with the Historic Preservation people.

Max Friesen said as a tax payer, he would like to encourage it. He said he spent 30 years working in this building and would hate to see anything happen to it. He also noted there was major work needed in the area of the facade on the front of the building. A motion was made by Dale Fox and seconded by Cliff O'Bryhim to allow the betterment committee to pursue the project. Motion carried.

OVERBROOK BALL ASSOC: Bruce Smith was present to speak for the Overbrook Ball Assoc. in place of Jim Duncan. He said primarily they were in need of more area for practice. She said when the ball games start there is no place for the younger people to practice. He said they were in hopes that somewhere down the line a place could be developed into a permanent fixture. He said they needed something around 60 to 70 ft for infield practice. Bruce said he thought there was room at the park north of the shelter house area and east of the drive. Councilman Fox suggested the possibility of using the old diamond area at the fair grounds. Max

Friesen, as member of the Fair Assoc. noted that area is committed for functions throughout the summer such as the demolition derby. It was agreed by concensus if there was room available, to let them use the area of the park previously suggested. It was also suggested that the ball association meet with the fair board to discuss the possible use of an area on the fair grounds, possibly on the far side of the barns or behind the building they had torn down. Bruce said he would discuss it with the ball association.

SHEPARD'S REQUEST TO INSTALL GRAVEL STREET: Bruce Smith reported he had checked with Kramer Engineering in connection with Bob Shepard's request to put in a gravel road for a housing addition he contemplates building. Kramer said it should be no less than 6 in. of rock for the surface to work with as a road. The area would have to be graded up, AB3 rock laid and rolled in. Shepard had stated he would put in everything but the black top. One member said if the city was going to annex or take the street over in the future, they should make sure it is done right. The clerk said she had contacted the city attorney and his advice was, council should make sure to get it very clear as to who is going to keep the gravel road up until the point that the city accepts it for surfacing. He said to get it clear and in writing. The council went on to discuss utilities. It was agreed when Shepard comes before the council again to have the property annexed, all things discussed tonight would be reviewed with him. The subject was tabled.

WATER/SEWER DEPT. REPORT: Bruce Smith reported he had checked around town and the only areas he could locate that were in need of additional fire hydrants were in the area of the 100 block of Cedar and one in the area of the meat processor on First Street. The clerk assured the council there was money in the budget for the project. The council agreed by concensus for Smith to go ahead and install hydrants in both areas.

Fire protection in the area of the Methodist Church was discussed. Smith reported there were two hydrants in the vicinity, one at Tenth and Maple and one at the west end of Tenth. One member suggested the possibility of the church checking with the Rural Water District to find out if they would or could install one at the north edge of the property.

Smith also reported there was more work to be done in connection with the hydrant he had installed at Seventh and Locust. He said he needed to install another block of 4 inch line in lieu of the 2 inch line presently there.

In connection with the two wells previously discussed, Smith said the problem with the new motor at well 3 had been taken care of and was now working properly. He said there was still some problem with well 2. He said it appears now they will have to install a new motor and pump. He said they tried to clean up and use the old one but it only worked a day or two and then went out again. He said they were working on it now.

Smith said he had been in contact with the water tower people and they said they would work on the west tower within the next couple of weeks.

STREETS: Smith reported several residents had asked him if there was any possibility of removing some of the loose gravel from the streets. He said he had added gravel during an icy period and that really accumulated. He said the only place he had talked to was Sunflower Rents in Topeka. They have a parking lot machine -- 4 ft., self-propelled, hopper catching device that rents for \$180 per day. He said he had not checked with any of the street companies yet. After a brief discussion, Smith was instructed to do some more checking. The subject was tabled.

MISC: Smith requested permission to attend a Rural Water District Seminar in Salina. After a brief discussion, J.A.Cordts made a motion, seconded by Cliff O'Bryhim to authorize Smith to attend the seminar with the city picking up the cost of the registration fee and motel for one night. Motion carried.

Mayor Hamit asked Smith to report on the problem with the grates on Maple in front of the Co-op Service Station. Smith said it was falling in, basically the cement well in it is falling apart and collapsing. He said he had contacted Leo Lang and it would be filled in. The water would then cross Market and flow into the box recently repaired beside the Osage Auto Works.

Councilman Fox asked about the water meter problem at Stadlers. Smith said he had ordered parts about two months ago but they have never arrived. He said he would have to use the alternative of digging it up and splicing in a new meter setter.

The clerk asked permission to get bids for new draperies for the city hall and municipal court room. Max Friesen noted the present ones were approximately 25 years old. It was agreed by concensus.

911 SERVICE: The clerk reported she had made some phone calls in connection with Overbrook being on 911. She found that the 665 prefix indeed was connected on 911 but it was in Douglas County. She said at this point the dispatcher would know the call was coming from Overbrook but would still refer the call to the Douglas County Sheriff who would in turn refer the call to the Osage County Sheriff Dispatcher. She said she was told by the end of the year, there would be what is called 'Enhanced 911' installed which would give everyone better service. She was told on Enhanced 911, when a call comes in to the 911 dispatcher, a map board will light up at the exact location of the call thus making it easier for the emergency people to locate the residence or business more timely.

SWIMMING POOL REPORT: J.A.Cordts, Council Liaison for the swimming pool, reported he had been in contact with Connie Fenton, pool supervisor in connection with new pool employees. He said in lieu of the city paying all the training fees at one time, he felt there should be a definite policy implemented. It was noted the city had paid for the training fees last year and only one person came back. It was also noted the training was good for three years. After a brief discussion the council agreed the city would pay 50% of the training fee the first year and 50% the second year if the employee comes back to work for the city. Reimbursement would be made only if the person passed the course.

Salaries for 1991 were set as follows: Manager 4.25 per hour, Senior guard \$3.75, first year guard \$3.50, basket keeper \$2.75, head lesson instructor \$5.00 assistant lesson instructor \$4.50, and supervisor \$25 per week. It was noted the supervisor and instructors would not receive a bonus. It was also agreed by concensus the supervisor would oversee hiring, coordinate lessons, make deposits daily and generally oversee pool activities. The city clerk would take care of all bookkeeping and payroll.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION: Dale Fox suggested, after talking to the fire chief, that there be a formal Fourth of July Celebration. He suggested fire works, picnics, possibly ice cream social and anything else that could be initiated to make it a real celebration. He also suggested maybe having craft stands and maybe the fair assoc. would like to have a food sale. He said he thought if the city sanctioned it that would give it a good kick off. He said he would be happy

to spearhead the operation along with the fire department and anyone else that would be interested in helping out. He said they would like to make it as big as possible, not just for the troops returning from Desert Storm but for all veterans. He asked if the city could donate something to get it started. The clerk suggested he get a ball park figure for the fireworks, etc and come back to the council that way they would know how much he was going to need to get it off the ground. The Council agreed by concensus for Fox to be the liaison between the city, fair assoc, fire department, etc.

MISC: J.A.Cordts reported he had been approached by a citizen who was concerned as to why the city patrol car was seen in Topeka. The clerk said the police chief many times had to go to the KBI on business and also Mayor Hamit noted he had given permission since it was job related. The clerk also noted he had to stop at Hypermart to pick up a telephone for the police station.

Mayor Hamit reported he had talked to the high school about a banner to welcome home the 190'th, to be hung on the township building. The clerk was instructed to send a thank you letter.

J. A. Cordts made a motion, seconded by Cliff O'Bryhim to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred J. Cannon  
City Clerk

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approved

April 10, 1991