

CITY OF OVERBROOK

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 22, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rich Hamit, David Gerisch, Ira Allen, Mayor Jack Young. Jim Gates and Bruce Smith absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Charles Hamner, Paul McCartney, Ed Harmison, Everette Dannar, Cheryl Brown

Mayor Young called the council meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call established the presence of a quorum.

MINUTES: Rich Hamit made a motion, seconded by Ira Allen, to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2004 meeting as written. Motion carried 3-0.

There were no warrants to be paid.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Discussion of the old council table, changing the council meeting night, licensing of plumbers, updating the personnel policy handbook, and appointing a Wellhead Protection Committee was tabled until all council members are present.

Ira Allen brought up the model sewer ordinance for discussion. He specified certain sections of the ordinance which address allowing privy's instead of facilities that are connected to the city sewer system. The model ordinance recommends charging a fee for such structures. Allen also pointed out that the ordinance also specifies the size of garbage disposal to be allowed. The matter was tabled until the complete ordinance has been studied further.

POOL MAINTENANCE: David Gerisch told the council that he has talked to someone about submitting a bid for pool repairs and painting.

LIGHTING ON SIGN: Rich Hamit told the council that PRIDE has spoken to Ed Butterfield with Westar Energy about installing a light on a pole to provide light for the Welcome to Overbrook rock and the buffalo. Butterfield has a light, but needs authorization from the city. Rich Hamit made a motion, seconded by David Gerisch, to authorize Westar Energy to install a light on an existing pole, providing the cost is minimal. Motion carried 3-0.

CLERK'S REPORT: Cheryl Brown informed the council that she has been told by Blue Cross Blue Shield that the maternity benefits cannot be excluded from the group health insurance policy. She also told the council that Bob Ellis has requested a hearing to change the zoning at 403 W Market from single family to multiple family on April 15, 2004 at 7:00 PM. Brown said she has received only one phone call regarding the sewer hook-up's, but many about closing the tree and limb dump site.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: David Gerisch expressed thanks to the community for the support at the loss of his grandfather.

Ira Allen wanted to encourage one or two council members to attend the league seminar on finance in April. There are three dates from which to choose. Allen has learned that a lot of towns are facing problems with wastewater systems. Allen has learned that some of the grants available in the past will not be available in 2005. These funds are being re-allocated through Homeland Security. Allen did say that the city does need a thorough disaster plan to cover local and national emergencies.

MISC: Paul McCartney asked about getting copies of the notes from the first two "TownHall meetings" as he was unable to attend them. Mayor Young said that copies would be available

as soon as they are given to the clerk. McCartney said that he feels the city is on the right track regarding long-range planning. Charles Hamner announced the committee is meeting on Monday, March 29th at City Hall. The steering committee members include Bruce Smith, Charles Hamner, Yolanda Dickinson, and Sue Martin. The mayor said that he will be unable to attend Saturday meetings this spring, but plans to attend the March 29th meeting and encouraged council members to do the same.

GATE FOR STEPS: Rich Hamit asked if Ed Harmison has received any bids for a safety gate to be placed at the bottom of the exterior stairs going to the second floor of the city building. Harmison said he doesn't have any bids as yet.

WATER MEETING: Mayor Young informed the council that there will be a meeting on April 8th at Kansas State Bank dealing with a proposed Pomona Lake water supply district. Ed Harmison stated that he is concerned about the possible effects of atrazine and other chemicals in Pomona Lake and would prefer that the city consider building it's own lake. He feels that this would eliminate the city's dependence on outside water sources. Mayor Young said that he thinks that our participation at this point is to obtain information. There was discussion about digging more wells.

SEWER UPDATE: The mayor presented a letter from Marian Massoth for review. Massoth recommends doing all the sludge application this fall rather than in two stages.

Massoth also has learned that Kansas Rural Water Association is willing to start the mapping process of water lines, but delay the billing until 2005. They will contact Bob Call to make arrangements.

We're still waiting to hear from the gas company regarding prices to move the existing gas line on the lagoon property. Massoth also wanted the council to know that the information given at the last meeting about expanding the 4th cell was incorrect. This would only be effective if the 1st cell is expanded, and she will discuss this in more detail at the next meeting.

A bid from Utility Maintenance Contractors has been received for cleaning and televising sewer lines, but Massoth didn't indicate how many other bids have been submitted.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The mayor encouraged the council to make updating the personnel policy a priority. He asked that they make every effort to read the model provided by the League so that suggestions can be given to the city attorney.

Mayor Young said that, in his thinking, we have one of the best city treasurer's in the state of Kansas, and she works really hard. There have been several instances in the past couple of months when we've asked for a lot of extra figures which she was very willing to provide, but in his opinion some decisions have been made contrary to the reports. Ira Allen asked for specifics, but the mayor said there were too many to name at this time.

TREES/LIMBS: Ed Harmison said that he's also received numerous complaints about not having a place to dump tree limbs, etc. He suggested an area close to the cedar trees north of the road going from Jones Park to the city lake, if only for emergencies. Rich Hamit said he favors trying to find a place for limbs.

There being no further business before the council, David Gerisch made a motion, seconded by Rich Hamit, to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Brown, City Clerk

APPROVED: 4-14-04