

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 23, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ira Allen, Rich Hamit, Bruce Smith, Jim Gates, David Gerisch (7:08 PM), Mayor Jack Young.

OTHERS PRESENT: Joni Hudson, Jenny Nichols, Ed Harmison, Cheryl Brown.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Young at 7:00 PM. Roll call determined a quorum to be present.

MINUTES / WARRANTS: Bruce Smith moved to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2005 meeting as written. Jim Gates seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Jim Gates made a motion, seconded by Ira Allen, to pay the warrants presented. Motion carried 4-0.

LETTER REGARDING SEWER HOOK-UP'S: The draft letters prepared by Michael Coffman, City Attorney, were reviewed. One letter will be sent to those property owners who have not been inspected. Dean Beckman has attempted to contact the owners, but has been unable to for one reason or another. A few owners have denied Beckman access. The second letter is to be sent to property owners known to be out of compliance. The council agreed by consensus to have Michael Coffman sign the first letter regarding inspecting the property, and Bob Call to sign the second letter for non-compliance. There was discussion about what the city could do to assist homeowners determine exactly where their drains empty.

It was decided that Bob Call and Vic Robbins will work together on sending the second letter, and October 31, 2005 will be the deadline for making corrections, providing this meets with the KDHE deadline.

POOL/TRAINING: Rich Hamit informed the council that Joni Hudson would like to take a LifeGuard training course to enable her to train others to lifeguard. The class costs \$125.00. Hudson would also be paid \$10/hr while teaching the class. Rich Hamit made a motion, seconded by Bruce Smith, to pay \$125 for Joni Hudson to take the LGI class, a salary of \$10/hr while teaching the class, and to set the training fee at \$75 for non-employee students. Motion carried 5-0. This is contingent on Hudson's getting into the training class. Employed students will pay \$25 to cover the cost of materials.

DUMP TRUCK REPAIRS: Mayor Young said Marshall's Automotive has given an estimate of \$1500-2000 to fix the hydraulic problem on the dumptruck. According to Bob Call, there are several other problems that will need repairs. The council agreed to have Bob Call see what's available in the used-truck market.

HEALTH INSURANCE: Bruce Smith moved to approve the 2005-2006 contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield to provide health insurance. Rich Hamit seconded; motion carried 5-0.

DISASTER OPERATIONS: The clerk reminded the council that registrations for the Disaster Operations seminar on April 14th need to be sent by April 8th. The cost is \$35 per person. Bruce Smith made a motion, seconded by David Gerisch, to send up to 2 people to the seminar. Motion carried 5-0.

RETIREMENT FUND: The mayor said that Brian Luther is going to have someone contact us about what can be done for Call and Brown's retirement in order to equalize what the city pays for the police department.

JOB EVALUATIONS/SALARY RANGE: Rich Hamit will check with the League about helping us put together job evaluations that would be more specific for the city. After discussion, it was decided that Rich Hamit and David Gerisch would research salary ranges and Ira Allen and Bruce Smith would work on job evaluations. These subjects will be discussed at the second meeting in April.

BUDGET WORKSHOPS: Cheryl Brown reminded Mayor Young, Ira Allen, Bruce Smith and David Gerisch that they've signed up to attend workshops on April 29th in Topeka. The mayor, Smith and Gerisch have

also signed up for a budget seminar on June 1st. Gerisch said that his attending would depend on his being re-elected. Ira Allen said that whoever is elected should go since it pertains to budgets.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: Bruce Smith said that he should have more information about the water supply project in April.

David Gerisch said he still hasn't heard from James Herrick about painting the pool.

Ira Allen asked how the de-sludging is progressing. The mayor said that he didn't see any activity the last time he was at the lagoons.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Rich Hamit made a motion, seconded by Bruce Smith, to recess the meeting for 5 minutes to discuss matters not related to elected personnel. Motion carried: meeting recessed from 8:10 - 8:15 PM. The mayor called the meeting back to order; no action taken.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Young asked the council to consider an enterprise promotion for Overbrook such as the one Osage City has started.

The mayor reported that all the paperwork is in, and all the work has been completed enough to be submitted. There was about \$15,000.00 worth of qualified bills, of which we could be reimbursed for 85% or about \$12,750.00. We should know about the final approval by the end of April, but there's no specific date for receiving the money.

COMMENTS: Ed Harmison said that main street is in need of some assistance, whether it comes from PRIDE or the city. He suggested having a work day. Ira Allen said this has been discussed at a PRIDE meeting but no date has been set. The mayor said that the city's backhoe could be used, provided the operator is qualified.

There being no further business before the council, Jim Gates moved to adjourn. Bruce Smith seconded; meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Submitted,

Cheryl L. Brown
City Clerk

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