

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dale Fox	Dennis Graves
Floyd McGuire	Cliff O'Bryhim
J.A.Cordts	Mayor Richard Hamit
	Carolyn Meerian

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Jones	Max Friesen
Pat Walsh	Cheryl Brown
Larry Coursen	Millie Cannon
Students from American Govt. Class	
Santa Fe Trail HS	
Ed Harmison	Ricki Slecta
Mark Daniels	

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor Richard Hamit. The clerk called the roll. there was a quorum present.

MINUTES: The minutes of the March 13, 1991 regular meeting were reviewed. Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Dennis Graves to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

WARRANTS: Warrants No. 6864 through 6915 were presented for payment. J.A. Cordts made a motion, seconded by Cliff O'Bryhim to approve all warrants. Motion carried.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY: The clerk administered the oath of office to council persons elect, Carolyn Meerian, Dennis Graves and Floyd McGuire. Outgoing councilman Cliff O'Bryhim was thanked for a job well done.

RESIGNATION/BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: Mayor Hamit presented a letter of resignation from the Board of Zoning Appeals from Carolyn Meerian. Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Dennis Graves to accept the resignation. Motion carried. Mayor Hamit asked the council to help in finding a replacement for Meerian. Meerian was thanked for doing an excellent job as Chairman of the Board.

CITIZENS COMPLAINT/ANIMALS AT LARGE: Rickie Slecta was present to complain about animals at large (dogs) that had torn up recently planted flowers and shrubs in her yard and also neighbor's yards. She noted also, one animal had found a way to scratch her storm door open and had entered her home causing some destruction. She also went over other problems the animals at large had caused her. She said she was very unhappy with the way the law enforcement people had handled the situation. Mayor Hamit asked if she had ever come into city hall to sign a formal complaint. She said no, but she had talked to the city clerk who in turn had called the law enforcement people. She did say she would be happy to sign a formal complaint. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Hamit said he would prefer to discuss the matter when Police Chief Dean could be present. Slecta was thanked for coming. Mayor Hamit noted she would be kept posted.

ANNEXATION/ENTERPRIZE ZONE: Larry Coursen was present to request possible annexation of a piece of real estate just south of the NAPA store. Pat Walsh, Attorney, acted as spokesperson for Coursen. He said Mr. Coursen has been working on a deal to acquire some property between the NAPA store and the American Legion Hall. He said Coursen was basically interested in the possibility of opening up a storage facility and/or car wash. In dealing with the financing he said they would need to know if the city would be willing to annex the property into the city or if they didn't want to annex, would they be willing to provide water to the property? It was noted the American Legion Hall has a private water line across the property

and is metered at First and Maple. The subject was discussed at length. Mayor Hamit felt this was something that needed looking into. Also discussed was attaching onto the sewer line. It was agreed this also needs looking into.

Walsh said one reason they were interested in annexation was the possibility of the city declaring an Enterprise Zone. He explained the benefits of the enterprise zone were; the state would agree to waive sales tax on any renovation of a business, expansion of a business or a new business coming in. He said it would also give employment tax credits to the person that is employing people for a business in the enterprise zone. Mr. Walsh went on to explain the details connected with qualifying for this program. He said it would have no effect on property tax. After a lengthy discussion, the council agreed to look into the program. The council agreed by consensus that they are willing to annex if Coursen provides a written request along with a legal description of the property. It was noted there would be no problem with hooking onto the water and sewer if the property was annexed. Walsh and Coursen were thanked for coming and left at 8:25. Jones left at 8:30.

LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Hamit asked the council to affirm the appointment of Coni Fenton for a second four year term and Scoot O'Bryhim for a four year term replacing Shirley Karr. A motion was made by J.A.Cordts and seconded by Floyd McGuire. Motion carried 5-0

AUDIT CONTRACT: Mayor Hamit presented an audit contract from Greenfield and Davidson, CPA in the amount of \$4800. J.A.Cordts made a motion, seconded by Dale Fox to approve the contract. Motion carried.

HEALTH INSURANCE/EMPLOYEE: New health insurance rates were again discussed. It was noted the employees were again eligible for a blue cross group contract inasmuch as 100% of the eligible employees will either be on this program or are on a group plan elsewhere. The clerk presented plans for various deductibles, ranging from 200/400 to 1000/2000. It was noted there was only \$50 difference. The rate for the 200/400 deductible was \$302.07 for a family plan. Reimbursement to the employees who are on another group plan was discussed at length. It was noted that under the insurance section (b) of the City Personnel Policy, adopted by the city council August 1, 1988, "If coverage is not desired, the city will reimburse said full-time employees 100% of premium and part-time class I employees 75% of premium!" Floyd McGuire made a motion to accept the 200/400 policy and to reimburse the clerk 75% as noted in the personnel policy. Dale Fox second, noting he had done this to open it for discussion. After a lengthy discussion of the pro's and con's of the reimbursement policy, a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously. The clerk noted due to the change, the premium for each was \$101 less than the previous policy. It was also noted that the reimbursement policy had been implemented by the council for the maintenance superv. in 1983.

FIRE DEPT. REPORT: Ed Harmison along with Mark Daniels was present to discuss problems with various fire hydrants around the city. One problem Harmison said was there are two hydrants on the west side of town that were not painted the appropriate color. He said they found several that did not extend high enough above ground and several that were hard to open.

Harmison reported there had been a hazardous material situation in the area of the alley on 56 Highway between Maple and Walnut Streets. He said there were two residents and two fire fighters taken to the hospital to be checked after the fluid sprayed on them. The light company, after doing a study, found the liquid to be 50.2 parts per million PCP. He said 50 parts per million was considered on the border to unsafe. He said everything apparently has been taken care of now but if there is any more damage, KPL will take care of it.

He said he was proud of Osage County Fire District No. 4, since they have more

qualified EMT personnel than the county ambulance service. Those who have qualified as EMT-i (qualified to give IV off doctor's orders from hospital along with that type service) are himself, Kendall Anderson and Mark Daniels.

He reported CPR classes had been given to 128 students in the last 60 days.

Harmison then reported on the law enforcement department in the absence of Police Chief Dean. He asked when the city would be in the market for a new patrol car. He said the 89 model has 30,000 miles on it and the 83 model has 107,000 miles on it. He wondered if maybe the council would want to replace it while it still had some equity in it (he said the value is in the neighborhood of \$200). The matter was tabled.

Mayor Hamit asked Harmison what was the policy on picking up dogs. He wanted to know if it is only when a person signs a complaint or when the patrolmen sees one run at large that might be dangerous. Harmison said by the time he stops and gets out of the vehicle to catch the dog, it is usually gone. The clerk reported the city hall gets calls periodically but not signed complaints. She said she contacts either Ron or Bruce and one of them goes out right away and checks the situation out. She said usually the biggest problem is by the schools. Tranquilizer guns and transporting kennels were also discussed.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT: Bruce Smith brought up the subject of replacing the maintenance truck. He said it is 10 years old and has 94,000 miles on it. After a brief discussion the council agreed a new one was in order. Smith was instructed to wait until the new vehicles come on the market in the fall and then get estimates on a new last years model. The matter was tabled.

Smith reported the wells are all functioning in good shape and the west tower has been repaired.

MISC: Smith reported the ball diamond at Jones park, which was discussed at an earlier meeting, was almost ready for use. He said the ball association had purchased four loads of river silt which was delivered today. He said he assumed they were still going to put up a back stop.

Smith reported he had checked into other prices for gravel removal as discussed at an earlier meeting. He said the one company he talked to sent an estimate of \$3500. Rental of the parking lot sweeper at \$180 per day was again discussed. It was agreed by concensus for Bruce to rent the machine for two days.

Smith requested guidelines in hiring a helper for the summer. Several members of the council discussed items they felt were of primary importance such as work on the drainage ditches, mowing etc. It was agreed Smith was to use the employee as he sees fit with emphasis being on mowing and cleaning out the drainage ditches and tubes. The council agreed by concensus for Mayor Hamit and Bruce to handle the interviews and go ahead and hire on if they felt they were qualified. It was agreed by concensus to set the pay rate at \$5.00 per hour. The work week would be 40 hours. Length of employment would last only through the summer season.

Smith reported on a convention he had attended recently, which was sponsored by the Rural Water Assoc. at Salina. He said they emphasised the promotion of how to save water such as changing the heads of showers, faucets, etc.

Dennis Graves noted there were some chuck holes in the streets, especially one at

corner of Maple and Market by the video store. Smith said that one was from a break. Graves wanted to know what could be done to build up the valves in the streets. Bruce said the parts were on order and should be in soon.

FIREWORKS: Dale Fox reported he had been in contact with a fireworks company that could furnish a very nice display for approximately \$650 (mostly aerial) He said he had been in contact with Fire Chief Ed Harmison, and the fire department had been thinking about doing something like this themselves. He asked if the city could pay for it with a city draft to alleviate all red tape. Then the city could be reimbursed from donations. The company provides the fireworks and the things to shoot them off. If all goes over well, possibly in the future, the fire department and others could work together and it could be done again. He said if the city would agree to pay approximately \$650 he would personally go to the local business' and maybe the day of the program they could take up donations to reimburse the city. He went on to discuss other aspects of help that he felt would make it go over very well. He said he would like to get a committment tonight. J.A. Cordts noted the insurance would cost \$500. He said the spectactors would have to be at least 1000 ft away, also there would have to be an EMT and fire truck stationed at the area. Fox wanted to know if the council felt it was necessary to have that kind of insurance to do this. He wondered if the city would even be liable. Mayor Hamit said he felt sure if the city writes the draft, they are liable. Cordts felt it would be better to keep the city out of it. Fox felt it would go down the tube if the city didn't get involved. Harmison said he didn't feel the \$1150 was that bad and he felt with the community behind it, they should be able to raise the money. Fox said he would report back to the council in May. The matter was again tabled.

Dale Fox made a motion , seconded by Carolyn Meerian to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Mildred J. Cannon, City Clerk

APPROVED _____

May 8, 1991