

MEMBERS PRESENT: J.A. Cordts, Dale Fox, Dennis Graves, Mayor Richard Hamit, Bruce Anderson. Carolyn Meerian and Mark Criger were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Singleton, Jim Long, Dale Cole, Dan Karr, Loren Rohloff, Wally Thomas, Patty Hylton, Max Friesen, Lila Hamit, Sara Benortham, Bruce Smith, Cheryl Brown, Bernie Faust and others.

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

MINUTES/WARRANTS: Dennis Graves made a motion, seconded by Dale Fox to approve the minutes of the March regular meeting as written. Motion carried. Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Dennis Graves, to pay all warrants. Motion carried.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY: The clerk administered the oath of office to newly-elected Mayor Hamit and councilmembers Fox and Anderson. Councilmember J.A. Cordts was thanked for doing a fine job for several years at which time he left the meeting.

PRESENTATION: General Dan Karr and Dale Cole came before the council to present a check from the federal government to the city as partial payment for the new warning sirens. The sirens are now in place, and waiting for final hook-up with the county. The amount presented to the city was \$7,459.00.

LIBRARY BOARD: Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Bruce Anderson to reappoint Ruth VonStein to the library board for a four-year term. Motion carried.

COUNTY SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE: Dale Fox volunteered to serve on this committee representing the city of Overbrook.

LIBRARY WINDOWS: Mayor Hamit reported that the window at the library has a break, and also one of the east windows in the city building has a crack. Bruce Smith said the library window is not protected by anything, and there is a possibility of someone leaning on the window. The council agreed by concensus to get estimates for the windows for the May meeting, and to furnish paint for the library door.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS: Loren Rohloff, principal of the Overbrook Schools came to the council to see if the city would be interested in a project to use some of the 8th grade graduates for some civic projects for a few days after graduation. He said the activities would need to be outlined and supervised in order to count as school days. The groups would be from 4 to 6 students, and they would be

available for three days. Mayor Hamit said the council would give the matter some thought and get back to Mr. Rohloff. Rohloff also mentioned that there might be some changes in the playground on the schoolgrounds in the future, possibly based on a Santa Fe Trail theme.

INMATE SCREENING: Mayor Hamit read a letter stating that the Osage County Health Dept would be doing screening on jail inmates after they have been there 14 days, at a cost to the appropriate court of \$30 per inmate.

STREET NAME-CHANGE: Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Dennis Graves, to change the name of Fourth Street to Santa Fe Trail Street. Motion carried. After further discussion, it was agreed to have brown signs with white lettering, and also to put a small "4th St." on the lower part of the sign. The matter of a ceremony to honor the event was tabled until Ed Harmison could be present.

AUDIT BIDS: The mayor opened the bids for the audit of the city's financial records. The bid from Bogner & Button was \$3600.00. The bid from Shearer, Harrod, & Bennett was \$3650.00 for 1992, \$3800 for 1993, and \$4000. for 1994. There was also a bid of \$600 for the preparing of the 1994 budget. Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Bruce Anderson, to accept the bid of \$3600.00 from Bogner & Button. Motion carried. A time for the actual audit will be agreed on by the clerk and Bogner & Button at a later time.

STREET RESEALING: The mayor opened the bids for the re-sealing of city streets. The bids are as follows:

Hi-Plains Sand-----.495/sq yd.
J.H. Shears'Sons-----.550/sq.yd.
LRM Industries-----.595/sq.yd.

Bruce Anderson made a motion, seconded by Dale Fox, to accept the bid from Hi-Plains, Inc.. Bruce Smith was instructed to get prices for milling and overlaying in the business district from Kansas State Bank to the Co-op. Motion carried. Bruce Smith gave the council a map with the recommended streets to be resealed.

DOUGLAS COUNTY WELL: Bruce Smith reported to the council that the county administrator for Douglas county. He was told that we could still negotiate for the well. Douglas county informed Smith that if they get rid of the well, the property owner has to be involved. Smith told Jimmy Jolly, the property owner, that the city might be interested in the well, depending on results of engineering tests. Kramer Engineering is looking into the matter. Smith was not sure how Jolly feels at this time. Bernie Faust, a neighbor, told the council that several families use the well as secondary water supply. The matter of a bulk water plant in Overbrook was discussed. Smith said that Jack Kramer indicated that that might be a better option than obtaining the well in Douglas county. The council was interested in pursuing the bulk water plant, and instructed Smith to get more information. The matter was tabled until the results from

the study by Kramer Engineering are available. Smith reported that Douglas County needs an answer by July 1.

NEW SERVICE: Wally Thomas came before the council to inquire about getting service should he pursue building a home on the property adjacent to Willie James' west of Casey's across from the Bible Church. The council agreed by concensus to provide the water if Thomas should decide to build.

SUMMER HELP: Bruce Smith reported that Ronnie Dean was working for the city again this summer, and that he was showing him as much as he could while he was still here. Smith informed the council that his last day would be April 23. The mayor asked the council if they wanted to consider a raise for Ronnie as he'll be doing alot more this summer with Bruce leaving. The matter was tabled until all salaries are discussed. Bruce told the council that he would be willing to help even after his last official day. Councilmember Fox also said he would be willing to help. Mayor Hamit expressed the city's gratitude to Bruce Smith for his work, and told Smith he would be missed. The mayor also said he was going to ask for input from the employees concerning payraises.

Mayor Hamit reported that Chief Dean was asking about hiring an animal control officer. The council agreed by concensus to leave the matter to Chief Dean and councilmember Dennis Graves.

UTILITY BILLING PROGRAM: The clerk asked Patty Hylton to inform the council on her findings in regards to a computer program for utility billing. After considering not only the cost, but also the simplicity of the programs and support of the company, a recommendation was made to purchase the "Summit" program from Data Technologies of Omaha for \$2100, which includes training and support. The hardware recommended was offered by Linco Marketing from Lyndon where we purchased the other computer. Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Bruce Anderson, to purchase the recommended software and hardware. Motion carried.

INSURANCE: The clerk reported that the contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield is up for renewal May 1, and that they have changed the rate schedule. The rate for employee/children went from \$298 to \$274, and employee/family went from \$298 to \$437. The council agreed by concensus to renew the contract with BCBS, with the present coverage. The mayor said that BCBS recommended that the city do away with our policy of a three month waiting period for insurance. The personnel policy will be tabled till the next meeting.

MISC: The city received a thankyou note from Santa Fe Trail for our support of the AfterProm party.

The mayor read a thank you note from the family of Millie Cannon for the flowers that were sent at the time of her death.

An announcement was made for an open house for fire chiefs and first responders on May 27th.

Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Bruce Anderson, to appoint Carolyn Meerian as president of the council. Motion carried.

Dale Fox made a motion to appoint Carolyn Meerian to sign checks when

necessary. Bruce Anderson seconded the motion; motion carried.

SATURDAY HOURS: The mayor brought up reviewing the need to be open Saturday's. The clerk and assistant clerk reported that other than voter registration, all business done so far on Saturday's could have been done on a week-day. The matter was tabled until the May meeting, as some of the council felt more time might be needed for a better evaluation.

Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Bruce Anderson to adjourn. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Brown

APPROVED: 5-12-93