

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale Fox, Carolyn Meerian, Dennis Graves, Mark Criger, Bruce Anderson, Mayor Richard Hamit.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ed Harmison, Al Miller, Max Friesen, Ron Dean, Bob Sisson, Lila Hamit, Wally Thomas, Cheryl Brown.

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

MINUTES: The minutes of the special meeting of April 8, 1993 were reviewed. Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerian, to approve the minutes as written; motion carried. The minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 1993 were reviewed. Bruce Anderson made a motion, seconded by Dale Fox, to approve the minutes as written; motion carried. The minutes of the special meeting of April 27, 1993 were reviewed. Carolyn Meerian made a motion which was seconded by Dennis Graves, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

WARRANTS: Warrants #8395 through #8462 were presented for payment. Dennis Graves made a motion, seconded by Mark Criger, to approve payment; motion carried.

NEW SERVICE: Wally Thomas was present to request that the city provide water service to a residence to be built north of Highway 56 near the Willie James residence. The council reminded Thomas he would be responsible for the installation of the line from the house to the meter which would be on the south side of the highway. Carolyn Meerian made a motion, seconded by Mark Criger, to provide water service to Wally Thomas at this location. Motion carried.

WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE: Al Miller with Midwest Tank came before the council to report on an inspection of the 50,000 gallon tank. Miller said that the tank needs painting on the inside, and that this would cost \$7,085 with the present warranty adjustment. The tank had been painted in 1987 with a 10-year warranty leaving 4 years on the warranty after this painting. Miller presented a full-maintenance agreement which would be a 100% guarantee of all work done. This agreement would include the following: 1. Annual visual inspection (inside & outside) 2. Draining and touchup every other year. 3. Inside & outside painted whenever necessary. 4. Disinfection whenever drained. 5. Required safety features 6. Updating with new technology when needed. 7. Safety rail device. The cost for this agreement would be \$21,347 over a 3-year period, paid at the rate of \$7,116 per year and then an annual fee of \$2800 after 1995. Miller reminded the council that when the outside needs painted the cost will be \$4,090. After considerable discussion and comparison of these prices with prices in the present contract, Dale

Fox made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerian, to approve the full-maintenance contract with the safety options; motion carried. Payment schedule was discussed; Miller said the payment would not be due until after the tank is painted. The council requested that this be done in September after the hottest weather is over. Miller said this would not be a problem, and thanked the council for the agreement.

LIBRARY: Carolyn Meerian made a motion to reappoint Cindy O'Bryhim to the Library Board for a four-year term. Dale Fox seconded; motion carried.

EMPLOYEE REAPPOINTMENTS: The following employees were reappointed for 1993:

Dale Fox made a motion to reappoint Bob Sisson as Maintenance Supervisor; Dennis Graves seconded. Motion carried.

Carolyn Meerian made a motion to reappoint Ron Dean, Sr. as Chief of Police; Mark Criger seconded. Motion carried.

Bruce Anderson made a motion to reappoint Cheryl Brown as City Clerk; Dennis Graves seconded. Motion carried.

Mark Criger made a motion to reappoint Lila Hamit as Assistant City Clerk; Dale Fox seconded. Motion carried.

Carolyn Meerian made a motion to reappoint Max Friesen as City Treasurer; Mark Criger seconded. Motion carried.

Bruce Anderson made a motion to reappoint Larry Coursen as Municipal Judge; Dennis Graves seconded. Motion carried.

Dennis Graves made a motion to reappoint Ed Harmison as Deputy Law Enforcement; Mark Criger seconded. Motion carried.

Mark Criger made a motion to reappoint Billy Warrington as Deputy Law Enforcement; Dale Fox seconded.

STREET-RENAMING CEREMONY: Ed Harmison was present to discuss having a special ceremony to mark the occasion of renaming Fourth Street SANTA FE TRAIL. Several ideas were discussed, including a parade on July 4th to coincide with a fireworks display. At this time, payment of insurance for the fireworks was discussed. The matter was tabled until the June meeting to allow time for checking on prices for the coverage.

Harmison, speaking as Fire Chief, reminded the council that there are 3 fire hydrants in town that need to be extended for proper hook-up. Bob Sisson was instructed to check into this. Harmison also reported that the defibrillator should be here in 40-60 days.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Dean gave an update on progress in getting the new warning sirens on line with the county. The county has had problems with getting the frequency adjusted for several different reasons. Dean recommended that the city go ahead on its own and pursue setting up our own frequency, and changing at a later time to connect with the county. He said this would take approximately 6 weeks plus time for the crystals to "age". The council agreed by concensus for Chief Dean to proceed in this matter.

Chief Dean reported that he had made some inquiries regarding a disability package for the part-time law officers that would protect their income should they be injured on the job. The

council told him to keep them informed on the findings for later discussion.

Chief Dean also said the animal control officer, Shelly Maddox, has been keeping busy, and that notices of licenses being due was put on the June water billing.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Bob Sisson informed the council that there is a possibility of purchasing a 3-pt blade from a citizen for \$100. Sisson felt that he could use the blade for several different jobs, including ditch work. Bruce Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mark Criger, to purchase the blade for \$100. Motion carried.

Sisson also reported that the work on the pool is progressing, and it should be ready to open Memorial Day week-end.

The time for street resealing was discussed, and the council agreed that it should be done before the fair, but after the weather is warmer and drier.

Bob Sisson also reported that there was some problem with the new street signs for Santa Fe Trail concerning the payment. The original signs were 42" long, and not satisfactory for the present brackets. The lettering was also not according to what was ordered. When the company was questioned about making the changes, it was implied that the city would not be charged for the original signs. At the time the second batch was picked up, some adjustment in the price was mentioned. Later, the company called the office and informed the clerk that the city would be billed for both orders. After discussion, Bruce Anderson made a motion, seconded by Dale Fox, not to pay for the first order which was unsatisfactory. Motion carried. Bob Sisson was instructed to meet with Ed Harmison about when to install the signs.

WINDOW REPLACEMENT: A representative from Harding Glass had come to evaluate the damage to the east window at City Hall and also at the Library, but had not given an estimate at this time. He said the break in the City Hall window was most likely caused by the building settling, and is not likely to be susceptible to being pushed in from outside, but the library window is a different matter and should be replaced soon. The matter was tabled until estimates are presented.

SATURDAY AM'S: The mayor brought up the matter of City Hall being open on Saturday mornings. The council had hoped that more people would take advantage of the hours, but most people were coming to use the dropbox and only came in when they saw the "Open" sign. The council decided by concensus to resume being closed on Saturday's except for special occasions, such as voter registration and animal licensing sessions. The last Saturday to be open will be May 29, 1993.

BULK WATER PLANT: This matter was tabled until Kramer Engineering presents their report scheduled for the June meeting.

MISC: Mayor Hamit again brought up the matter of a raise for Ron Dean, Jr. as he has been called on more, and more responsibility placed on him during the maintenance supervisor transition. Mark

Criger made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerian, to approve a \$.50/hr. raise for Ron Dean, Jr. effective May 13. Motion carried.

REPAIR BILL: The mayor presented a bill from a citizen that they received due to a sewer main being backed up last fall. The bill was for \$185.33. Councilmember Fox stated that other residents have had to install check valves to prevent such incidences. After further discussion, the council agreed by concensus not to pay the repair bill, but to check into the city insurance coverage for this matter.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: Mayor Hamit read a resolution that would designate Max Friesen and Cheryl Brown as being authorized to open the city safety deposit box at Kansas State Bank. Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerian, to adopt Resolution 32 to name the above mentioned as the authorized persons. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL POLICY: Carolyn Meerian made a motion, seconded by Bruce Anderson, to amend the personnel policy to state that insurance coverage would begin at date of employment rather than after 3 months, and to strike the phrase "or reimburse if the employee has other insurance" as all employees must be included to qualify for the group plan. Motion carried.

MISC: Councilmember Criger inquired about the city's involvement with the cemetary board. It was determined that the city has no involvement.

COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS: Mayor Hamit appointed the following members to oversee the following departments:
Police-----Dennis Graves
Pool -----Mark Criger
Street/Water-----Dale Fox
Office -----Carolyn Meerian
Special Projects -----Bruce Anderson

The clerk reported that the city had received a letter from the group "Biking Across Kansas" asking for points of interest and eating places. Bruce Anderson will work on this project.

Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerian, to adjourn. Motion carried; meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Brown
Clerk

APPROVED _____