

MINUTES

City of Overbrook

May 20, 1992

Members Present: J.A. Cordts, Dale Fox, Dennis Graves, Carolyn Meerian, Mark Criger.

Others Present: Colleen Babbitt, Ira Allen, Duane and Lois Shuck, Max Friesen, Jack Jones and Mrs. Jones, Bruce Smith, Ron Dean, Gary Wacker, Cheryl Brown, Millie Cannon.

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

MINUTES/WARRANTS: The minutes of the regular meeting of April 8 were reviewed. A motion was made by J.A. Cordts, seconded by Carolyn Meerian, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried 5-0. A motion was made by Carolyn Meerian, seconded by Mark Criger, to approve the minutes of the Vann property condemnation hearing of April 8, 1992 as written. Motion carried. 5-0. The minutes of the special council meeting of March 23, 1992 were reviewed. A motion was made by Mark Criger, seconded by Dale Fox, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried. Warrants 7647 through 7709 were presented for payment. Carolyn Meerian made a motion, seconded by Dennis Graves, to approve all warrants. Motion carried 5-0.

ANIMAL SHELTERS: Jack Jones from the Dept. of Animal Health, was present to provide information and literature regarding the holding of animals picked up by the city. Jones assured the council that his office is working with third class cities concerning the regulations, and if the city is willing to build the appropriate temporary shelter, his office will hold off enforcing the first class city rules. He also assured the council that his office is willing to assist in any way needed.

KENNEL ORDINANCE: The present kennel ordinance was discussed in regard to the animals named in the ordinance. After some discussion, the council agreed to strike the word "dog" and insert the word "animal". A motion was made by Carolyn Meerian and seconded by J.A. Cordts, to approve Ordinance 172 which amends Ordinance 101 to read "animal" rather than "dog". Motion carried 5-0.

STREET SURFACING BIDS: Mayor Hamit opened sealed bids from Shears Sons, Hi Plains Sand Co., and LRM, Inc. Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by J.A. Cordts, to approve the low bid from Hi Plains Sand Co. Motion carried 5-0.

VACATE STREET EASEMENT: Duane and Lois Shuck were present to request the street easement for Second Street between Walnut and Cedar be vacated. After some discussion about procedure and results, the council agreed by consensus to vacate Second Street from Walnut to the alley. This will be done by ordinance.

POOL SUPERVISOR: Colleen Babbitt was present to report to the council as to status of the pool. She hired three guards--Carrie Walquist, Anne Dale, and Karris Land--and presented the council with a request to replace several items that are needed for safety purposes. The council agreed by consensus that these things should be replaced. Babbitt suggested the admission charge be changed to Preschool/50¢; K-12/1.00; Adults/1.00. The council agreed by consensus. Babbitt also inquired about the possibility of private pool parties. Bruce Smith reminded the council of a problem with the underwater lights. The council asked Smith to check with Don Keim about fixing the lights so that parties could be held after regular hours. Council

also decided that the pool closing because of bad weather or other circumstances should be left up to the supervisor. Family season passes at other pools are to be checked out by the clerk.

INSURANCE BID: Mayor Hamit read the bids for insurance for the wells and lift stations. The bid from Citizens' Insurance Services for \$619.00 was the low bid. Mark Criger made a motion, seconded by Dale Fox, to accept the bid from Citizen's Insurance Services. Motion carried 4-0 with J.A. Cordts abstaining. Mayor Hamit read a letter to Employees Mutual Ins. Co. from the city that would name Community Insurance Services to be our agent of record in order to be able to quote Employee Mutual prices on future coverage. A motion was made by Dennis Graves, seconded by Dale Fox, to sign and send this letter to Employee Mutual naming Community Insurance Services to be the City's agent of record. Motion carried.

INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES: Police Chief Dean informed the council that as long as a council member does not receive pay, that member can be commissioned as a law enforcement officer. This is according to the Attorney General's office. Dean also updated the council concerning safety requirements for law and EMT's in regard to hepatitis B and the AIDS virus.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: The need for a part-time animal control officer was discussed. The council agreed by consensus to hire someone on a trial basis to work 60 hours/month. The job would pay minimum wage and be reimbursed for mileage. A motion was made by Dennis Graves, seconded by Mark Criger, to hire a part-time animal control officer who would be under the jurisdiction of the police department. Motion carried.

MISC: Bruce Smith reported to the council that well #4 has been acidized, and will be re-tested by the state. Smith told the council that Ron Dean, Jr. is to be his summer helper. He also reported a problem with a buried gas tank leak on the property of George Maichel, Sr. The state requirements have been or will be met. The possibility of buying more water from Rural Water District #5 was again discussed. Smith was instructed to check with Kramer Engineering about what's needed as far as pumps and water lines are concerned to handle more supply.

FIREWORKS: Dale Fox reported to the council that there won't be a fireworks display this year due to lack of interest. He said the CIC seemed to be the only group willing to help, and he was reluctant to go around asking for help. The high cost of the insurance plus the cost of the fireworks require donations from a lot of people. The clerk said she would take the necessary steps to cancel the insurance.

EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS: The following employees were reappointed:

Dale Fox made a motion to reappoint Ron Dean as Chief of Police. Mark Criger seconded. Motion carried.

Dennis Graves made a motion to reappoint Bruce Smith as Maintenance Supervisor. Carolyn Meerian seconded. Motion carried.

Dale Fox made a motion to reappoint Mildred Cannon as City Clerk. Mark Criger seconded. Motion carried.

Carolyn Meerian made a motion to reappoint Cheryl Brown as Assistant Clerk. Mark Criger seconded. Motion carried.

Dennis Graves made a motion to reappoint Max Friesen as City Treasurer. Carolyn Meerian seconded. Motion carried.

Dale Fox made a motion to reappoint Larry Coursen as Municipal Judge. Dennis Graves seconded. Motion carried.

Carolyn Meerian made a motion to reappoint Ed Harmison as Deputy Law Enforcement. Mark Criger seconded. Motion carried.

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

LIBRARY BOARD: Mayor Hamit recommended Gary Anderson to be appointed to the library board in place of Dana Wurdeman. Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Mark Criger, to appoint Gary Anderson to the Library Board. Motion carried.

LACK OF QUORUM: Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Dennis Graves, to adopt Ordinance 173 which would set the time of regular council meetings, and make provision for circumstances when there is not a quorum at regular meetings. Motion carried.

Dale Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Criger seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Brown  
Assistant City Clerk

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

June 10, 1992