

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

OTHERS PRESENT: JoEllen Criger, Scott Averill, Ron Hunt, Ed Harmison, Max Friesen, Bob Sisson, Lila Hamit, Cheryl Brown.

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: Carolyn Meerian made a motion, seconded by Dennis Graves, to approve the minutes of the May regular meeting as written. Motion carried. Mark Criger made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerian, to approve payments of warrants #9325 to #9396. Motion carried.

POOL REPORT: JoEllen Criger came before the council to report on receipts from the pool and what progress the lifeguards have made on their various certificates. She also said that Ken Krause's daughter has offered to paint a scene on the bathhouse. A special time has been set aside for people 60 years old and older to swim. This is on Wednesday's from 5:00 to 6:00 P.M. She is also planning on having several night-swims, and wondered if more lighting could be added around the middle of the pool. Dennis Graves made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerian, to authorize the installation of additional lights at the pool providing the cost is reasonable. Motion carried. JoEllen also asked if a table with an umbrella and chairs could be purchased so adults could have a place to sit while watching young children. After some discussion, Carolyn Meerian made a motion, seconded by Dennis Graves, to buy a table, umbrella, and four chairs.

EMPLOYEE REAPPOINTMENTS: Carolyn Meerian made a motion, seconded by Mark Criger, to reappoint the following employees for 1994:

Robert Sisson-----Maintenance Supervisor

Ronald Dean, Sr.-----Chief of Police

Cheryl Brown-----City Clerk

Lila Hamit-----Assistant City Clerk

Max Friesen-----City Treasurer

Larry Coursen-----Municipal Judge

Ed Harmison-----Deputy Law Officer

Billy Warrington-----Deputy Law Officer

Motion carried.

OVERBROOK TENNIS ASSOCIATION: Scott Averill and Ron Hunt came before the council to talk about having the ground at Jones park prepared so that the asphalt could be laid at the same time the city

has any work done. Mayor Hamit told them that nothing has been definitely decided at this point about what the city is going to do. The council told them that when a decision has been made, the city would notify the association so things could be coordinated.

CONNECTING LINKS: The clerk said that the city has received a proposal from the county to reimburse the city for the maintenance of .83 miles of Maple Street in the amount of \$332.00. Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerian, to approve the agreement between the city and the county. Motion carried.

1995 BUDGET PREP: The clerk reported she had been contacted by Scot Loyd of Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd regarding next year's budget. Loyd said they would do the budget preparation for no more than \$500, and that the council should begin thinking about any changes they might want to make.

MISC: The clerk also said that the library is working on the details of Marilyn Anderson's joining the KPERS retirement program, including who would pay the employee's share back to the time of her becoming eligible. Since no one was present from the library board, the matter was tabled until a later meeting.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Bob Sisson reported that he had received a bid for the curbing along Maple between Santa Fe Trail and Market. It would come to a little over \$3800. There was discussion about the method of payment for the overlay work on Maple. The council discussed how many other streets would need to be re-sealed. Sisson said that one of the companies had bid Maple from Highway 56 to the railroad tracks. The council agreed by concensus to get a firm bid for an exact amount of work, and discuss it at the July meeting. The mayor brought up the fact that the council had never officially accepted Ash Street in the Shepard addition even though it has been sealed. The council agreed by concensus to wait until all the construction has been done, and the road has been prepared as to the original agreement before re-sealing. There was more discussion as to how the overlay work on Maple should be bid. The council agreed that each of the companies must submit a firm bid so that the city knows how much it'll cost before the job is started. Sisson said that both companies had said that they would do asphalt work for anybody needing it. Dale Fox wanted it noted that the reason that our streets are in good shape is because we have had them resealed on a regular basis, but feels that this might be the time to do less on the other streets, and do more on Maple. Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Mark Criger, to accept the bid of \$3,815 from Leo Lang to do the sidewalk and guttering on Maple between Santa Fe Trail and Market. Motion carried.

TRASH REPORT: Ed Harmison was present to report to the council. The mayor told Harmison that he has had several complaints about the Bingo sign in the intersection of Maple and Santa Fe Trail. People are not sure whether to turn in front or in back of it. The council agreed by concensus that moving the sign to the north out of the intersection might solve the program, and Mark Criger was asked to

approach the American Legion regarding the matter.

Mark Criger told Harmison that when some of the flags put out on Maple for Memorial Day were stolen, the response from the police department was not too receptive. Harmison said he would check into the incident.

Harmison said he had not heard any more from Kansas State Bank in regards to a city park by that business.

He also reported that the CIC is planning Santa Fe Trail Days on September 17 which would include a city-wide garage sale.

Bob Sisson asked about the possibility of putting lights at the picnic area at Jones Park. The council told him that they had checked into the matter several years ago and the cost was pretty expensive. Several possibilities were discussed.

Ed Harmison told the council that he had started raising funds for the fireworks, and would bring whatever funds raised to the July meeting.

**WATER RATES:** Mayor Hamit reminded the council that with the new Rural Water tank being built, a possible raise in water rates should be considered. Two bonds that we are now paying will mature later in the year, one in August and one in October. The matter was tabled until a later meeting.

**EMPLOYEE SALARY REVIEW:** Carolyn Meerian made a motion, seconded by Dale Fox, to go into executive session until 9:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing raises for non-elected personnel. Motion carried.

Mayor Hamit called the meeting back to order at 9:40 p.m. Mark Criger made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerian to approve a 3 1/2 % raise across the board. Motion carried.

**COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:** Dennis Graves reported that in response to a previous complaint, two cars have been removed from the property at the corner of Hwy 56 and Maple.

Mark Criger said that Ken Krause had complained about paying a double charge for his dumpster. Criger told him that under the new contract he would be charged the same rate for twice-a-week pickup as he was for once-a-week pick-up.

Dale Fox reported that Overbrook Lumber, who has had a 1 1/2 yd dumpster, did not want to pay for a 2 yd dumpster. Richard Davenport told us that he does not use anything smaller than a 2 yd for safety purposes. The owner of Overbrook Lumber then said that he would just take his solid waste to his home which is out of town. Mr. Davenport said he would do whatever the city wants. After some discussion, the mayor said we should check with the city attorney.

Mark Criger made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerian, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Brown

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