

MINUTES

CITY OF OVERBROOK

JUNE 10, 1992

MEMBERS PRESENT: J.A. Cordts, Dale Fox, Dennis Graves, Carolyn Meerian, Mark Criger

OTHERS PRESENT: Dana Wurdeman, Bruce Smith, Max Friesen, Cheryl Brown, Mildred Cannon.

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

MINUTES/WARRANTS: The minutes of the regular May 20th meeting were reviewed. Carolyn Meerian made a motion, seconded by Dale Fox, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried. After some discussion of the warrant for installing lights at the pool, a motion was made by Dale Fox and seconded by Mark Criger to approve all warrants. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS: Dana Wurdeman was present to report to the council some of the problems she experienced with the "911" system at the time of her daughter's accident. She told the council of all the delays in how the messages are relayed from one responder to the next, and felt the community needed to be made aware of the best choices to make in an emergency situation. The council agreed and several possible solutions were discussed. Dale Fox suggested that someone from the phone company come to a council meeting for further discussion, including a direct hook-up between "911" and our first responders, and also ways to let people know the best way to get help in emergencies.

EXEMPTIONS: Mayor Hamit presented ordinances to the council that would exempt the city from the tax lid. This is necessary because of the reappraisal. Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by J.A. Cordts, to adopt Charter Ordinance 7. Motion carried. The next ordinance presented would set the tax levy maximum for the library/recreation fund. Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Dennis Graves, to adopt Charter Ordinance 8. Motion carried.

VACATING SECOND STREET: The request for Second street between Walnut and Cedar streets to be vacated was again discussed. Carolyn Meerian made a motion, seconded by Mark Criger, to adopt Ordinance 174 which would vacate Second Street between Walnut and Cedar Street. Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Bruce Smith reported to the council on the drainage box project at Northbrook. While he had a hole dug, Dick Wells expressed that he'd like to go ahead with what had been decided at the August meeting. Wells had given an estimated cost to be shared with the city, \$1,281.17 total. There was some discussion as to how much of the work the city had done and what costs would be included in the city's share. The council agreed by concensus to wait until Northbrook sent a bill for a final decision on how much to pay.

Smith reported that Don Keim had fixed the underwater lights at the pool, but there are no above ground lights. The old ones had been removed at the time the electricity was removed from the fence. Keim gave an estimate of \$834.35. After some discussion, the council asked Smith to check into installing the lights him self.

Smith told the council that well #4 has been acidized, and after flushing and re-testing, it is ready to go again. Also in regard to the city's request of more water from the Rural water district, John Butel indicated the city could

receive more water. After some discussion as to how much more the city needs the council agreed by concensus to write a letter to the Rural water district requesting 120 gallons/minute.

SEWAGE DUMP STATION: Bruce Smith reported to the council a request for the city to consider a dump station be located at the fairgrounds had been made to him. The council agreed by concensus that the city not provide a dump station since there are several available at near-by lakes.

MISC: Smith told the council the prices of generators that he had confirmed. There was some discussion as to the need for one. Smith told the council that there are times when he's working on leaks, etc. and needs extra light. It was also pointed out that the police department might have a need for one at times. Mark Criger made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerian, to authorize the purchase of a generator. Motion carried. J.A. Cordts requested that it be purchased locally.

Smith reported to the council that he had Osage City sewer department come to clean out the sewer line by Don Hylton's house, and questioned if Hylton should be billed for the work, or at least part of the cost. Smith said that he has had the Osage City crew come for other areas, but as yet has not been billed. The council agreed by concensus to table the decision until the city receives a bill.

STREET SIGNS: Several council members reported that the condition of some of the signs around town is not good. Smith said new signs have been delivered and will be installed as soon as possible.

FIRE SIRENS: The clerk reported that the new sirens have been ordered. The cost will be \$9,734, with the city being reimbursed \$7300. They should be here in about six weeks. Tentative locations are on each water tower and the present siren will be moved to the Northbrook area. A representative from the company will be coming to advise on the best locations.

SWIM PARTIES: Mark Criger brought up whether or not to have pool parties until the lights are completely installed. The council agreed that the supervisor should schedule only daylight parties.

POOL SALARIES: Mark Criger reported that he felt that the manager and assistant manager should be paid a higher wage than was decided in March. He said he felt that since the personnel have experience, they should be paid accordingly. After some discussion, Mark Criger made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerian, to pay the manager and the assistant manager \$5.00 per hour. Motion carried. Criger reported that everything seems to be going fine.

MISC: Sprucing up some of the buildings along Maple street was discussed. The council agreed that this is something that the individual owners need to take care of.

Dennis Graves reported to the council that he as the liaison to the police department, would be working closely with Chief Dean on some of the crime and drug problems.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/ANNUAL SALARY REVIEW: At 9:00 pm J.A. Cordts made a motion seconded by Carolyn Meerian, to go into executive session for an hour and fifteen minutes. Motion carried. At 10:15 pm the meeting was called back to order. Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerian, to approve salary increases as discussed. Motion carried.

MISC: The mayor wanted it be on record that the council wanted Bruce Smith to make cleaning drainage ditches a matter of priority, and also the training of the assistant clerk to be able to fill in for the clerk when necessary.

1992 BUDGET CHANGES: The clerk stated that she felt the levy should be raised for the recreation budget. She reported that this hasn't been done in several years, and there's never any money left over for the park after the pool's expenses are settled. She also said the bond and interest levy will most likely go down. Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Mark Criger, to raise the levy by 1 mill. Motion carried with 3 ayes and 2 nay's.

MISC: Carolyn Meerian wanted the ordinance on limiting the number of cats clarified. The clerk told the council that ordinance does not allow more cats under any grandfather clause. Law enforcement will be responsible for the enforcing of the ordinance.

Dale Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 PM. Mark Criger seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Brown
Assistant Clerk

APPROVED: 7-8-92