

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 22, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Smith, Ira Allen, Larry Coursen, Rich Hamit, Bob Sisson, Mayor Jack Young.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Harris, Mike Dickerson, Vic Robbins, Mark Tomlinson, Bob Call, Cheryl Brown

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Young. Roll was taken to determine the presence of a quorum.

MINUTES / WARRANTS: Bruce Smith moved to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2005 meeting as written. Ira Allen seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Bruce Smith made a motion, seconded by Ira Allen, to pay all warrants presented. Motion carried 5-0.

DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING: Tim Harris, Kansas Drug Testing, Inc., presented the council with information regarding his company and current regulations. Harris said that any driver with a Commercial Driver's License operating a vehicle weighing 26,001 pounds is required to have this testing done. Harris explained the rates charged by his company, and that the city's employees needing the testing would be included in the Department of Transportation testing pool and be subject to random testing. Harris said that for a set fee, his company would provide the city with a written policy and updates as they are made.

The mayor asked why this testing couldn't be done through local medical personnel. Harris said that the specimens have to be collected by someone with special training and must be sent to a certified laboratory, and then reviewed by a certified MRO before results come back to the employer. Employees would not be included in a pool, so the individual tests would be more costly.

The mayor asked if police officers were required to have the testing done. Harris said they are not since they're not required to have a CDL, but that cities do have the legal authority to test police officers because they carry firearms. They would be part of a separate pool, but the city would just pay for the set-up of one program.

The council thanked Harris for the presentation. Bob Sisson said that Kim Davis told him her office is certified to collect blood tests, and would be qualified to collect urine samples soon. She didn't think finding a certified lab is a problem. There was discussion about including the police officers. Ira Allen said he is under the impression that our police officers are being tested through the county. There was discussion about the legality of having this testing done through a private clinic rather than through a pool controlled program. The mayor said that the city attorney should be contacted before making a final decision.

WEBSITE: Beth Sisson pulled the new City of Overbrook website up on one of the computers so the council could preview it. She told the council that she needs to add some more information before publishing the website, and then she will contact search engines to make it more available. The council was asked to look it over and let her know what they think and about ideas they may have. Sisson was thanked for all her work. The website is www.overbrookks.com. Brown will ask Kansas State Bank to put an announcement on their marquis, and Mike Dickerson of the Osage County Herald will put something in the paper.

Sisson showed the council a picture taken in 1911, and said she would like to have more "old" pictures to put on the website.

WATER/SEWER REPORT: Mayor Young reviewed the written report from Vic Robbins due to his absence at the last meeting. The report covered mapping sewer and water lines by Kansas Rural Water Association, corrective actions as a result of the sewer hook-up inspections, progress with replacing water lines with the balance of the waterline loan, and his progress with the sewer rehabilitation plan for KDHE.

The bid from D&D Excavating for waterline replacement was discussed. Ira Allen moved to approve Tag#1 and Tag#2 for \$36,020.00 using the remaining loan proceeds and Special Highway funds. Larry Coursen seconded; motion carried 5-0.

The sewer inspection for Steve Cross's residence was discussed. Cross was upset because he thought someone inspected his house without his being there. That was not the case as an inspection was never done. The council agreed by consensus that Dean Beckman should contact Cross and do the inspection as soon as possible.

RETIREMENT FUND: Cheryl Brown presented the council with the difference in the amounts paid by the city for the police retirement (KPF) and that of Bob Call and Brown (KPERS). She had based the amounts on 2004 W-2's. After a brief discussion, Bob Sisson made a motion, seconded by Rich Hamit, to pay Call and Brown an amount equal to what their retirement benefits would have been at the same higher rate as Harmison and Danner as an adjustment. This will be a one-time payment while other options are evaluated in the future. Motion carried 5-0.

DRAINAGE ISSUES: Bob Call said that he has someone coming to give him some ideas about ways to handle the water drainage from the grade school to Locust Street. Mac Barnett hasn't returned any plans, so the matter was tabled.

LIBRARY ROOF: Bob Call said that he has a couple of roofing companies coming to inspect the library roof and possible give bids. Ira Allen suggested Call talk to First Security Bank to get the name of the roofer they used recently.

ANIMAL CONTROL: The mayor presented a timesheet of Mark Tomlinson's as a way to review his hours and mileage without his patrolling the city lake. More information will be presented at the next meeting.

SIDEWALK: The council agreed by consensus that as sidewalks are the property owners responsibilities, that the city won't have a sidewalk built on the corner of 7th & Maple across from the pool.

POLICY FOR EMPLOYEE BUYING/SELLING: After discussion, Bob Sisson moved that any city-owned property valued at \$100 or more be put out on bids, with the council deciding the value. Bruce Smith seconded; motion carried 5-0.

SEWER REPORT: Vic Robbins arrived at the meeting at this time. Bob Sisson asked if Robbins thinks the city can use the balance of the waterline loan money, then use Special Highway money to pay for the necessary asphalt work. Robbins said he thinks the city can, but he'll talk to KDHE to make sure.

Robbins said that about 15 manholes of the total 135 weren't inspected earlier. We may not have to excavate them, but that would be the best way to inspect them. Robbins will look at the tapes to see how well they show up. Robbins said he's sent the sewer line maps back to KRWA with corrections. There was some discussion about what KRWA is supposed to be providing the city per the original agreement. The clerk said she would look through all the grant/KDHE files to find the contract.

Robbins said that having Dean Beckman doing the follow-up inspections on the sewer hook-up's will be satisfactory as long as Robbins can go over what is an acceptable repair. The mayor said no one has talked to Beckman at this time, but someone will soon.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: Bruce Smith said he and Ira Allen had attended a meeting with Pomona Lake Water Project recently. He said that the Overbrook participation has been scaled down from the original plan. Smith gave everyone some information about the different options for the city. The council will discuss this further after studying the material. Ira Allen said that while the city has ample water supply at this time, future needs need to be considered. Smith said that if the city isn't included from the beginning, the city may not be able to join in the group at a later time.

Ira Allen recommended that all the members read a couple of articles in the Government Journal that apply to legal matters.

Rich Hamit reported that a water line had broken at the pool, but was fixed quickly by Mark McCain. Hamit asked if something can be done about the drainage grate by the barbershop. Call said it had been replaced once, but would check into something stronger.

CLERK'S REPORT: Cheryl Brown reported that the 2004 Consumer Confidence Report will be mailed tomorrow. Brown will be on vacation the week of July 18th, and Lila Hamit will be working that week. She also said that she needs to be gone August 15th & 16th and would like permission to close the office if a replacement can't be found. Mayor Young said he couldn't see any reason why the office can't be closed with advance notice.

Ira Allen said he would miss the next council meeting while on vacation.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The mayor asked about the sidewalks being poured at the city lake. He just wanted to make sure that this is being covered by the Trail's Project grant, and not being paid for out of city funds. He also said that a large hole was discovered in the alley behind Kansas State Bank, and he asked the council for a decision on who should pay for the repair. Young said that apparently there had been a cistern there at one time. G&G Excavating made the repairs. After some discussion, Rich Hamit moved to pay G&G Excavating. Bob Sisson seconded; motion carried 5-0.

The mayor said that Wilma Sicks called him to say that she's had her sump pump changed to comply with the ordinance, and so has her neighbor. Now her neighbor's sump pump is draining into her yard. Mayor Young just wanted the council to be aware that there may be more phone calls like this. He advised Mrs. Sicks to talk to her neighbor.

There being no further business before the council, Bob Sisson moved to adjourn. Larry Coursen seconded; meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully,

Cheryl L. Brown
City Clerk

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