

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.A.Cordts -arrived at 8:30	Dale Fox
Carolyn Meerian	Mayor Richard Hamit
Dennis Graves	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bob Shepard	Bruce Smith
Steve Jones arrived at 8:15 and left at 10:15 PM.	
Max Friesen	Millie Cannon
Cheryl Brown	Ron Dean

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Richard Hamit. The clerk called the roll. A quorum was present.

MINUTES: The minutes of the June 12, 1991 regular meeting were reviewed. Dennis Graves made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerian to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried 3-0.

WARRANTS: Warrants No. 7043 through 7121 were presented for payment. Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerian to approve all warrants. Motion carried 3-0.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Bruce Smith reported he had started some of the drainage work, beginning with the project by the Methodist Church parsonage. He said he had installed the tube under the sewer line but couldn't finish before the street crews came back in. He said he is now waiting for the street to settle down and pack in before having the road grader come back so the surface won't be ruined. He said they had also done some ditch cleaning by the Overbrook Lumber yard but there was more to be done.

In answer to Mayor Hamit's question in reference to the tube problems by Northbrook Lumber, Smith said the original tube had an extension installed sometime in the past and there is leakage between the two which undermines the road. He said it needed covered over.

Dale Fox suggested he go with Bruce Friday to look into some of the worst problem areas.

Carolyn Meerian asked if anything could be done about the oil and rock the asphalt company had gotten on the sidewalk by the Quilt Factory. The subject was discussed and the council felt it would be best to leave it alone unless the owners specifically requested removal mainly because there would be sticky residue left which would beworse than it is now.

Smith reported during the recent drouth, customers have been very cooperative in conserving water. He said we were pumping around 70% of capacity.

In reference to the ongoing street surface problems at 56 Highway and Maple, Smith reported he had met with a representative from the Kansas Department of Transportation who felt the KDOT would take care of their right of way possibly this fall. He said he did have to consult with his superior first.

The city's portion of the problem area, along with another trouble area at the northeast side of the railroad tracks by Co-op was discussed. It was agreed by consensus to encumber \$21,000 toward the alleviation of these problems from the Special Highway fund. Smith was authorized to contact several street surfacing companies for bids and/or advice.

Carolyn Meerian passed on a request from the owners of Jack's Cafe that the west portion of the ditch on the east side of the cafe be cleaned out so they could plant a ground cover which would keep the area clean. It was agreed by consensus.

Meerian also thanked Bruce Smith for taking care of the walkway from Frieruble Addn. to the highway. She said it looks very clean and neat.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION: Dale Fox reported the 4th of July celebration was a big success. He said there was an estimated crowd of around 1500 to 2000 people. He said donations were good and he had enough left to reimburse the city \$300 of the \$500 which it cost to have the extra insurance added to the city's liability policy. He said that would leave some left over for a start towards next year. He promised next year's display would be even bigger and better.

MAINTENANCE TRUCK REPLACEMENT: Smith discussed purchase of a new or low mileage truck. The subject was discussed at length after which Smith was authorized to contact several car/truck dealers for prices.

ANNEXATION/SHEPARD: The possible annexation, water/sewer installation and street for the proposed addition Bob Shepard had requested from the council at previous meetings was discussed. Steve Jones, City Attorney was present to advise the council. The discussion covered subjects such as, would this set a different precedent than had been set in the past in connection with utilities. In connection with the street it was agreed that Shepard had committed to installing and maintaining the street for two years before the city accepts it and has it sealed. The main subject in question was what the city's obligation was in connection with utilities. It was agreed the city is obligated to service the property already in the city (5 lots) but not the five proposed to be annexed. It was discussed if Shepard installed a sewer line and manhole from the west line of the property now in the city to the east line of said property (approx. 150 ft) the city could install the same length of water and sewer lines as they would for the original five lots at no greater cost to the city. It was estimated the cost of the water and sewer lines would each be approximately \$5,000 each or a total of \$10,000 cost to the city.

Steve Jones advised the first step before the city can do anything is, Shepard would have to present the city with a plat and proposal that this property be annexed and include the part that is already in the city in the plat and show the proposed easements for water and sewer and street. It was noted Shepard is requested to present a written statement to the council stating what he proposes to do and what he is asking the city to do in connection with the street and utilities. Mayor Hamit stated the city would not take any action until Shepard presents these proposals, then the city will make their decision from that point. Shepard felt the city was going to put in the 150 ft of sewer line and manhole then he would reimburse the city. Mayor Hamit reminded Shepard the council had not made any decision on that and that actually the city was not in competition with private contractors. He said a decision such as this would not and could not be made until Shepard provides the city with written confirmation as to what he is going to do. It was noted Shepard would not be required to furnish a plat until the written proposals are submitted and the council makes a decision.

Max Friesen requested an easement across the East section to be annexed for sewer service to the Meadowbrook Addn. at Meadowbrook's expense. He said if they decide to go ahead with the addition, all utilities etc would be at the Addition's expense. Shepard agreed along with the council. Shepard was thanked for coming and left at 9:50 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 9:52 PM Carolyn Meerian made a motion, seconded by J.A. Cordts to go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried.

The meeting was called back to order at 10:12 by Mayor Hamit.

Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Dennis Graves to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Mildred J. Cannon
City Clerk

APPROVED

August 19, 1991 with the addition of remarks in reference to the plat of survey be included as stated "city attorney noted the plat of survey was inadequate inasmuch as it did not show utility or street easements."