

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Long, John Butel, Steve Jones, Jack Kramer,
Ken Schoenick, John & Joyce Dillon, Kathleen
Rose, Shirley Karr, Bob Sisson, Ron Dean, Max
Friesen, 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.

MINUTES/WARRANTS: After some discussion about how the sewer ponds
were being left after the dirt-removal is being done, Bruce Anderson
made a motion, seconded by Mark Criger, to approve the minutes as
written for the regular meeting of June 9, 1993. Motion carried.
Carolyn Meerian made a motion, seconded by Dennis Graves, to approve
the minutes of the special council meeting of June 22, 1993 as
written. Motion carried.

Bruce Anderson made a motion to pay all warrants between #8527
and #8607. Carolyn Meerian seconded; motion carried.

AUDIT OF 1992 FINANCIAL RECORDS: Jim Long of Bogner & Button came
before the council to review the findings on the audit done on the
city financial records, as well as those for the library and
recreation commission. The report stated that in their opinion, the
financial statements they reviewed were in conformity with generally
accepted accounting principles, with the exception of some budget
violations. There were also some recommendations for changes in
bookkeeping procedures for the future. Carolyn Meerian made a
motion, seconded by Mark Criger, to accept the audit report by Bogner
& Button. Motion carried. Mr. Long then offered a proposal from his
firm to do the audit for the next three years at a cost of \$3700 per
year. He told the council that he would send a letter to that effect
in the near future for the council's consideration. The council
thanked Mr. Long for the presentation after which he left.

RURAL WATER DISTRICT #5: John Butel was present to report on a
meeting of the directors of RWD regarding the city's request of 40
gpm of additional water. The RWD board is requesting an answer by a
definite time because of their possible need to build a water tower,
and this would take the better part of a year. Dale Fox questioned
why the 40 gpm cost was more than half the 80 gpm rates. Butel
explained that the 80 gpm was based on double our present rates, but
that the rates for just 40 gpm would be higher because of building
the new tower. He also said that the city could probably get
additional water any time, but might have to be cut back if there was
a shortage. Steve Jones stated that the RWD would like to have an
answer as soon as possible due to the weather factor in building a

new storage tank, and financing options. The council agreed by consensus to have a special meeting just to discuss all means of obtaining additional water at a later time. Butel asked that this be done by August 10, 1993. The council thanked them for coming, and they left.

POOL CLOSING POLICY: Kathleen Rose and Shirley Karr were present to voice concerns about the swimming pool closing before the regular time. Mark Criger told them that the hours were left up to the manager and lifeguards, and the policy is to close if there are fewer than 10 people after 3 pm and 6 people after 6:30 pm. He also feels that after talking to the manager and guards, there was a misunderstanding about what they thought the council wanted them to do. The council agreed by consensus that the pool should be kept open regardless of the number of swimmers, weather permitting.

HANDICAPPED PARKING: Ken Schoenick came before the council to request a space be designated for accessible parking close to his house. After discussing the fact that this space could be used by any person and not just Mrs. Schoenick's customers, the council instructed Bob Sisson to work with Schoenick on determining where to put the sign, with Schoenick paying for the sign if it's in front of his house. Steve Jones thought an ordinance might be needed for law enforcement purposes. The matter was then tabled until the next meeting.

NEW STREET POSSIBILITY: John and Joyce Dillon were present to ask about the possibility of building a street south of First Street because of traffic around the sale barn, Maichel Trucking, and Davis Meat. Dillon said that they were planning to add parking space at their business, but felt that a second street would eliminate some of the congestion getting to and from the businesses. The council told him that the City doesn't own the property in question, and would either have to buy it or condemn it. The council didn't want to do either of those things, but told the Dillon's that that was an option they might want to pursue. Dillon then asked for some of the dirt by the sewer ponds. The council agreed by consensus to let him have some dirt with the understanding that he leave the area able to be mowed and reseeded if necessary. The Dillon's thanked the council and left.

WATER SUPPLY: Jack Kramer was present to discuss obtaining additional water for the city. He presented the council with 3 bids to chlorinate the wells to eliminate the high-iron problem. Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Bruce Anderson to accept the bid from Clarke Well, Great Bend, Ks. for \$5,196 to do all 5 wells. Motion carried. Kramer presented the proposal from Kramer Engineering to oversee the chlorination project. The fee for the engineering services will be \$2400 maximum, and \$3600 maximum for the observation. Dennis Graves made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerman, to approve the agreement from Kramer Engineering. Motion carried.

MISC: The clerk stated the city had received notice of a hearing for a land-use district change from the Osage County Commissioners. This is in regards of the Co-op changing the zoning of their property south of town to allow them to use it for chemical storage. This notice is routine for any cities in the vicinity.

Chief Dean reported that he is still waiting for information on insurance for part-time law officers; this was tabled until a later meeting.

Bob Sisson reported that he hasn't received a definite price for a cart to be used in maintenance; the matter was tabled until that time.

The assistant clerk reported that the utility billing was coming along on the computer, and the August bills should be printed on the computer if all goes well.

MAINTENANCE: Bob Sisson reported that they had been doing some street work in preparation for the resealing. He also said they had been doing some work at the pool, and some more extensive work may have to be done. Sisson questioned the agreement for an automatic monitor at the pumphouse in the contract with Midwest Tank. The council felt that this was included, but would have to check the contract to be sure. The mayor asked about any sewer problems; Sisson thought everything was okay at the present. The mayor told Sisson that some of the problem areas need to be checked from time to time.

Sisson told the council that he wasn't sure how the ditch between Jack's Cafe and the neighbors to the east was going to be maintained. Mark Criger suggested planting CrownVetch to eliminate having to mow the ditch. Sisson said that maybe doing some changing on the tube would help, or changing the ditch somehow. The mayor and Dale Fox said they would look at it with Sisson to see what can be done.

Sisson told the council that he had talked to a couple of people about the library window. They told him that they don't do any drilling, and suggested that some kind of a barrier be put in front of the window, or replace it. The council agreed by consensus to check on some kind of reinforcement for it right now, or changing the window arrangement in some way. Sisson was told to check into the matter. Several of the council members questioned what could be done about the boarded window at Topping's. Dennis Graves asked if the city could do anything about the situation, such as enforcing any building codes. Chief Dean said a hazardous condition would have to be established. There was discussion about adopting such codes in the future.

LAW REPORT: Chief Dean told the council that the Highway Patrol is offering surplus vehicles to cities under a new program. The person in charge of the program told Dean that they have a 1992 Ford Taurus GL for \$8800.00. It has the complete police package except for the light bar. The mileage is 48,000. The book value is \$10,750 not including the police package. The 83 patrol car has 111,500 miles and the 89 has 61,000 miles at this time. Dean said he would transfer the equipment from the 89 to the 92 Taurus, but wasn't sure

if the paint has be changed. He had some estimates from Osage AutoWorks. The council did not feel that the car has to be gray. Dale Fox questioned buying a used car rather than waiting and buying a new one when we have the money. At the moment, \$8499 has been encumbered for a patrolcar. After more discussion, the matter was tabled until the special meeting with Chief Dean to get quotes on new cars.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: Mark Criger brought up how the lifeguards and manager salaries were not discussed when the other raises were voted in. The clerk said she is now aware of the changes in Ann Dale and Sarah King's ratings. The council agreed by consensus to leave the salary schedule as is and re-evaluate next ~~month~~^{year}. Carolyn Meerian said she had received complaints about the supervisor not being at the pool very much. Criger said that the manager is in charge most of the time. He also said that they were doing everything possible to get all the lessons finished, in spite of the weather. The clerk told the council that the supervisor has not put any hours down for salary up to this point.

FIREWORKS PAYMENT: Dale Fox reminded the clerk that the fireworks needed to be paid; the clerk said she has not received any money from the 4th of July fund as yet. Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Bruce Anderson, to pay the balance owed right away. Motion carried.

CROSSWALKS: Carolyn Meerian mentioned that it's time to maintain the school crosswalks. She also brought up some complaints she'd gotten about "junk" vehicles in a residential area. Chief Dean said he would check into the matter. The drainage around the concession stand was also mentioned. Sisson said he would see what could be done.

TRAFFIC ORDINANCES: Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Dennis Graves, to adopt Ordinance #181, which is the 1993 edition of the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Brown, Clerk

APPROVED: _____