

## M I N U T E S

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J. A. CORDTS  
CAROLYN MEERIAN

DENNIS GRAVES  
MAYOR RICHARD HAMIT

## OTHERS PRESENT:

BEN KRAMER  
BOB AND VIRGINIA SHEPARD  
MARK CRIGER  
ED HARMISON

BRUCE SMITH  
MAX FRIESEN  
CHERYL BROWN  
MILDRED J. CANNON

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

Mayor Hamit expressed deepest sympathy from himself and the council to the family of Floyd W. McGuire. He said he would also like to express the governing body's appreciation to McGuire's family and friends for his nine years of service as councilperson.

At that time, Mayor Hamit asked the council to consider Mark Criger to fulfill the unexpired term of McGuire. J. A. Cordts made a motion, seconded by Dennis Graves to fulfill the unexpired term of Floyd McGuire. Motion carried. The clerk then conducted the swearing in ceremonies.

MINUTES: The minutes of the July 10, 1991 regular meeting were reviewed. The clerk reported Steve Jones, City Attorney had requested the addition of his 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." Carolyn Meerian made a motion, seconded by Dennis Graves to approve the minutes as written with the stated addition. Motion carried.

WARRANTY: Warrants No. 7122 through 7204 were presented for payment. Dennis Graves made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerian to approve all warrants. Motion carried.

MAPLE STREET PROJECT: Ben Kramer of Kramer Engineering was present to discuss the Maple Street Improvement Project. He noted he and Jack Kramer were present August 14 to initially discuss the pending project. He went over the specs, engineering agreement and bid sheets again so the members of the council that were not present August 14 could be apprised. Kramer also presented a construction cost sheet. Kramer Engineering felt the project should not go over \$12,636. It was noted the Kansas Department of Transportation said they would take care of the area within their right-of-way which is 50 ft, then the city would come back approximately 14 feet, build a catch basin and come across to the curb lines. He went on to detail just how the job is to be done.

In reference to the problem area just north of the railroad tracks in front of the Co-Op, Kramer thought it best to talk with the contractors after the preceding bid is let. Mayor Hamit asked if they would also look into the area in front of the Post Office where the curbing is so high.

J. A. Cordts made a motion to approve the proposed plans as presented and to have Kramer Engineering inspect on a periodic basis. Mark Criger second. Motion carried.

It was agreed by concensus to set September 11, 1991 8:00 PM as the bid date. The clerk was instructed to have the bid sheet published as soon as possible.

NORTHBROOK DRAINAGE PROJECT: Mayor Hamit asked Bruce Smith to bring members up to date on the drainage project as discussed August 14 by Dick Wells. Smith noted Wells was interested in filling in or covering his driveway to the north. Smith said we have been having trouble with the drainage in that area and there needs to be an opening where the water has someplace to go when rains come and the water drains from the west side to the east of the street. He said Wells wanted to know if the City was interested in sharing part of the cost of putting a drainage box in. Dennis Graves made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerian that the city offer to pay the equivalent of fifty percent of the drainage box cost. Motion carried.

1992 BUDGET APPROVAL: Inasmuch as the budget hearing was held August 14, 1991 at 8:00 PM and that no one was present in opposition, the budget could now be approved by the council. The clerk explained the changes that had been made which left the budget 9 mills lower than the 1991 budget. After a brief discussion, J. A. Cordts made a motion, seconded by Mark Criger to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried.

SHEPARD ADDITION: Bob Shepard was again present to discuss his proposed annexation and utility placement and to furnish the council with the written proposal, request that Ash Street be extended, utility easements including an easement to cross tract 9 and also one to cross tract 2, along with a request for annexation (copy of letter attached). All items were signed by Robert H. and Virginia L. Shepard. In the proposal, Shepard agreed to provide, at his own expense, a sewer line on tract 9 from the present manhole to a manhole also to be furnished by Shepard near the southeast area of tract 2. Shepard also agreed to extend Ash Street 424.80 ft. to the south property line by cutting ditches and making the roadway (minimum 6 inches AB-3 rock) and maintain same for two years. The proposal requested the city to extend the north-south sewer line along the east edge of Ash and to extend the present water line south along the west side of Ash. Shepard said the plat showing easements etc, and dedications would be forthcoming at a later date as agreed to by the city attorney.

Dennis Graves made a motion, seconded by Mark Criger to accept the annexation proposal. Motion carried.

Mark Criger made a motion, seconded by Dennis Graves to accept Shepard's proposal in reference to street and utilities for the addition. Motion carried.

Max Friesen brought up the subject of the city extending Ash Street from the south line of Shepards property to tie in to the cemetary road. The clerk was instructed to contact the city attorney in reference to this.

Smith asked about tieing in the new road to the existing end of Ash Street. He noted if Shepard starts the road at his property line and goes south, the city will have a small section that would not come up to specifications. Smith asked if the council would give some thought to having Shepard's contractor go ahead and make the connection between the south end of the existing street and the portion Shepard is having installed. Carolyn Meerian made a motion, seconded by Mark Criger to allow the street contractor to make the connection as discussed. Motion carried.

LAW REPORT: Ed Harmison was present to speak for the Law Enforcement Dept. He said Police Chief Dean had hired extra law enforcement individuals to work the fair.

Dennis Graves asked if the city attorney had made his opinion yet in reference

to who can ride in the patrol car. Mayor Hamit said the attorney had given his opinion that no unauthorized persons could ride in the patrol cars.

MAINTENANCE TRUCK PURCHASE: Bruce Smith again ask the council's opinion as to how he should go about checking into prices for a new or used truck. He also asked the council to give some thought to a utility bed for the truck. The council's advice was for Smith to send spec sheets to several companies asking for bids to be discussed at the September 11, 1991 council meeting. Smith was instructed to check into new 1991 vehicles and also used vehicles with no more than 10,000 miles. It was agreed by concensus that a utility bed would definitely be a plus. Smith had a brochure from Haul Mor Bodies in the amount of \$2,845. He said if necessary he could get more prices.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Smith reported he had not done a great deal as yet in reference to drainage ditches. He said he and Dale Fox had driven around to check into the problem areas. Smith said in the last couple of months, they had been putting in water meters on the rural lines coming into town and had installed a fire hydrant at the corner of Cedar and Cemetary Road.

MISC: Mayor Hamit reported Bruce had trimmed some bushes at Fifth and Elm some time ago because they were a traffic hazard inasmuch as the limbs blocked the yield sign. He said Mr. Pinnick had expressed concern at the time and that Mayor Hamit had told him if they died let the city know. He said Mr. Pinnick had presented a estimate in the amount of \$611.35 to remove and replace the shrubs with three gold coast junipers. The break down is - \$26.95 each for a total of \$80.85, planting charge \$25.00, travel time \$25.00 and tax \$6.87 for a total of \$137.72. Removal and dumping charge \$473.63. After a brief discussion Dennis Graves made a motion, seconded by J. A. Cordts to deny the claim. Motion carried.

CONNECTING LINK: Mayor Hamit presented the connecting link agreement between the Osage County Commissioners and the City Council in the amount of \$332.00. Carolyn Meerian made a motion, seconded by Mark Criger to accept the agreement. Motion carried.

MISC: Councilman Graves suggested the council give some thought to hiring an animal control officer. He said he had checked with the Carbondale Pet Clinic and they would take the dogs at a charge of \$25 each and would hold for three days only. The clerk noted the dogs are taken to Helping Hands Humane Society in Topeka at a cost of \$10 per animal but the cost of the person's time and the lost use of the maintenance truck made the cost much more. The clerk was instructed to check with the city attorney in regard to the city's liability in connection with the animal control officer.

Councilperson Meerian reminded Bruce Smith it was time to redo the lines on the school cross walks.

Mayor Hamit reported the pool supervisor had presented a bill for a percentage of the swim lesson money to be paid to her as administration fee in addition to the \$25 per week she is now receiving for supervising the everyday activities of the pool. It was noted at the beginning of the year the salaries were set and a percentage was not included. The subject was discussed at length after which Carolyn Meerian made a motion, seconded by Mark Criger to deny the request. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL MEMBER: Mayor Hamit presented a resignation from JoEllen Criger as member of the Board of Zoning Appeals, stating she had enjoyed serving the community. Dennis Graves made a motion, seconded by Carolyn

Meerian to accept the resignation. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Criger made a motion seconded by Carolyn Meerian to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Mildred Cannon

Mildred J. Cannon  
City Clerk

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APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

9-11-91