

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 27, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ira Allen, Rich Hamit, Jim Gates, David Gerisch, Bruce Smith, Mayor Jack Young.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Brown, Ray Burt, Vic Robbins, Cheryl Brown, Everette Dannar (8:40 pm).

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Young; roll was taken by the clerk to determine that a quorum was present.

MINUTES / WARRANTS: Jim Gates made a motion, seconded by Bruce Smith, to pay all warrants presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Ira Allen made a motion, seconded by Jim Gates, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2004 meeting as written. Motion carried 5-0.

OVERBROOK BALL ASSOCIATION: Dan Brown and Ray Burt were present to discuss various matters regarding Jones Park and the ball program. Mayor Young asked what the procedure is for changing the locks on the concession stand, etc. Brown said that the locks have not been changed, but there has been some problems with some of the keys. They intend to change the locks next spring and provide the city with a key. The mayor asked which groups besides the baseball, softball, soccer, and junior high football kids use the fields. Brown said that there were two boys' teams in a fall league, as well as his daughter's team. He said that there were local kids on all these teams. Burt said that the soccer teams have been practicing at the high school this past year. Brown said that there have been a couple of benefit tournaments this past summer also.

Mayor Young said that he would like to form a commission of some kind with representatives from the Ball Association, the schools, and the city council and levy a small amount of tax to be used to improve and maintain Jones Park. Brown was in favor, and thought that having the schools involved would help in scheduling practices and games. There was discussion about the current Recreation Commission. The commission was required when the city was applying for funds from the Jones Fund. Appointed members are Bob VonStein, Kipp Jewell, Tom Fenton, Dennis McPhail, and Jim Gates. Bob VonStein is currently the only active member even though the council re-appoints them all when necessary.

Dan Brown mentioned several improvements made this past year at the park. The mayor asked Rich Hamit if he would work on organizing a group, and have some names for the next meeting.

Brown said that the ball association will be meeting next week, but there will be some changes in the officers next year. He said he would let Hamit know about who would be a contact from the ball association.

The mayor asked what the rules are for renting the diamonds at this time. Brown said that he personally doesn't think rent needs to be paid, providing the diamonds are available. Bruce Smith said that he agrees as long as the lights aren't being used since the city pays the bill. Gates mentioned that charging a small fee would help pay for the upkeep. This is something that the joint commission could consider.

Brown told the council that they're in the process of looking at new scoreboards, possibly donated by the softdrink vendor or at least most of the cost. He said that there may 20-30 kids not playing here next year for various reasons. Brown said that several parents felt the season was too short. Another reason is conflicts with coaches. The mayor asked if a coach's clinic would be helpful. Burt said that most of the problem seems to be the personality and expectations of certain coaches. Brown said that most of the complaints involve parents thinking the coach isn't demanding enough from the kids so they don't learn. Mayor Young said he knows someone in Topeka who holds coach's clinics and he knows someone else who would probably do the same thing for a reasonable price. Brown said that he wasn't sure how well a clinic would be attended.

Brown and Burt thanked the council for the work that's been done at the park, but would still like to have a hydrant located between the diamonds. The council thought this had been approved, and said they would check into the matter.

There was discussion about locking the bathrooms, and also the skatepark. Brown said that he would like to see the skateramp moved as kids can't play basketball anymore. The mayor said he's seen

kids run up and down them, and also ride their bikes on them. Discussion regarding either moving the ramp or selling it followed.

WATER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT: Vic Robbins reported that all the sewer lines have been inspected and cleaned, and he is reviewing the report, which includes 16 cassette tapes. Robbins did have some questions about the length of pipe inspected as stated on the billing from Mayer Specialties so he needs to compare the billing with the report.

Robbins stated that he's concerned about the rural waterline project getting finished. Marian Massoth has talked to Donnie Bryant and Robbins has talked to Delbert Anno, but the clean-up and reseeding haven't been done as yet.

There will be a pre-construction meeting with the company who will be doing the desludging of the lagoon, Mid-America Environmental Contractors on Friday, October 29th at 1:00 PM. Someone from KDHE and Donna Crawford will also be here. Ira Allen said that Max Friesen said he has 80 acres available for sludge application if needed. Robbins said that they will make more definite plans on the desludging procedure at the meeting.

Robbins said that Dean Beckman has been hired to inspect sewer hook-up's for inflow and infiltration. Smith asked if the homeowner will get a copy of the report. The reports will be kept in City Hall if someone wants a copy in the future. Beckman has encountered one resident who refused to let him do the inspection. Robbins told him that the city will have to decide how to handle this situation after the inspections have been done. The mayor told Beckman to note air conditioner and ice machine drains, but the council and Robbins didn't feel that the amount would be significant. Hamit said that a home owner, who doesn't have a sump pump, has contacted someone from Topeka to see if he has perimeter drains. The contractor told this person that it could cost \$2000 to find out. Beckman has been told to note this information, but not to tell anyone that they must hire someone to do it at this time. Hamit said he told the property owner that the city will probably address the questionable hook-up's after all the inspections have been done. Robbins agreed that this would be the most efficient way to handle the matter. Beckman told Robbins that of the 30 or so inspections he's done, 5 are connected to the sewer.

Robbins has drafted a letter to KDHE responding to their order, and should have it ready for approval by the Friday meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The mayor said that Carl Anderson has been given statements from Todd Goodyear and one from him, and Anderson is going to contact the adjustor again.

The school drainage problem is still on hold until we hear from Mark Green.

Bruce Smith said that Sue Martin does not want to be on the Planning Commission at this time.

Mayor Young stated that he prefers all the zoning ordinances be reviewed before making any changes.

The Trail's Project time limit has been extended to August 30, ²⁰⁰⁵~~2004~~. Gates said that Max Friesen has volunteered to help get a group organized to continue the work. The mayor wants everyone to understand that he doesn't want the city to have to be out any money. The "cost" of the labor used to get the trail ready for the concrete should match the actual cost. Everyone needs to keep records of what they do and the time involved. Jim Gates will work with Friesen to get things going again. He will check with Roger Harmon about how to do the paperwork. The clerk said that all the volunteer labor has been included with the previous reimbursement.

The mayor said Leo Lang will do the sidewalk by the pool when he can get to it. He also will do the repairs to the steps by the library.

The mayor and Bob Call looked at trailers for storing fish food. The prices varied from \$1500 to \$3000 for one in good condition. After discussion, Rich Hamit made a motion to buy/lease a 8x12 shed from Don Heberling for \$1500. Jim Gates seconded; motion carried 5-0. The council agreed by consensus to set it by the lake instead of the maintenance building. Heberling said it would take 2 weeks to a month for delivery.

Mayor Young said that he has not written the letter to the county commissioners regarding the speed limit south of the city limits. The clerk said that someone had asked her how the direction of the vehicle is going is recorded or logged. She said that she's never noticed this information on the ticket, so wasn't sure. Hamit said that he hadn't seen a ticket for some time, and couldn't remember what's on it. The clerk showed the council a ticket for their observations. The clerk said that the citizen who brought this up was concerned about how fast some delivery trucks seem to be going on Maple north of the old railroad tracks. The mayor asked the council if they still want him to write a letter requesting changes on the county road south of the city limits. The council agreed that he should proceed with the request.

Rich Hamit said he had talked to someone with KDOT about putting Christmas decorations along Hwy 56, and learned the city would need to write a letter stating how many and the location of where they

would be placed. The council agreed by consensus to wait until we hear from Carolyn Meerian as to whether or not she found someone to repair them.

The clerk said that she contacted Donna Crawford about Michael Coffman's concerns regarding her suggested purchasing policy, but hasn't received a reply as yet.

Mayor Young asked Everette Dannar about the current price of steel in regards to the skateramp. Dannar said that he had seen kids using it a few days ago, so the matter was tabled.

The mayor asked the council to have a list of goals and projects to discuss at the next meeting. Ira Allen said that some progress has been made on a couple of them, such as the sewer project and the comprehensive plan. The personnel manual needs to be completed. There was a brief discussion about the new time sheets. The new pay periods will go into effect November 1, 2004. Allen said he was asked who is to sign the timesheets. Consensus was for Bruce Smith to sign for Bob Call and Justin DeShazer with Jim Gates as a backup; Ira Allen to sign for Ed Harmison, Everette Dannar, Mark Tomlinson, and part-time law; David Gerisch to sign for Cheryl Brown; and Rich Hamit to sign for pool employees. Mayor Young will be back-up if the others are unavailable in order to avoid delays in paychecks. Dannar then asked how the council is planning to handle unused vacation. The clerk said that the council will have a better idea of cash balances after the October fund reports are completed and then a decision about paying for unused vacation or allowing it to be carried over can be made. The city will receive the last of the tax levy sometime in October. Dannar suggested contacting Lyndon about the skatepark if we're serious about selling it. The council prefers to keep it, but putting it somewhere else.

MISC: The mayor said that there seems to be a lack of communication between the departments. The clerk said that there are days when she doesn't have any contact with maintenance or the police department. As a rule, Ed Harmison usually leaves a message if he's going to be out of town. She said that Call may be coming into the office before she gets here at 8, but has no way of knowing for sure. She can leave messages on his voice mail, but can't be sure if or when he gets the message. Bruce Smith will visit with Call about this matter.

Ira Allen asked about the second meeting in November. The council agreed to move the meeting to Tuesday, November 23rd. The clerk is to put a notice in the papers. Mayor Young said that due to previous commitments, he may be late.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: Bruce Smith said that someone from the Comprehensive Plan steering committee will be here on November 10th.

David Gerisch said he's looking into natural pest control around the lake.
Ira Allen reminded everyone to vote next Tuesday.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Young said that the city has received a letter from Peimann stating there are no city easements in the trailer court on Elm Street, but there is a manhole under Kevin Smith's property. The mayor has written a letter to Smith regarding this matter, and has asked for permission to inspect the manhole. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

The mayor also reminded the council that we need to start working on the 2006 budget. He also wanted to encourage everyone to vote.

There being no further business before the council, Jim Gates moved to adjourn. Bruce Smith seconded; meeting was adjourned at 9:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Brown,
City Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Nov 10, 2004