

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Loren Rohloff, Ed Harmison, Bob Sisson, Max Friesen, Lila Hamit, Cheryl Brown.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by the mayor; the clerk called the roll.

MINUTES/WARRANTS: Carolyn Meerian made a motion, seconded by Dennis Graves, to approve the minutes with one change in the wording. Motion carried. Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerian, to approve all warrants for payment. Motion carried.

SCHOOL CROSSING: Loren Rohloff, principal at Overbrook Middle School, came before the council to address the concerns of parents who are wanting a crossing guard at 7th & Maple. At the present time there is a marked crosswalk. The matter was tabled until the council has a chance to study the existing conditions.

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS: Mr. Rohloff also informed the council that due to recent inspections of the playground equipment, he had been thinking of replacing some of it to meet safety requirements, and would like to take advantage of the location and somehow incorporate the Santa Fe Trail aspect. He had already started to make plans, but needs a committment from the city as the city owns the property in question. Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerian, to approve Steve Jones to draft an agreement with USD 434 in order to comply with the law concerning the property. Motion carried. There was discussion as to the possibility of the city selling the property to the district.

ANIMAL CONTROL: The mayor presented a chart that Chief Dean had prepared regarding costs of animal care at different clinics. It appears that what we're paying now is comparable to other locations. Chief Dean would like permission to check on the possibility of our keeping the animals for a short time. There was discussion as to whether or not the city is charged as well as the owner when the animal is claimed. The council agreed by concensus for Chief Dean to check with Steve Jones on the legalities.

NO PARKING SIGNS: There was discussion about putting "No Parking" signs across from Marshall's Garage. The signs have not been installed at this time. The matter was tabled until it has been discussed with Chief Dean.

STREETS: The clerk presented a bill from Hi-Plains Sand that was from one of their vendors. It was a late charge they had received due to the city paying for the resealing in two payments rather than one lump sum. The council agreed by concensus not to pay this bill at this time.

LAW REPORT: Ed Harmison reported that things went well at Halloween, and things have been fairly quiet.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Bob Sisson reported that he had installed a small hydrant near the Kennison residence, and will do flushing on a routine basis.

Sisson said the ditch behind Jack's Cafe was done except for the rock.

He reported that the East tower has had the second coat of paint put on, and the tube work will be done tomorrow. It should be able to fill right after Thanksgiving.

Sisson told the council that the pump for rural water was not working the way it should, and also one of the chlorine pumps is being checked by Patchen's. Dale Fox mentioned that the chlorinator building needs to be re-piped. Sisson said he had already done that.

Sisson also reported that he had collected the samples for the required lead and copper testing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Carolyn Meerian made a motion, seconded by Dennis Graves, to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel matters. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL RAISE: Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Mark Criger, to raise Bob Sisson's salary to \$1560 per month after re-considering his job performance and experience. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Max Friesen reported that there is a need to cash two CD's, and is looking for the bond covenants to check the required reserve fund amounts. Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Mark Criger, to approve cashing in advance CD's # 6801 & 6802 at First Security Bank. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: Dale Fox reported that he had received a complaint about someone in a patrolcar travelling at what seemed to be a high rate of speed without lights or sirens the previous weekend. Ed Harmison asked which car, and Fox said he didn't know.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Hamit said he is still in the process of studying the problem of late-paying accounts, and will write a policy for the clerk and assistant clerk to use. The mayor asked the council if they wanted people with excessive bills wanting an extension to come to council or not. The council discussed who should determine hardship. The mayor stated that the new bills have the penalty (due after the 20th) automatically added to the regular bill which eliminates mailing separate past-due notices. The council agreed by concensus not to do a special mailing for past-due notices. Sisson told the council that he has been telling people that get

shut-off orders that they have to either pay at City Hall or contact the mayor before he can reconnect the service. The council agreed that this is the correct policy.

Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerian, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Brown,
City Clerk

APPROVED _____

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