

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2003 at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ray Hovestadt who presided.

A roll call disclosed the following present: Councilmembers Croucher, Dubois, Fry and Sanders; City Attorney Godderz, Superintendent Rickel, Officer Waldron and City Clerk Holloway. Visitors: Donna Pashman, Don Cawby, Teri and Dustin Swander, Thomas and Maurene Brake, David Panches, Wes and Christy Colson, Bob Samson, Kim Tyson, Christina Lewis, Leland Boyce

A motion was offered by Councilmember Dubois to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 20, 2003. Seconded by Councilmember Fry and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

Claims Ordinance No. 2013, an ordinance making appropriation for the payment of certain claims was introduced, said claims being in the amounts as follows: General \$856.44; Police \$1,289.62; Animal Control \$22.91; Street \$114.19; Park \$943.69; Pool \$71.91; Employee Benefits \$241.80; Utility Account \$326.53; Electric \$(3,507.21); Water \$10,293.18; Gas \$30,321.50; Sewer \$88.26; Solid Waste \$126.43. A motion was offered by Councilmember Fry to approve Ordinance No. 2013. Seconded by Councilmember Sanders and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

Maurene Brake requested the Council to authorize an adjustment on the gas portion of the utility bill as a leak had been detected on both sides of the meter from the date of installation. A motion was offered by Councilmember Sanders that the gas be adjusted by 50% for the two (2) billing months. Seconded by Councilmember Fry and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

Exit now, Thomas and Maurene Brake

A motion was offered by Councilmember Dubois to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilmember Croucher and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

Donna Pashman, Blue Cross Blue Shield representative, gave benefit comparisons of the two (2) triple option plans to the current employee plan. Several options were also received from agents as follows: Ron Shaffer, Tim Leach and Don Short. A motion was offered by Councilmember Sanders that a decision be tabled and that employees be given a copy of all benefit options received and that the City Clerk would get information on the State insurance plan. Seconded by Councilmember Fry and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

Exit now, Donna Pashman, Bob Samson, Kim Tyson Christina Lewis, Dustin and Teri Swander, Christy Colson

Don Cawby, City Manager with the City of Osage City, discussed procedures for the hiring of a City Administrator, duties which would be assigned to a City Administrator and locations for mailing job search information. It was the concensus of the Council that job search information

be sent to the locations discussed. The Council thanked Mr. Cawby for his assistance and he exited the meeting.

The on call policy adopted at the meeting of July 21, 2003 was discussed and a motion was offered by Councilmember Dubois that the disciplinary action for non-response the first time be amended to read "Written notation in personnel file and loss of 24 hours of on call pay" and all City employees will sign and return to City Hall a copy of the policy as approved by Council. Seconded by Councilmember Croucher and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

Exit now, Leland Boyce

The City Clerk stated she had received a telephone call from Larry Bold with Utility Resources stating they were not able to save the City money on the current telephone plan; however, there were taxes being charged and asked if they should pursue getting these refunded. A motion was offered by Councilmember Fry to notify Mr. Bold to proceed with getting any refund available from taxes. Seconded by Councilmember Sanders and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

City Attorney advised he had researched the request to vacate Kansas Street from just north of Jackson Avenue to Jefferson Avenue and had looked at the property in question ; however, he is still needing additional information before presenting the ordinance. A motion was offered by Councilmember Sanders to table this item to the next meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Fry and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Fry to change the next Council meeting from Monday, November 17, 2003 to Tuesday, November 18, 2003 as the Superintendent and Mayor will be out of town. Seconded by Councilmember Dubois and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

A request for payment of a service call from sewer backing up into the basement was received from the homeowner at 103 East Fremont Avenue. A motion was offered by Councilmember Fry to deny the request as the drain was not in compliance with City Code 1997, Chapter XV, Article 4, Subsections 15-423 and 15-433. Seconded by Councilmember Sanders and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

Reports were heard from department heads, Council and Mayor. At that time, a motion was offered by Councilmember Fry that the on call employee would be authorized to drive a city vehicle home during that week. Seconded by Councilmember Croucher and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Councilmember Fry. Seconded by Councilmember Croucher and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

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Cheryl Holloway, City Clerk