

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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, McClure and Sanders; City Attorney Godderz, Assistant Superintendent Colson and City Clerk Holloway. Visitors: Emerson Hayden, George Reno, Bill Coursen and Janene Fry

A motion was offered by Councilmember Croucher to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 2003 as amended. Seconded by Councilmember Fry and the vote was Ayes 5; nays 0.

Claims Ordinance No. 2004, an ordinance making appropriation for the payment of certain claims was introduced, said claims being in the amounts as follows: General \$2,815.35; Police \$1,593.38; Animal Control \$35.00; Street \$(273.21); Park \$574.06; Pool \$148.11; Employee Benefits \$212.62; Special Highway \$3,470.01; Special Road, Bridge, Equipment \$10,000.00; Capital Improvements \$191.28; Ramskill Improvements \$3,186.00; Utility Account \$172.91; Bond & Interest \$68,741.25; Electric \$8,479.41; Water \$1,549.94; Gas \$29,210.42; Sewer \$1,268.31; Solid Waste \$614.12. A motion was offered by Councilmember Sanders to approve Ordinance No. 2004. Seconded by Councilmember Fry and the vote was Ayes 5; nays 0.

Bill Coursen spoke with the Council about the nails on the road going to the City burn site as he has been getting several flat tires on his vehicle and motorcycle. Council discussed a couple of options and advised Mr. Coursen they would do what they could. Exit now, Bill Coursen.

A motion was offered by Councilmember McClure to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilmember Sanders and the vote was Ayes 5; nays 0.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Dubois to table discussion regarding Mills property until they were able to attend a meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Fry and the vote was Ayes 5; nays 0.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Fry to go into Executive Session at 7:30 P.M. for a period of 10 minutes for Attorney-Client matters. Seconded by Councilmember Sanders and the vote was Ayes 5; nays 0. City Attorney attended the Session.

Enter now, Bill Sherry and Garold Markley.

At 7:40 P.M. Council returned to regular meeting and a motion was offered by Councilmember Sanders to return to Executive Session for a period of 15 minutes for Attorney-Client matters. Seconded by Councilmember McClure. City Attorney attended the Session. Council returned to regular meeting at 7:47 P.M.

Council discussed payment for the water being billed with Mr. Sherry and Mr. Markley. A motion was offered by Councilmember Fry that an escrow account would be set up for payments

of water bills by Messrs. Sherry, Markley and Mills. Delinquent bills will be brought current by August 26, 2003 or water service will be discontinued. When the current matter is resolved, monies will be applied according to the resolution of the issue. Seconded by Councilmember McClure and the motion carried with Councilmembers Fry, McClure, Croucher and Dubois voting Aye, Councilmember Sanders abstained. Exit now, Messrs. Sherry and Markley.

A motion was offered by Councilmember McClure that the 3 lowest bid proposals for the trash service, Exodus, Aards and Deffenbaugh, be asked to attend the next Council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Fry and the vote was Ayes 5; nays 0.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Fry to go into Executive Session at 8:07 P.M. for a period of 30 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Seconded by Councilmember Sanders and the vote was Ayes 5; nays 0. Police Chief Shaffer entered the meeting at 8:25 P.M. and exited at 8:37 P.M. when Council returned to regular meeting.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Fry to return to Executive Session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Seconded by Councilmember Croucher and the vote was Ayes 5; nays 0. Council returned to regular meeting at 8:52 P.M.

Enter now, Debbie Parsons

A motion was offered by Councilmember Dubois to return to Executive Session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Seconded by Councilmember McClure and the vote was Ayes 5; nays 0. Debbie Parsons attended the Session and exited the meeting at 9:05 P.M. Council returned to regular meeting at 9:07 P.M.

A motion was offered by Councilmember McClure to approve the draft audit report for 2002 with the clarification of the annual gallons of water to be purchased by the City under the State contract. Seconded by Councilmember Fry and the vote was Ayes 5; nays 0.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Croucher to approve the proposed 2004 budget for publication on August 7, 2003 with a Hearing Date of August 18, 2003. Seconded by Councilmember Sanders and the vote was Ayes 5; nays 0.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Fry to table the letter from National Association of Gas Consumers regarding natural gas prices until more information could be determined. Seconded by Councilmember Croucher and the vote was Ayes 5; nays 0.

Reports were heard from department heads, Council and Mayor. A motion to adjourn was offered by Councilmember Fry. Seconded by Councilmember Croucher and the vote was Ayes 5; nays 0.

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Cheryl Holloway, City Clerk

