

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2004 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, Fry, Nichols and Sanders; City Attorney Godderz, Superintendent Rickel, Police Chief Shaffer and City Clerk Holloway

Visitors: Dean Strohm, Donna Crawford and Emerson Hayden

A motion was offered by Councilmember Nichols to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 7, 2004. Seconded by Councilmember Fry and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

Claims Ordinance No. 2030, an ordinance making appropriation for the payment of certain claims was introduced, said claims being in the amounts as follows: General \$1,917.36; Police \$2,581.92; Animal Control \$291.17; Street \$126.45; Park \$448.05; Pool \$3,636.43; Capital Improvements \$100.36; Electric \$23,981.95; Water \$24,083.40; Gas \$7,047.79; Sewer \$829.04; Solid Waste \$375.00; Proj. KDOT K-31 \$4,377.70. A motion was offered by Councilmember Nichols to approve Ordinance No. 2030. Seconded by Councilmember Croucher and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

Dean Strohm inquired what the Council is planning for the future of the Power Plant. As we are buying all the water from Osage City using our Melvern Lakes rights, he is concerned that the Power Plant is going the same direction. Mayor Hovestadt stated that the 3rd shift was not kept because there is no dispatching needed, but the Plant will still be used for stand-by and peak periods. It was explained that the City saved approximately \$30,000.00 a year in salaries in exchange for \$646.73 in initial set up cost and a cost of \$1,614.48 per year for the answering service and security by eliminating the 3<sup>rd</sup> shift.

Exit now, Dean Strohm

A motion was offered by Councilmember Fry to approve the agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Sanders and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

Donna Crawford, Governmental Assistance Services, stated that the Kansas Department of Commerce has eliminated the Downtown Revitalization Program and has switched the grant monies to the Comprehensive Program. Application to this program entails having a comprehensive plan and application can be made to more than one (1) grant as long as all applications can be connected to the one (1) comprehensive plan. It is a difficult grant to obtain; however, the Department of Commerce will work with the City once a decision has been made by the community as to what is needing to be accomplished. She stated the City has met its low to moderate income requirements for application for a grant. A motion was offered by Councilmember Croucher to hire Donna Crawford to write the CDBG grant at a cost of \$5,350.00 for the second phase of the water improvement project. Seconded by Councilmember Sanders and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

Exit now, Donna Crawford

City Attorney Godderz stated that the land appraisal and review of the appraisal have been completed on Roger Love's property to be used as the site for the water tower. A motion was offered by Councilmember Fry to submit an offer to Roger Love for the appraised value of the property and for the easements in the amount of \$13,750.00. Seconded by Councilmember Sanders and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Sanders to adopt Resolution No. 284 as follows:

“WHEREAS, there exists several lots located in Block 1, Block 2 and Block 12, in the Original Town of Burlingame, Kansas previously used by the railroad company but are now unused or abandoned and the rail line through the lots was removed more than twenty years ago and the property is now covered by brush, trees and debris and is not maintained.

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it would be in the interest of the City and the general public if the property was maintained and the brush and debris removed and the property be used for economic development.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the interest of the City to obtain the property located in Blocks 1, 2 and 12 of the Original Town of Burlingame, Kansas, previously used by the railroad but now unused or abandoned for purposes of clearance and redevelopment of the property and to maintain the property for health and safety reasons and in the interest of the public welfare.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a survey be conducted to determine the boundaries and descriptions of the property and that upon completion of the survey, the appropriate ordinance be passed to authorize the commencement of condemnation proceedings on behalf of the City.” Seconded by Councilmember Fry and the motion carried with Councilmembers Croucher, Fry and Sanders voting Aye; Councilmember Nichols voting Nay.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Fry to adopt Resolution No. 285, a resolution authorizing the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency to represent, negotiate and settle all claims and proceedings on behalf of the City arising from or relating to intervention in the Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. rate case filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Seconded by Councilmember Croucher and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Fry that a notice be printed in the newspaper and letters sent to all landlords that due to a State law that goes into effect July 1, 2004, the City will be considering at the regular meeting of July 6, 2004 an amendment to landlord-tenant utility charges; whereby rental properties will be changed over to the landlord's name. Seconded by Councilmember Nichols and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Fry to recess to Executive Session at 8:21 P.M. for a period of 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Seconded by Councilmember Sanders and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0. Council returned to regular meeting at 8:31 P.M.

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 4; nays 0.

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Cheryl Holloway, City Clerk