

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19,2007

The council of the city of Burlingame, Kansas met in regular session in the council chamber at city hall at 7:00 p.m., November 19,2007.

Presiding: Mayor Dorr
Present: Councilmembers: Bloomquist, Fry, Strohm, DeMars, Swander.
Present also: City Administrator Hutfles, City Attorney Godderz.

Citizens Present: Christina Lewis, Krystal Seastrom, Emerson Hayden, Edward Dudley, Brandi Summers, Teri Swander, Gerald Grandstaff, James Welch, Kathy Kessinger, Roberta Bailey, Don Bailey, Dannie Smiley, Cory Balocca, Patti Gilbert, Kerri Welch, Susan DeMars, Jon Shaffer, Traci Shaffer.

Approval of Agenda with the addition of Dannie Smiley's temporary hook-up request including the issue of surveying stakes. Motion to accept the amended agenda by Fry and seconded by Dustin. Ayes 5/ Nays 0

Citizen's Comments: Kathy Kessinger addressed the Council with a statement of since May the council had met a total of 7 hours in executive session. Asking the Council how many keys there are to the gas pump. Her last question was why the Council during executive session is now meeting in the council chamber instead of the office. Mayor Dorr responded she had requested they stay in the chambers where everyone can hear and they are all together. Kathy also then asked what the cost of electricity by KWH, with Administrator Hutfles responding the city charges 8.02 cents but will verify it tomorrow, also noting there are different charges for commercial and economic development rates. She questioned the council if all the meters at the Schyler Museum were working correctly. Administrator Hutfles stated he believed they were all working properly.

Minutes of the regular meeting of November 5, 2007 and the special meeting of November 7, 2007 were read and approved by DeMars and seconded by Fry. Ayes 5/ Nays 0

Council reviewed the October 2007 Financial Statement with Administrator Hutfles reporting the city is still on target with the budget, however the revenues are still a bit lower than anticipated but should match what is projected. Expenses were more than received; with the hopes of next month expenses will be lower than the revenues. Mayor Dorr questioned the reasons for the extra expenditures; Administrator Hutfles attributed the amounts to electrical parts, labor costs but no specific reason. The motion to approve the statement was given by DeMars and seconded by Swander. Ayes 5/ Nays 0

Claims Ordinance 2113 and 2113a were considered for approval. Mayor Dorr verified the two purchases of water plugs for the pool. Administrator Hutfles stated they needed 4-5 more to cap the bottom drains. Mayor Dorr then questioned an invoice relating to the Romine property fire debris, with Administrator Hutfles stating the invoice had been sent to the wrong company, then when the city received it, the company labeled it incorrectly. DeMars made the motion to accept with Swander seconding. Ayes 5/ Nays 0

Dannie Smiley's temporary connection and surveying stakes was put before the Council with Swander stating Cronister Construction had buried the waterline including the survey pins to Mr. Smiley's property; resulting in the property owner having to pay for the replacement of the pins. Mr. Smiley stated he was not allowed to use the metal detector, also waiting a month after notifying City Hall. City Attorney Godderz stated he would contact Cronister to try to resolve the situation. Mayor Dorr questioned the cost, with Administrator Hutfles stating \$660.00. The discussion then went to the connection fees for electric at the same location. Councilmember Bloomquist stated they never charged a connection fee in the past when he was employed by the city. Administrator Hutfles stated there is a city policy stating the requirement for such a charge. There was much discussion over the Utility Connection Policy with Administrator Hutfles saying he will look at the policy and suggest changes to the Council. City Attorney stated there is a waiver for newly constructed homes. Councilmember Swander suggested the amount Mr. Smiley paid for the temporary hook-up is applied to his use of electric service. Councilmember DeMars asked if it could be placed on the next agenda. Motion to table both items until the next meeting given by DeMars and second by Swander. Ayes 5/ Nays 0

Motion to enter into Executive Session for attorney-client privilege for 30 minutes made by Swander and second by DeMars. Ayes 4/ Nay Bloomquist

Council entered into executive session at 7:19 pm and returned at 7:49.
Mayor Dorr stated no action taken in executive session.

Motion to enter into executive session for attorney-client privilege for the period of 15 minutes by Fry and second by Swander. Ayes 5/ Nays 0

Council entered into executive session at 7:50 and returned at 8:05.
Mayor Dorr stated no action taken in executive session.

Motion to enter into executive session for attorney-client privilege for the period of 10 minutes by Fry and second by Bloomquist. Ayes 5/ Nays 0

Council entered into executive session at 8:05 and returned 8:15.
Mayor Dorr stated no action taken in executive session.

Motion to enter into executive session for non-elected personnel for the period of 15 minutes by DeMars and second by Swander. Ayes 4/ Nays Bloomquist

Council entered into executive session at 8:19 and returned at 8:34 to open session.

Mayor Dorr stated no action taken in executive session.

Motion to terminate Christina Lewis as City Clerk and City Employee effective immediately by DeMars and second by Swander. Ayes 4/ Nays Strohm

Christina Lewis asked regarding her dismissal as to the reason. Attorney Godderz stated the Council was dissatisfied with the performance of her job.

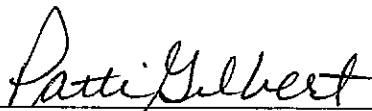
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City Administrator stated City Hall will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday, also contained in their agenda packet is information on utilities usage and rates for all city properties. The price of the sound system for the council chambers is \$10,806.00 from a company in Topeka. The pool still has a small leak in one of the plugs, they will be checking in the next few days. The final item will be the Christmas decorations will be installed next week.

Councilmember Strohm stated the lights in the basketball court were still on in the morning. Also a light that the workers had repaired is still not working.

Mayor Dorr thanked everyone for attending.

Motion to adjourn made by Bloomquist and second by Fry. Ayes 5/ Nays 0



Assistant City Clerk