

MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2008

The council of the city of Burlingame, Kansas met in regular session in the council chamber at city hall at 7:00 pm., January 21, 2008.

Presiding: Mayor Dorr
Present: Council members: Bloomquist, Swander, Strohm, Fry, DeMars(entered in at 7:04)
Absent: Bloomquist
Present also: City Administrator Hutfles, City Attorney Rick Godderz, and City Clerk Patti Gilbert

Citizens Present: Gerry Grandstaff, Brandi Summers, Brian Punches

Motion to approve the agenda with the deletion of item # 11 since council member bloomquist is not in attendance given by Fry with a second from Strohm. Ayes 3/Nays 0

No citizen's comments offered at this time.

Approval of the minutes for January 7 regular and special meetings of January 12th and 16th was given by Fry and second by DeMars with corrections. Ayes 4/ Nays 0

Motion to approve the December 2007 Financial Statement started with City Administrator Hutfles noting it was also the year -end report as well. Looking at receipts and expenditures in 2007 the city had spent \$ 2,725,847.68, which was 23% less than what was budgeted, receipts to date is \$2,529,190.40, being 10% under what was budgeted. He stated the ending cash of \$945,857.00 is the cash we have on hand at the end of the year. At the beginning of the 2007 year we started with \$1,143,561.00 on hand, by comparison we are staring the year \$197,074.00 less than last year which accounts for the revenue shortfall of 10%. Council member DeMars confirmed the city did not go over budget, but added with the utility billing problems that could have attributed to the 10% shortfall. Mr. Hutfles discussed the transfers between funds and how they would show as revenue and expenditures in the accounts. City Attorney Godderz validated the city spent \$197,000 more that it brought in and questioned the Administrator on how he planned on correcting it for the current year. Mr. Hutfles said first he would look at the utilities, specifically the gas rates, cutting back more on expenditures. Council member DeMars pointed out gas meters that haven't been registering use that only had been put back in the system recently should be looked at before any consideration of a rate increase is brought forth. Motion was given by DeMars and second by Fry. Ayes 4/Nays 0

Claims Ordinance 2119 (2007) and 2110 (2008) were questioned with a sewer camera purchase, with Mr. Hutfles stating he was trying to find the most economical solution to repair or purchase new. Mayor Dorr asked what was done on the backhoe; Mr. Hutfles said it was a 2,000 hr. check. Council woman DeMars asked to clarify all the purchases between the two backhoes with one purchase being made in November and just getting the bill. Motion by DeMars and second by Fry. Ayes 4/ Nays 0

Before council was the issue over deleting the owner liability insurance requirements for possessing a pit bull within the city limits. City Administrator Hutfles stated there had been companies found that supplied the liability insurance. City Clerk Gilbert added Cris Colson had just received the paperwork as of that morning for applying for the insurance. Motion to deny request to delete the insurance requirements by Strohm and second by Fry. Ayes 4/Nays 0

Maurice Wright request for adjustment to the water bill due to leak past the meter. City Administrator reported the plumbing company couldn't determine the actual cause of the leak, but code states no allowance should be made on water that has passed the meter. Council member DeMars since the meter didn't require changing out, she suggested to turn down the request unless Mr. Wright could show why the city is responsible. Mayor Dorr stated a payment schedule could be offered. Discussion covered whether it was due to the water project or the age of the resident line. City administrator showed the usage of water where the usage increased the past few months. Council member DeMars made the motion to deny the request for adjustment with a second from Swander. Ayes 4/ Nays 0

Discussion on the Sumner Park Gazebo covered the charge would not be over \$1600, with Council member DeMars directing the City Administrator to contact the Lion's Club to see their interest in donating to the project. Burlingame Chamber of Commerce committed to pay half of the charges. Motion to donate \$500.00 to the rebuilding of the gazebo by council member DeMars and second by Strohm. Ayes 4/ Nays 0

Motion was made to continue with the Dragoon Creek Water Rights even though our water is purchased from Osage City by council member DeMars and second by Fry. Ayes 4/ Nays 0

Motion to enter into executive session regarding non-elected personnel for 15 minutes with the city Administrator and Attorney by Fry and second by Strohm. Ayes 4/ nays 0

Council entered into executive session at 7:34 pm.

Council returned to open session at 7:49 pm.

Mayor Dorr stated no action taken in executive session.

Motion to enter into executive session regarding non-elected personnel for 15 minutes with the city Administrator and Attorney by Fry and second by Strohm. Ayes 4/ Nays 0

Council entered into executive session at 7:50 pm.

Council entered open session at 8:05 pm.

Mayor Dorr stated no action taken in executive session.

Motion to enter into executive session regarding non-elected personnel for 15 minutes with the city Administrator and Attorney by Fry and second by Strohm. Ayes 2/ Nays 2 Demars, Swander, Mayor Dorr over-rode with an aye.

Council entered into executive session at 8:07 pm

Council entered open session at 8:22 pm.

Mayor Dorr stated no action taken in executive session.

Motion to enter into executive session regarding Attorney-Client Privileges for 10 minutes with the City Administrator and Attorney by Fry and second by Strohm. Ayes 4/ Nays 0

Council entered into executive session at 8:23 pm.

Council entered open session at 8:33 pm.

Mayor Dorr stated no action taken in executive session.

Reports: City Administrator Hutfles stated there would be a meeting on January 31, at the county court house on the County Revitalization Plan. Mr. Hutfles reported the library received funding for computers from the Gate Opportunity program. Enclosed in council's packets are minutes from the Rec Commissions meeting, putting Tracy Herrick in the vacant spot left by Paula Lawless. He also pointed out in the packets there is a copy of performance appraisal for the city administrator's position. The Administrator also noted by next meeting he would like to discuss having goals set for the upcoming year. Mr. Hutfles also noted the City of Burlingame has been awarded the CDBG award of \$400,00.00 for Phase II Water Project.

Assist. City Clerk Gilbert reported another 2 gas meters have been put back in service. All year-end tax reports are completed, also are continuing of the organizing of the paperwork.

Mayor Dorr thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and also made a statement to Gerry Grandstaff to keep up the good work.

Motion to adjourn made by Swander and second by Fry. Ayes 4/Nays 0