

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2008

The council of the City of Burlingame, Kansas met in regular session in the council chamber at city hall at 7:00 p.m., February 4, 2008.

Presiding: Mayor Dorr
Present: Council members: Bloomquist, Swander, Strohm, Fry, DeMars
Present also: City Administrator Hutfles, City Attorney Rick Godderz, and City Clerk Patti Gilbert, Police Chief Jon Shaffer.

Citizens Present: Chris Patterson, Josh Quaney, Chris Walker, Miranda Fagan, Dustin Droege, Sheila Curtis, Rebekah Atchison, Courtney Haigh, Susan DeMars, Teri Swander, Donald Bailey, Roberta Bailey, Dave Beck, Rosie Blacketer, Leo Haynos and Kent Pribil with KCC, Michelle Fridley, Gerry Grandstaff and David Punches, Kathy Kessinger.

Motion to approve the agenda by DeMars with a second from Swander. Ayes 5/ Nays 0

No citizen's comments offered at this time.

Approval of the minutes for January 21 regular meeting after the correction with Council member DeMars stating on the Maurice Wright request was turned down unless they could show it was due to the city's fault also correcting Mr. Punches name to show Brian by DeMars and second by Fry. Ayes 5/ Nays 0

Charter ordinance 11 discussion began with Council member Swander stating he did not agree with the "with cause" being taken out of the ordinance, and that is why there is a handbook. City Attorney Godderz advised the handbook is not a contract but an explanation of the city's benefits and was never intended as being a contract. Council member Strohm wanted clarification on repealing of Ordinance No. 10 and how the charter itself read. City Administrator Hutfles read the two differences and explained the differences. Council member Swander stated he wouldn't agree to the "with cause" taken out. Council member Strohm stated she didn't like the idea of changing the amount of people it takes to remove someone, adding there was a reason why it was put that way and really felt it should be left that way. Council member Bloomquist made the motion to leave Charter Ordinance 10 as is with a second by Fry. Ayes 3/ Nays 2 Swander, DeMars

Leo Haynes the Chief of Gas Operations & Pipeline Safety with Kansas Corporation presented the Natural Gas Distribution System Review. Pointing out the outstanding probable non-compliances with Pipeline Safety Regulations. The concern over the loss of unaccounted gas, additional training of staff, along with employee attrition rate are the main attributing factors. Procedures, Emergency Preparedness, Recordkeeping, Operations Management were some of the other areas discussed with Council for the City to concentrate on Mr. Haynes also shared solutions and priorities for the City with the KCC's immediate requests they needed from the city.

City Administrator Hutfles asked Council to participate in the Osage County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Mr. Hutfles said it would be an incremental tax rebate for property owners doing

improvements that allow a property tax increase. This is a way of giving property and business owners an incentive to improve their properties. The County will be administrating the plan so there will be no direct cost to the city. After discussion of what would be accepted improvements and how would the people get the information with application, a motion was made by Swander and second by Strohm to participate in the revitalization plan. Ayes 4/Nays 1 Bloomquist

Open positions discussion began with Bloomquist making the motion to hire Gerry Grandstaff as foreman, in charge of everything in the city excluding the power plant and city offices at \$16.00 per hour. Council member Swander gave the second motion. Ayes 5/Nays 0

Council member Swander added the motion to hire Wes Colson for the power lineman and Utility II operator for \$16.00 per hour with a second from Council member DeMars. Council member Bloomquist stated he wouldn't accept it, as the foreman would be at the same rate. Ayes 2 /Nays 3 Bloomquist, Fry, Strohm.

Council member Bloomquist then made a motion to hire Wes Colson for the power lineman and Utility II operator at the hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour with a second by DeMars. Ayes 3 /Nays 2 Fry, Strohm

Motion to enter into executive session for 10 minutes regarding attorney-client privileges by Fry and second by Swander. Ayes 5/Nays 0

Council entered into executive session at 7:49pm

Council returned to open session at 7:59pm

Mayor Dorr stated no action taken in executive session.

Motion to accept Attorney Bob Story to review the Osage City Water Contract by Swander and second by Fry. Ayes 5/Nays 0

Reports: City Clerk reported City Administrator Hutfles left after the executive session for Salina to pick up the CDBG grant contract; also City Hall will be closed February 18 for President's Day. The next council meeting will be Tuesday February 19 @7pm. The treasure's report is being published in the Osage Herald next week. Also, 3 more defective gas meters have been replaced; Lyon, Coffey Electric has their repeater in place. The Consumer's Water Confidence Report is ready to be distributed by mail.

Mayor Dorr thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Also added along the line of revitalization plan if any thought would be given to the piece of land next to the library in wanting to sell that as a business site noting we had the Santa Fe Park for the Christmas tree.

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