

MINUTES OF APRIL 7TH, 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., April 7, 2008.

Presiding: Mayor Brenda Dorr

Present: Council members: Bloomquist, DeMars, Swander,

Absent: Fry, Strohm

Present also: City Administrator Huffles, City Attorney Godderz, Police Chief Shaffer, Utilities Foreman Grandstaff and City Clerk Gilbert.

Citizens Present: Phillip Parsons, Phyllis Satterfield, Bill Birnell (Westar), and Managing Editor Wayne White of the Herald-Chronicle Newspaper.

Approval of Agenda was given by DeMars with a second from Swander after Mr. Swander requested the property at 103 South Dacotah be put on the next agenda. Council member DeMars brought to the table the discussion of the Library and the need for repair. City Administrator stated he had viewed the cracks in the building also noting that \$40,000 has been budgeted for the repairs. Ms. DeMars questioned if they needed to make a motion as the cracks are now throughout the building. Mayor Dorr stated she has a letter from the Library board regarding the condition. Mr. Bloomquist stated the mud-jacking might not help it because of the way it was put in. Ms. DeMars directed the City Administrator to get current bids on repair and bring it to the next meeting. Ayes 3/ Nays 0

Citizen's Comments: No comments at this time.

Approval of Minutes of February 26, 2008 special meeting was by Bloomquist with a second from Swander. Ayes 3/ Nays 0

Approval of Minutes from the regular meeting of March 3, 2008 after Mr. Swander questioned about the Crossroads contract was made by Swander with a second from DeMars. Ayes 3/ Nays 0

Approval for the March 17, 2008 regular meeting was given by DeMars with a second from Swander. Ayes 3/ Nays 0

Re-appointment of Alicia Ambroski and the appointment of Billie McClure to the Library Board were given by Bloomquist with a second from Swander. Ayes 3/ Nays 0

Motion to accept Claims Ordinance No. 2125 & 2125a was given after Mr. Bloomquist questioned what the Stormont Vail item on Fry. Police Chief Shaffer responded with it used to be when someone was in custody and they needed medical attention the person was responsible for the bill. However a few years ago a law was

passed that any person in custody needing medical attention the arresting location is responsible. Mayor Dorr questioned on the repairs on the bucket-truck with Mr. Grandstaff explaining it was the mileage charge for them to come and repair something on a re-call. Mr. Swander questioned the headlight processor payment; with Mr. Shaffer stating it was to keep the headlights on one of the patrol cars. Motion by Swander with DeMars giving the second. Ayes 3/Nays 0

Mr. Bloomquist started discussion over the Westar contract, by asking if we still called in to find out the price to produce electricity. Mr. Hutfles stated it would stay the same procedure. Ms. DeMars wanted to know because of the size of the transformer is what added the extra charge to the price and to reduce that price it would be \$250,000 to upgrade the transformer. Mr. Hutfles supplied a spreadsheet of different scenarios of different costs under each situation. Mr. Birnell reported to the council a 7% rate increase is projected over the next 10 years, adding because of the restraint on the transformer the buyback will be @ \$2.00 but if we were to remove the restraint the price will go to \$2.50. Mr. Hutfles relayed to the council situations that would happen with and without restraints. Mr. Birnell spoke of the future plans Westar has for expanding the generation of electricity. City Attorney Godderz clarified the city will get the buy-back even if electricity isn't generated by the city, Mr. Hutfles and Mr. Birnell agreed. Discussion over the demands and the time constraint as regarding to employee coverage was covered. Motion to accept Westar's Cost-Based Formula Agreement for Full Requirements Electric Service, Settlement Agreement, & Supplemental Generation Agreement was given by Bloomquist and second by DeMars. Ayes 3/Nays 0

Next on the agenda was the Utility Service Connection Policy with the discussion over the Utility Service Connection Waiver Policy. Mr. Hutfles started by stating the waiver policy was actually never amended in the city code and the connection policy was to define on the connection and location of the city lines. He clarified the city's responsibility is to the meter only and from the meter to the house/building is the owner's responsibility. Motion was made to abolish the Utility Service Connection Waiver Policy by DeMars with a second by Swander. Ayes 3/Nays 0

Scranton Tractor Pulling Association requested for waiving the fee for tractor pulling during Rodeo Days. Mayor Dorr stated she felt there should be a charge for using the area, as the concession stand was used last year feeling the city does have a nice facility, with the city preparing the property she felt the City should get something out of it. Ms. DeMars stated her view was if it was in the ball diamonds it would be another issue, however looking at what it brings to the city she feels the council should do away with the charge. Mr. Bloomquist verified it was non-profit, with Mr. Parsons going down the cost list of supplies and services. Mayor Dorr questioned the concessions because there was one vendor last year. Mr. Parsons stated there was a local business that had set up to supply food but did not use the concession stand. Mr.

Bloomquist inquired if Police Chief Shaffer had any problems with traffic concerning this matter, with Mr. Shaffer saying he did not. Motion to waive the fee was given by DeMars and second by Bloomquist. Ayes 3/ Nays 0

Motion request for the Osage County Artist Association Request to use the council chambers during Rodeo Days after Phyllis Satterfield stated they would like to do it again and did very well last year. Mayor Dorr questioned if it worked ok setting up in the chambers and Ms. Satterfield stated it worked great. Motion Given by DeMars with second from Swander. Ayes 3/Nays 0.

Next was the request from the Chamber of Commerce to consider the closing of certain streets. Mayor Dorr said they are requesting to have the west side of Santa Fe closed off, also Santa Fe to Fremont on Dacotah. Mayor Dorr stated she had a problem with it she hates to see all that blocked off unless they are putting all the activities within that block. If they block it off, the Lion's Club gets hurt every year as they have a lot of elderly people that come to patronize the dinner they put on. A lot of them cannot walk a half block to get in there, and it's your elderly people that go in there rather than your younger kids. Mayor Dorr stated she doesn't have a problem with shutting down the area during the parade. Ms. DeMars questioned exactly what they are having in that area. Mr. Hutfles stated he would know more after the Chamber meeting the next day. Ms. DeMars asked Mr. Shaffer do they normally shut this area off every year, with Mr. Shaffer answering with sometimes they do sometimes they don't. Discussion over the location of everything being for the children, Council member Swander requested the City Administrator to request someone from the Chamber could attend a meeting. Motion to table by Swander and second by DeMars. Ayes 3/ Nays 0

The Neighborhood Revitalization Agreement was presented to the council with the changes of wording on replacement of homes. Mayor Dorr questioned if the tax break citizen's get will lower the tax city receives. Mr. Hutfles stated yes it would. City Attorney Godderz stated he saw no other changes. Motion to accept the agreement by DeMars with a second by Swander. Ayes 2/ Nays 1 Bloomquist

Osage County Fireworks Festival request for funding from the city began with Mrs. DeMars stating she felt we had good turnout for the National Night Out. She pointed out she had spoken with many people with very few stating they went to Melvern Lake for the Festival. Her belief is we have way more people here and the money could be used better here. Motion by Bloomquist with a second from DeMars to deny the request. Ayes 3/Nays 0

Receipting/ Front Windows program purchase was brought to the council. Mr. Hutfles stated it is a current program that integrates with infinite, showing at a moment's glance how much the city has collected for all funds that day. Mr. Hutfles added it is

another internal control over the cash handling. Ms. Gilbert stated that it will distinguish between checks and cash also. Motion to purchase the program made by Swander and second by DeMars. Ayes 2/ Nays 1 Bloomquist

Council member Swander questioned why the city's employees couldn't do the leak survey. Mr. Hutfles stated the KCC is requesting we hire outside company to do the leak survey on the gas system. Foreman Grandstaff stated it would assure the KCC by hiring an outside party that the city is in compliance. Mr. Bloomquist stated if we contract so much work out we wouldn't need all this high dollar equipment. He added he strongly felt the line 16 miles south should be checked, and there wasn't a need to check inside the city limits. Ms. DeMars asked Mr. Hutfles if he had spoken with KCC since our numbers are getting better. Mr. Hutfles said he has spoke with them many times over the meter changes and the regulators but KCC still states they want an outside source to do the leak survey. After discussion with Mr. Grandstaff regarding the past and present expectations on the gas system motion to table was given by DeMars and Swander until the next meeting. Ayes 3/ Nays 0

The item of hiring employees started by Ms. DeMars requesting how many applicants were received. Mr. Hutfles stated 2 for the pool manger and Ms. Gilbert had 9 for part-time clerk. The Administrator and the city clerk recommended Rheanna Routh be hired at an hourly wage of \$7.25. Council member DeMars made a motion to move into executive session to look at the applications for 15 minutes with Swander giving a second. Ayes 2/ Nays 1 Bloomquist

Council moved into executive session at 6:58 pm with City Administrator Hutfles and City Clerk Gilbert.

Council returned to open session at 7:13 pm.

Mayor Dorr stated no action taken in executive session.

Motion to accept Rheanna Routh for part-time clerk at \$7.25 per hour and Debbie Parsons for Pool Manager at \$8.50 per hour by Bloomquist and second by Swander Ayes 3/ Nays 0

City Administrator Hutfles reported City Hall was having computer problems again, affecting the main server and all Infinitec software. There may be a need to buy a new CPU. Mayor Dorr asked what the problem was Mr. Hutfles stated it could be hardware or a corrupted file. Explaining if its hardware the computer would have to be replaced; if it is a file then it would have to be re-formatted. Harveyville is now pumping water from our water tower and everything is running well. Mayor Dorr inquired on a ribbon cutting for a new pump station, Ms. Gilbert stated with it being a busy time she will be contacting the city clerk and superintendent to set a time.

Ms. Gilbert reported attending the court management class the prior week, feeling it was not beneficial to attend the spring class and will forego it in the spring.

Mayor Dorr stated the citywide cleanup is this weekend. If anyone on council wanted to help we will start at 8 am at the city shop. Ms. Dorr asked Chief Shaffer if he could give a report to the council on the classes that were taken by this department.

Motion to adjourn by Swander with a second by DeMars. Ayes 3/ Nays 0