

## MINUTES OF JUNE 30, 2008

The council of the City of Burlingame, Kansas met in regular session in the council chamber at city hall at 1:00 p.m., June 30, 2008.

Presiding: Mayor Dorr

Present: Council members: Bloomquist, Swander, DeMars

Present also: City Administrator Hutfles, City Clerk Patti Gilbert, Police Chief Jon Shaffer, Utility Foreman Gerry Grandstaff

Dennis with Bartlett and West was present to speak before the Council on Phase II Water Project regarding any changes so the plans could be finalized. Mayor Dorr asked the valves they were looking at she wasn't aware of and asked for explanation. Dennis stated in all water "T's" they have a valve to shut off each line and in some locations the "T's" were very close together, and with that some of the valves could be eliminated and keeping the dollars down. Explanation of the footage between valves and fire hydrants, when the Mayor asked the count of fire hydrants. The count right now is 24, Dennis stated the count was 18-20 before and they have added a few. City Administrator Hutfles stated all the changes need to be put in to come up with a final cost of the project. Mayor Dorr wanted to know if this ends up being up more than the \$800,000 and the public doesn't want to spend any more than that what would this do to the project? City Administrator Hutfles responded Randy Stone with USDA had spoken with Bartlett and West on speeding up the process as the government's physical year is October to September, so there is additional money available with only \$647,000 earmarked for Phase II and \$200,000 we still need to acquire. With opening the bids July 19<sup>th</sup> we will be able to get a more precise cost estimate. Until we sign a contract with Company "X" we are not committed at all. Dennis stated contractors are only guaranteeing their prices for today because of fluctuating prices. Ms. DeMars affirmed that a cost of the project is needed before a town meeting, and it will not be authorized until after the meeting. Mayor Dorr asked if the extra money that is available through USDA is grant money or a loan, with Mr. Hutfles stating it would be borrowed. Mayor Dorr interjected with in her opinion that is not what she wants. Mr. Bloomquist asked the money we are talking about (USDA) has nothing to do with the grant. Mr. Hutfles responded with right now the project is about \$1.2 million and that will be paid with \$400,000 with CDBG grant, \$874,000 with a Rural Development Loan payable in 40 years at \$50,000 per year. Ms. Gilbert asked Mr. Hutfles if that would be in one or two bonds, with the reply being it should be one bond. Mayor Dorr and Mr. Bloomquist asked if a public meeting or a vote needed to be in place before proceeding. Mr. Hutfles stated this project fell under a revenue bond and is related to the sale of the utility (water). Mayor Dorr questioned if it had to go to the people, Mr. Hutfles instructed the council they would only need to pass an ordinance and resolution. Dennis with Bartlett and West stated he will possibly have final numbers by the next meeting. Mayor Dorr

asked where the bids will be opened and the response was at City Hall. Discussion began over the fire hydrant by the library and the need of it there, Police Chief Shaffer stated with the hydrant in the middle of the block it would be beneficial if we again had a fire in the middle, however with the cast iron line in place now it feeds the sprinkler system to the library so not enough pressure to use a tanker truck in that spot. He suggest in Phase II to have the iron line replaced to increase the pressure. Mr. Bloomquist shared his view that it was the engineers fault for running a new main and hooking the old line to it.

Motion to adjourn was given by Bloomquist with a second by Swander. Ayes 3/ Nays 0

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City Clerk