

## **MINUTES OF August 4, 2008**

The council of the City of Burlingame, Kansas met in regular session in the City Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m., August 4, 2008.

Presiding: Mayor Dorr

Present: Council members: Bloomquist, Fry, Strohm, Swander, DeMars

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

Other persons: Dean Strohm, Don and Carol Kurtz, Kathy Kessinger, Roberta Bailey, Larry and Kathy Smith, Donna Young, Becky Quaney-MacKinnon, Pat Rusher, David Prescott, Christi and Brian Droege, Linda Fagan, Donelda Sage, Larry Smart, Virgil Patrick, Adam Carrier, Chris Dubois, Jim Strohm, Elton Taylor, Debbie Punches, David Thompson, Teri Swander, Glen Masters, Tom Oliver, Kathleen Williams, Judy Schwanz, Kathryn Kraus, James Nelson, Karen Smart, Sheila Curtis, Elora Bickford, Jim McNellis, Tanyea Bingham.

Motion to approve the agenda with the amendment of Notice of 2009 Budget Hearing by Fry and second by Strohm. Ayes 5/ Nays 0

Citizens comments: Roberta Bailey asked Mayor Dorr if the city is on track with the budget for 2008, Mr. Hutfles responded at the end of July we are plus of around \$214,000. Mrs. Bailey requested what other obligations does the city have besides the Phase I water project, Mr. Hutfles responded again with having 2 general obligation bonds and lease purchase of electronic metering system. Amounts of each principal were discussed.

Authorization of minutes of July 21<sup>st</sup> was given by DeMars and a second from Swander. Ayes 5/ Nays 0

Minutes for the Town Meeting of July 28<sup>th</sup> were accepted after the addition of the adjournment added with a motion by Fry and second by DeMars. Ayes 5/ Nays 0

Library Board appointment was next on the agenda to consider Stacy Herrick to replace Alicia Ambroski as a member of the board. Mr. Bloomquist made the motion to accept the appointment with Ms. DeMars giving the second. Ayes 5/ Nays 0

Claims Ordinance No. 2134 was looked at with Ms. DeMars asking if the bill from Burlingame Concrete is the total amount. Discussion over the finish caulking and when it is expected to be done. Mr. Godderz offered to the council to pay the amount unless they wanted to hold back a portion relevant to the percentage not done. Motion to accept No. 2134 by Strohm and second by Fry. Ayes 5/ Nays 0

Phase II to authorizing staff and the City's engineering consultants to match the CDBG funds through Rural Development. Mr. Hutfles stated the engineering firm felt it

would be best to have council make a motion to this. Ms. DeMars asked Mr. Hutfles after Saturday's budget meeting what would his recommendation be. Mr. Hutfles stated to go the \$400,000 but clearly state it is not a blank check. Stating the annual loan payment would be around \$21,500. Mrs. Strohm stated she understands what he is saying but actually doesn't know what all the project entails since the council has no facts in front of them, along with the final cost of the project. Mr. Hutfles stated he doesn't have the final figures, Mrs. Dorr interjected she felt the council should not move any further on this until they have the final figures. Mrs. Strohm said if it wasn't taken care of tonight when is it going to be, and was told tonight was the night to finish on this project. Mr. Hutfles covered the cost and what was available for add-ons. Discussion over the pricing of the add-ons and what the original bid had contained. Mayor Dorr stated there was no contract for this, and Ms. DeMars questioned again the amount is for a loan. Mrs. Strohm made the motion to notify the engineering firm and Rural Development that we are earmarking \$800,000 to finish the project including all the other items discussed with Fry giving the second. Ayes 5/ Nays 0

Discussion over Resolution 307 started with Mr. Hutfles stating with needing of additional funding on the 2009 Budget for streets, sidewalks etc. The city is the only city in the county that doesn't participate in the 1% sales tax. Mr. Hutfles explained the steps of acquiring the tax and the timeline to start receiving the tax. After much discussion, Mrs. Strohm stated she felt the wording of the ordinance was too vague, Mr. Godderz stated there has to be a specific purpose but also most recommend there be a sunset clause. The discussion covered between the tax amounts of 1% to 3%, with Ms. DeMars asking the attorney if it could only be labeled for the infrastructure. Motion by DeMars and second by Strohm to accept the Resolution 307 with Infrastructure being the only reason for the tax. Ayes 4/ Nays 1 Bloomquist

Schuyler Museum Utility Abatement was brought before the council on continuing the utility abatement with Mr. Swander stating he felt this too should be put on the ballot. A large extent discussion with David Prescott represented the Museum pointing out benefits to the public with the mind of keeping utilities to a minimum. Mayor Dorr stated after the Saturday workshop on the budget, all needed to keep in mind maybe the annex needed to be separated from the museum since it is rented out. Questions from the public of how the use of the annex benefited public services as an emergency shelter and voting place. Discussion on the public services covered by taxes came from the public and the council. One point was covered by Mrs. Strohm that grants that are available for the museum there are not any available to pay utilities. Motion to table until more information could be obtained by Swander and second by DeMars. Ayes 5/ Nays 0

Motion to purchase a public address system after Mr. Hutfles gave pricing on different systems, Ms. DeMars gave motion after she noted Mr. Bloomquist can not hear her at times with a second by Swander. Ayes 3/ Nays 2 Bloomquist, Fry

Mr. Hutfles began the notice of Budget Hearing by notifying the council the budget summary included the cuts the council made, but still requires a mil increase. It

does include rate increases across the board. Explaining the individual increases and the amounts. Mrs. Strohm asked when the last time the mil was raised, and Mr. Hutfles stated the last couple of year the rate actually went down. Opinions from all council members were given stating both sides of the situation, with the public also asking questions on utility rates rising. Ms. DeMars plainly stated she is against any rising of the mil. Mr. Hutfles stating raises in utilities will be needed to cover what the taxes don't. Mr. Fry stated all costs have increased for the city as well as the general public. Motion to accept Budget and publish with 1 mil raise was given by Strohm and second by Fry. Mr. Godderz added it needs to be published and it's up to the council, and it has to be done tonight. Mayor Dorr added there was no sense in touching employee benefits. Mr. Hutfles listed the largest contingency amounts in various funds. Mrs. Strohm withdrew her motion. Mr. Fry gave a motion to accept the budget as shown, because we will know what we have, Mrs. Strohm gave a second. Ayes 3/ Nays 2 Bloomquist, DeMars.

Reports: Mr. Hutfles supplied the council with a revenue/expenditure listing for the current year of the pool. Keating Mudjacking has started on the library, and reported today they have hit a lot of soft fill. Police Chief Shaffer reported he was offered a scholarship to cover the cost to go to the MADD convention, with no cost to the city. Other than that National Night Out is tomorrow night with the free pool entrance. Mayor Dorr stated to the council that as a council, we invite people to the meeting that we need to be courteous and listen instead of having our own conversations.

Motion to adjourn made by Fry with a second by Swander. Ayes 5/ Nays 0

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City Clerk