

MINUTES OF September 3, 2008

The council of the City of Burlingame, Kansas met in regular session in the City Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m., September 2, 2008.

Presiding: Mayor Dorr

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

Present also: City Administrator Hutfles, City Attorney Godderz, City Clerk Patti Gilbert (entering @ 8:30), Police Chief Jon Shaffer, Utility Foreman Gerry Grandstaff

Other persons: Kathy Kessinger, Roberta Bailey, Don Bailey, Wayne with the Osage County Herald-Chronicle, Brian and Christi Droege, Linda Fagan, David Prescott, Tanyea Bingham, Bill Zabokrtsky, Glen Masters, Bud Bender, Phyllis Michaels, Virgil Patrick, Margaret Weems, Kathy and Larry Smith, Stephanie Carson, Anthony Richman, Kathryn Kraus, Mitzi Patterson, Donna Bartee, Brandi Kane, Sheila Curtis, Karen Smart, Jim Strohm, Jeanne Riggs, Stephanie Teeslink, Patty Atchison, Adam Carrier, Marjorie Day.

Motion to approve the agenda by Councilmember DeMars and a second by Councilmember Strohm. Ayes 5/ Nays 0

No citizen's comments were offered during this time.

Authorization of minutes with corrections on August 18th was given by Councilmember DeMars and a second from Councilmember Swander. Ayes 5/ Nays 0

Claims Ordinance 2136, 2136a was approved with a motion by Councilmember Fry with a second from Councilmember Strohm. Ayes 5/ Nays 0

Next item on the agenda was a donation request from Ring of Fire Entertainment with Councilmember Fry making the motion to decline the request with a second from Councilmember DeMars. Ayes 5/ Nays 0

Schuyler Museum Utility Abatement began with Mr. Prescott giving a power point presentation to the Council. Much discussion ensued from both the public and Council members. Councilmember Fry offered the motion to continue the utility abatement for another 5 years, but motion died due to lack of a second. Motion to continue the utility abatement until the matter could be placed on the April ballot by Councilmember Swander and second by Councilmember Strohm. Ayes 4 / Nays 1 Councilmember Bloomquist

Consideration on applying for the FY 2009 Historic Preservation Fund Grant to conduct a historic survey was approved with a motion from Councilmember Swander and a second from Councilmember Strohm. Ayes 4/ Nays 1 Councilmember Bloomquist

Discussion over the Phase II interim financing with the choice of a temporary loan with 4.25% interest or use monies from current CD's the city owns. Motion to use no fund warrants as the City needs by Councilmember Strohm with a second from Councilmember DeMars. Ayes 5/ Nays 0

Motion to move into executive session for 5 minutes on non-elected personnel to discuss 2 departments made by Councilmember DeMars and second by Councilmember Swander. City Administrator Hutfles also attended the session. Ayes 4/ Nays 1 Bloomquist

Council entered into executive session at 8:10 pm.

Council returned to open session at 8:15pm.

Mayor Dorr reported no action taken in executive session.

Motion to move into executive session for 15 minutes on non-elected personnel with City Administrator Hutfles and Police Chief Shaffer in attendance made by Councilmember DeMars and second by Councilmember Swander. Ayes 4/ Nays 1 Bloomquist

Council entered into executive session at 8:18 pm.

Council returned to open session at 8:33pm.

Mayor Dorr stated no action taken in executive session and returned the meeting back to open session.

Councilmember DeMars offered the motion to accept the resignation of City Administrator Flip Hutfles with the last day as of October 3rd with Councilmember Swander giving the second motion. Ayes 5/ Nays 0

Reports: City Attorney Godderz questioned on the water audit by Mike Peroo, with City Clerk Gilbert reporting she had questioned the firm and noting no payment will be authorized until the report is complete. City Administrator Hutfles reported to council the following day there will be a pre-construction meeting for Phase II, listing all the expected participants and any of the Council is invited. City Clerk Gilbert informed the council part-time clerk Rheanna Routh handed in her notice with her last day being September 18th. Police Chief Shaffer reported he leaves for Dallas on a conference and the need to look at hiring a contractor next spring to cut over-grown weeds in lots around the city. Utility Foreman Grandstaff stated his department is still working on streets around town. Councilmember Fry asked Utility Foreman Grandstaff if there was a list containing lights that need to be fixed, as when he comes home from work there is a lot of them needing repair. Councilmember Bloomquist noted he had voted on an item that he was under the impression at the time the city had money for, City Administrator Hutfles replied the money is now in the checking account. Mayor Dorr asked why flags were not put out on Labor Day and Police Chief Shaffer stated he had never placed them out for Labor Day.

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Swander with a second from Councilmember Strohm. Ayes 5/ Nays 0

City Clerk

