

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2008

The council of the City of Burlingame, Kansas met in regular session in the City Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m., November 17, 2008.

Presiding: Mayor Dorr

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

Absent: Councilmember Fry

Present also: Police Chief Shaffer, City Clerk Patti Gilbert, City Attorney Rick Godderz, And Utility Foreman Gerry Grandstaff.

Other persons: John Fowler, Deann Michael with Osage County Herald-Chronicle and Teri Swander.

Before the agenda was approved, Mayor Dorr requested starting with this meeting and every meeting in the future, public comments will be heard before the approval of the agenda. That would then give the availability of adding an item for the same meeting.

Citizen's comments began with John Fowler representing the Chamber of Commerce. He reported to the Council the Chamber has secured a grant of \$25,000.00 contingent on the City being able to match \$10,000.00 of it in Labor and equipment. Then Sheila Curtis on behalf of Burlingame High School Journalism Class asked the Council's permission to allow the class to "sell" the light poles downtown to area people for the purpose of decorating them for Country Christmas and placing the sponsors' name on the pole.

Motion to accept the agenda with additions of John Fowler and Sheila Curtis request was given by Councilmember Strohm with a second by Councilmember DeMars. Ayes 4/ Nays 0

Motion to accept the minutes of November 7, 2008 with correction given by Councilmember DeMars with a second by Councilmember Swander. Ayes 4/ Nays 0

Claims Ordinances 2141, 2141a, 2141WP were approved with a motion by Councilmember DeMars and second by Councilmember Strohm. Ayes 3/ Nays 1
Councilmember Bloomquist

The request for the Journalism Department was next on the agenda, as presented earlier by Sheila Curtis. Motion to support the Journalism Department in selling the light poles in downtown area for Christmas decorations was given by Councilmember Swander and second by Councilmember DeMars. Ayes 4/ Nays 0

Presentation of the 2007 Audit by Stephen Connelly, CPA, with him highlighting the strengths of the changes and showing cash balances. Motion to accept the 2007 Audit and allow the City Clerk to spend time with Mr. Connelly at the cost of \$75.00 per hour for up to 8 hrs. to view the 2009 budget by Councilmember DeMars and second by Councilmember Swander.
Ayes 4/ Nays 0

A quick motion to accept the Chamber's request of matching of \$10,000.00 worth of labor and machinery for the grant from Federal Home Loan Bank was given by Councilmember DeMars and second from Councilmember Strohm. Ayes 4/ Nays 0

Discussion of the pool's roof repair was tabled until more bids could be obtained. Motion to table given by Councilmember Swander and second by Councilmember DeMars. Ayes 3/ Nays 1 Councilmember Bloomquist

Motion to table Ordinance 2136 on "mini-truck" requirements until City Attorney Godderz could reword part of the Ordinance by Councilmember DeMars and second by Councilmember Swander. Ayes 4/ Nays 0

Motion by Councilmember DeMars with a second by Councilmember Strohm to pass Resolution 312 on the 1% sales tax as required by the State. Ayes 4/ Nays 0

The repair of the Library floor was given to Councilmember Strohm to purchase repair glue with the motion from Councilmember Bloomquist and a second from Councilmember DeMars. Ayes 4/ Nays 0

Council moved into executive session at 8:23 p.m. pm with City Attorney Godderz and Police Chief Shaffer in attendance. Motion given by Councilmember DeMars and second by Councilmember Swander. Ayes 4/ Nays 1 Bloomquist.

Council returned to open session at 8:33 pm.

Mayor Dorr stated no action taken in executive session.

Council again moved into executive session at 8:34 p.m. pm with City Attorney Godderz and Police Chief Shaffer in attendance. Motion given by Councilmember Swander and second by Councilmember DeMars. Ayes 4/ Nays 1 Bloomquist.

Council returned to open session at 8:44 pm.

Mayor Dorr stated no action taken in executive session.

Public Works Foreman Grandstaff presented the Council with a couple of items, there is a federal law that the city must be in compliance with by the time they open the pool next summer. Also, how the Council wanted to dispose of Chlorine gas located at the pool. Council directed him to call a chemical company to dispose of it safely. The other item was the bid he received on the repair of one of the service trucks was bid too low; Councilmember DeMars made the motion to have the truck repaired in Topeka by Mike's Frame with a second from Councilmember Swander. Ayes 4/ Nays 0

Reports: City Clerk Gilbert reported Mr. Montgomery's Class began working on the website. Police Chief Shaffer suggested to the Council if they had ideas for the website, write them down, and he is continuing his efforts on the Christmas toy collection. Public Works Foreman Grandstaff reported to the Council an update on the Phase II water project, a possible problem with the large electrical truck. Councilmember Strohm pointed out to the Council there is a problem with a dog that has been defecating on the main street also a resident is bringing in tree

limbs and burning them close to the road, with the complaint of the smoke is limiting the sight of the street. Mayor Dorr stated a reminder the progress meeting on Monday, November 24, 2008 at 10:30 am on the Phase II project. Also, having a complaint last week regarding trash in the road on the way to the city dump, and the community thanksgiving dinner will be at the Lions Club this Saturday from 5pm to 7pm.

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

City Clerk