

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
511 N. COMMERCIAL

July 18, 2011
7:30 P.M.

PRESIDING: Jon Jenson

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Emmel; Rick Jacob; Thom Noone; Lynne Vigil

ALSO ATTENDING: Jaci Reimer, City Administrator; Brad Jantz, City Attorney; Leslie McKenzie, Utility Clerk; Kelly DeGraffenreid, Harvey County Independent; Ray Huff, Police Chief; Tony Somers, City Superintendent; Joe Uhlman; Emergency Services Director

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

MOVED BY NOONE AND SECONDED BY VIGIL TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH NOTED ADDITIONS: 7A SPEED ZONES. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED BY NOONE AND SECONDED BY JACOB TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA INCLUDING PAYROLL CHECKS 25369 THRU 25411 AND GENERAL DISBURSEMENT CHECKS 56925 THRU 56975 AND MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS OF JULY 6, 2011 AND JULY 13, 2011 AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 5, 2011. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joy Williams and Kathy Cowan of Sedgwick Booster Club presented council with the needed street closings for 2011 Fall Festival activities. Requested approval of the street closings, and explained why they chose the proposed parade route. **Cowan** also requested a donation to help with fall festival, stating that they try to make events free to the residents and festival goers. Informed council about the car show, inflatable's, carnival games, and the two bands.

Council Member Jenson asked about the traffic flow on Ridge Rd. to 8th St. Asked if the car show is treated like any other vendor with 10 % being donated. Also, asked if there were inflatable's on Friday night.

MOTION BY EMMEL AND SECONDED BY VIGIL TO APPROVE THE STREET CLOSINGS FOR FALL FESTIVAL AND DONATE \$4000.00 TO THE SEDGWICK BOOSTER CLUB. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

STAFF REPORTS

Tony Somers, City Superintendent; reported maintenance rewired and painted the Mini Fire truck, and the Police Humvee. Reported that there was still more asphalt to put down but it was too hot. **Jon Jenson** asked about the patch at 1st & Madison and putting trees at the dam by the Hiland's. **Tony Somers** commented that the patch job at 1st & Madison was done by the county. Tony stated putting trees at the dam could compromise the structure. Commented it would be good to put trees on the bottom of the slope away from the dam structure.

Joe Uhlman, Emergency Services Director; reported the call volume for the beginning of the quarter was slow, but now that the heat kicked in it has been very busy. Went over report for second quarter; reported on the tanker, supply engine, and brush truck. Commented that maintenance staff did a fantastic job on the fire cat, and the ambulance.

Ray Huff, Police Chief; Reported to council that they are now required to have a racial profiling policy, stating that they have had no complaints but still have to report to the state. Also, presented the Domestic Violence Model Law Enforcement Response Policy to establish guide lines for response for domestic violence as required by the state. **Atty: Brad Jantz** responded that the police department needed to adopt the policy, and it was not something that needed to come before council for approval, just put into police protocols.

MOVED BY VIGIL AND SECONDED BY NOONE TO RECESS TO VIEW NEW VEHICLES FOR NO LONGER THAN (15) FIFTEEN MINUTES BEGINNING AT 8:20 P.M. MOTION CARRIED 4-1 EMMEL OPPOSED.

MOVED BY EMMEL SECONDED BY JACOB TO RECONVENE THE COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:32 P.M. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Jaci Reimer, City Administrator, Reported the diving board had been shipped and should be here Friday. The swimming staff was provided pizza from the City for a pool party. Mr. Bell was re-notified and is now moved out of the property at 418 N. Commercial. Jaci included the information regarding closing on the land with Sedgwick Ventures. Reported, Sedgwick County is having a one step final plat hearing on Stucky Farm and Lawn and explained that he had an agreement with Sedg. Co. to plat the land so they can tax properly. Stated the four building pads on the map are out of the flood zone. **Council member Jacob** asked if the septic system was part of the reason. **City Administrator Reimer** reported on the proposed Jackson St. project, as included in the packets. Letters will be sent inviting residents on Jackson to discuss this with council on August 15, 2011. **Council member Emmel** Suggested we put in the letter the equal share cost option, not on the spreadsheet and make it as simple as possible. **City Administrator Reimer** discussed Jefferson Ave. between 4th & 7th St. indicating it is cheaper to pave all of Lincoln, Jackson and Jefferson at one time. City Staff will get updated numbers for those streets. Stated, there was a petition on file for 4th & 7th Lincoln Ave and for 4th & 7th on Jefferson Ave. from a few years ago. **City Administrator Reimer,** also reported to council, the state will now charge a \$25.00 fee for a Special Temporary CMB licenses. Included that we need to have an ordinance on the books, and it will be on the agenda for August 1, 2011. Included Wilson & Company lighting options, commented that she was not sure if the 3rd page total included lighting for the new and old areas or just the new area but would get clarification. **Council member Emmel,** asked about lighting around bridges. Commented safety is of importance and would like lights on both bridges. **Consensus of Council** was to get pricing for the bridges to have lighting poles on both ends of each bridge. **City Administrator Reimer** reported on the 2012 Proposed Budget for approval at an approximate ½ mill decrease from last year. Reimer noted that the city's valuation rose slightly. Frugal spending practices of staff and council have helped keep the budget steady. **Council member Emmel** commented on what a remarkable job staff has done in getting these budget numbers.

Attorney Brad Jantz, Reported on the Sub-Division and Zoning Regulations he received from the Planning Commission. Commented there was minor reorganization like residential areas, property definitions, appeals process and to add residential use to the definitions in zoning regulations. Stated that we are weeks away from presenting it back to the Council for final approval.

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY VIGIL AND SECONDED BY EMMEL TO APPROVE PROPOSED 2012 BUDGET FOR PUBLICATION AND SET BUDGET HEARING DATE FOR AUGUST 1, 2011 AT 7:30 P.M. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Council member Noone said that he has had several complaints regarding speed zones, on S. Ridge Rd. and 125th St. East of town. Council discussed speed zones. No action was taken.

MEETING REMINDERS

July 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. - Planning Commission – Stucky one step plat map.
August 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. - Cemetery Budget Hearing
August 1, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. – Budget Hearing

MOVED BY EMMEL AND SECONDED BY NOONE TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Leslie McKenzie
Utility Clerk