

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held February 6, 2017, 5:00 p.m., at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: John Bisnette, Tonya Kuhn, Teri Cordill, Devin Renken, and John Cary. Others present: Bruce Berkley, Terry Gradig, Vickie Oviatt, Ron Duran, Danny Miner, Evan Joy, LaRhea Cole, Alan Feist, Kenneth Lee.

Mayor Brush called the meeting to order and led in the flag salute.

John C. moved, seconded by John B., to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 17, 2017 and the special meeting of January 23, 2017. Carried.

Deputy Danny Miner, Osborne County Sheriff's Department, gave the law enforcement report for the period of January 1 – February 1, 2017.

Alan Feist, former council member and mayor, shared some of the history behind the Land and Water Conservation Fund program. Alan reported that back in 1972 this program partially funded the north ballfield and park area project. At that time, there were families living in the proposed area which the council helped to relocate. Original plans included a ballfield, tennis courts, playground equipment, horse shoes, and swimming pool. There was opposition to locating the pool in this area and it was built at the present location on west Railroad. Since receiving that grant award, the city has been required to follow guidelines for any new improvements to the area. An Operation and Maintenance Assurance Statement must be certified yearly. Council appreciated the information provided by Alan. Following this report, Tonya moved, seconded by Devin, to approve the mayor to sign the 2017 Annual Operation and Maintenance Assurance Statement. Motion carried.

City Attorney asked for direction from the council regarding follow up on the Mason property on Beale which is in general disrepair. There was discussion. Mayor Brush requested that the owners be invited to the council meeting so they can present their plans.

Animal Control Officer, Ron Duran, presented his written report for the month of January. Impound procedures were discussed.

Terry reported that he has the swings constructed and installed at the park for the sorority group. Tonya advised that the city should bill the sorority for labor and materials used.

Terry reported that Jim Keezer is preparing a pool repair quote but it would be after this season before he could start the project.

Terry reported that he has visited with KDHE about their requirements to operate a composting site for grass clippings at the tree dump area, which he said would save the

city \$1,000/month. Council would like to review the material from KDHE which outlines the permit requirements.

Terry reported that he has ordered pre-emergent for the parks. Council approved for a street light to be added at the ballfield. He is still checking on a switch for a generator.

Terry asked if the council wished to apply for the KDOT City Connecting Link Improvement Program (CCLIP). (This program was formerly known as the KLINK Resurfacing and Geometric Improvement (GI) programs which were combined into one program) Tonya moved, seconded by Devin, to have Wilson & Co submit an application for the City Connecting Link Improvement Program for Delay to Osborne for years 2019 and 2020. Carried.

Terry asked if the council wished to increase the number of hours they had set for Wayne's Tree Service to perform tree trimming maintenance. Council agreed to stay with the 30 hours previously approved.

Terry reported on the progress at the ballfield. Prairie Land has moved the lights from the south field. He is hauling in dirt. Fencing and backstops are on order. The big tree has been cut down and removed.

City Clerk reported that the next meeting would be on Tuesday, February 21st due to the holiday.

John B. moved, seconded by Devin, to approve the mayor's appointment of Gail Coffield to the Housing Authority Board for a four-year term, 2017 – 2021. Carried.

Tonya moved to approve special use permits #17-05 through #17-08. Teri seconded. Carried.

Teri moved to approve builders license #17-37. Devin seconded. Carried.

Devin moved, seconded by John B., to waive the fees for the American Red Cross on March 15th at the Memorial Hall. Carried.

Kenneth Lee, Municipal Judge, gave a report of court cases for 2016. He had performed one marriage ceremony. He will attend continuing education training in April. This is at no cost to the city.

With the closing of the south ballfields, Kenny Lee reminisced and presented the council with some history on the ballfields. Kenny had coached/umpired teams back when the field was located by the football field, noting seven to eight teams sharing one field for practices and games. In the early 1980's Jim VanderGiesen was instrumental in developing regulation fields in the south area of town. Many contributed time and effort towards these quality fields that were used extensively over the years.

Tonya will prepare water and sewer rate options for review. Terry suggested a monthly billing be considered as an option now that meter reading is radio controlled.

Vouchers and payroll were reviewed and signed. Devin moved, seconded by Tonya, to approve the vouchers and payrolls as presented. Carried.

At 6:48 p.m., John C. moved, seconded by Teri, to recess into executive session with the mayor and council present for 30 minutes to discuss matters pertaining to non-elected personnel. Carried.

(remaining minutes by Jennifer Brush)

At 7:14 p.m. the council resumed regular session.

Tonya made a motion to approve the updated wage schedule as presented, retroactive to January 1, 1017. Devin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

At 7:15 p.m., Tonya made a motion to adjourn. John B. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Brush, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, Clerk