

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2008
TIME: 7:15 P.M.

Present: Mayor Gary Herbert, Helen Gardner, Darrell Poling, Herb Hunter, Jamie Cain and Bill Wenning.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with all present.

Minutes were approved.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Darrell Poling to add two items to the agenda under the Mayor's issues. Ayes Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Jerry Lee came before Council to speak on behalf of Americans with Disabilities. Jerry asked the Mayor to read the letter he had written to the newspaper in the opinion column. He said he has been a paraplegic for 36 years and there are many places and curbs that cannot be accessed with a wheelchair. He would like for the Council and the community to really be more aware to those with disabilities and the places and things that they cannot access. He stated that he has the Federal guidelines and the State has never voted them into law.

Mayor Herbert told Mr. Lee that if there is anything that is not accessible in City Hall then he is willing to try and fix the problem. He thanked Mr. Lee for coming.

Meeting was opened as a public hearing for Resolution 2008-14 Community Focus Fund Grant for the third street project.

Lisa Westenberger of ARA was present to explain the proposal for a grant application in the amount of \$500,000 for the third street project. There are no fire hydrants, no storm drains and water and sewer lines need improved. The local match would be \$240,000 coming from the Wastewater \$135,000, Water \$55,000 and City \$50,000.

The grant would be awarded around November and the funds would be released in the spring of 2009.

Hearing closed.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Jamie Cain to approve Resolution 2008-14 CFF Third Street Project. Ayes Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Darrell Poling to approve ARA moving forward on a \$250,000 housing grant with a local match from the City of \$25,000. Ayes Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

The City's health insurance agent Culpepper Cooper gave an update on t the City's health insurance claims and renewal information. Last year they negotiated to keep the same rate cost for two years with the \$25,000 stop loss. He will bid this out every year to make sure the City is getting the best cost rate and the benefit package stays the same. The City is partially self-funded.

The concept is, the City keeps the City's money and only pays claims as required. You're not just handing the City's money all over to the insurance company.

The reserve account should have 70% of the minimum attachment in its account.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Bill Wenning to pass on 3rd reading salary Ordinance 2008-16 amended to include a \$1000 raise for employees for 2009 and setting the salary range for the exempted employees. Ayes Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Darrell Poling and seconded by Bill Wenning to pass on 3rd reading salary Ordinance 2008-17 elected officials. Ayes Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Darrell Poling to pass on 3rd reading salary Ordinance 2008-18 amended to include a \$1000 raise for employees for 2009 and setting the salary range for the exempted employees. Ayes Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Bill Wenning to pass on 3rd reading salary Ordinance 2008-19 elected officials. Ayes Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Darrell Poling and seconded by Jamie Cain to pass the pre-adoption of the 2009 budget. Ayes Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Street Commissioner Mark Klosterkemper reported to Council of several trees needing to be removed after the flood the City had. He had hoped Fema would fund this and has learned they will not because it is not an immediate threat. He is looking at other ways to help fund this through the NRCS.

He needs a letter of support from the Council for NRCS.

Council agreed to the signing of a letter.

Fire Chief Scott Chasteen said that if anyone has a problem or complaint, they need to put it in writing and sign their name and give it to the traffic committee for them to review the situation and make a recommendation to the Council.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Darrell Poling to approve the tax abatement renewal for Prairie Materials. Ayes Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2008-24 approval of lease as part of the Lincoln Street financing. Ayes Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays Herb Hunter and Bill Wenning. So passed.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Darrell Poling to suspend the rules and regulations. Ayes Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays Bill Wenning and Herb Hunter. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Jamie Cain to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2008-24. Ayes Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays Bill Wenning and Herb Hunter. So passed.

Council denied terrorism insurance.

After recommendation of the Traffic Committees report, a **motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Darrell Poling to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2008-25 four –way stops. Ayes Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.**

A status report was given of the current projects.

Mayor announced the Council needs to be looking for someone to replace Jim Saler on the Tif Board. He has resigned according to an e-mail effective immediately.

Jamie Cain asked to have a Town Meeting set up for the residents to attend and voice any of their concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer