

Council Chambers

City Hall

September 19, 2006

7:30 P.M.

Council met in regular session with Mayor Don Reed presiding and roll call showing Councilmembers: Donald Button, Jack Wallace, Sheila Backstrom, Justin Begnoche, Lanny Crawford, Sharon Brown and Charles Smith present.

Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting were presented and approved by the Council. Copies of the minutes of the previous Public Utilities Commission meeting were presented.

Municipal Judge's receipts for the month of August were \$1,824.50.

Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 3144 and 3145, allowing claims, which had been checked by the Council, were presented. Moved by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Crawford, that these ordinances be approved for payment. Upon being put to a vote by roll call this motion carried by a unanimous vote of all Councilmembers present.

City Attorney, Michael Ryan, provided information from bond attorneys, Gilmore & Bell. The city will be considering a bond issue to finance roads near the proposed housing development north of the middle school.

Mr. Ryan stated he is not familiar with bond regulations and would recommend Joe Norton of Gilmore & Bell to be hired as bond attorney. Council will consider retaining Gilmore & Bell at a later meeting.

Dana Rickley, representing Clay County Health Department, appeared before the council to request usage of a sidewalk for a Health Fair. Clay County Health Department would like to use the sidewalk on the west side of Fifth Street between Lincoln Avenue and Court Street on October 21, 2006. The Health Fair begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends around 11:00 a.m. Moved by Councilmember Button, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, to allow the Clay County Health Department to set up displays, etc. on the west side of Fifth Street between Lincoln Avenue and Court Street for a Health Fair event on October 21, 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike Spicer, Clay County Commissioner, appeared before the council and introduced county commissioners Jerry Mayo and David Thurlow. Mr. Spicer acting as a spokesman for the county commissioners, then introduced Don Cooper and Dave Sandir to the council. Mr. Cooper and Mr. Sandir represent an investment/development group called Commercial Group, Inc. Mr. Cooper appeared before the council to inform them his company purchased the 49 acres of land north and east of the middle school in the northeast part of the city. Mr. Cooper stated that the development of the property would begin as soon as all plats, financing, and infrastructure can be approved. Mr. Cooper had met earlier in the day with the city Planning Commission to begin getting a plat approved. The next Planning Commission meeting, October 3, 2006 will review a proposed plat. Mr. Spicer also informed the council that the county is willing to pave 19th Road along the north side of the property and on west until it joins the current paved road. Mr. Cooper thanked the council for their cooperation in this development process.

Committee reports were as follows:

**Streets and Alleys-Committee** received bids for demolition of houses at 529 Maple and 1003 2nd Street.

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Bids

Steve Blackwood d/b/a 5-Creek Construction to demolish and haul to land fill but have the City pay gate fees - \$7,810.00.

Tannehill Excavating LLC to demolish and haul to landfill but have City pay gate fees

- \$9,800.00.

Larry Lund to demolish and haul to landfill and paying gate fees

- \$13,000.00.

Moved by Councilmember Crawford, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to accept the bid of 5-Creek Construction for \$7,810.00. The motion carried 6-2. Councilmembers Button and Wallace voted "nay".

**City Parks and Pool-** Council received a quote from Mel's Plumbing to replace some valves and doing repairs at the Pool at a cost of \$3,628.98. This work is to be done in the

basement area of the pool house. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Backstrom, to accept Mel's bid for the pool repairs. The motion carried unanimously.

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Bids for spraying weeds in the ballfields and park grounds will be reviewed for next meeting. Bids for some new bleachers for ball diamonds will also be reviewed for next meeting.

**Buildina Permits-** Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Council member Smith, to approve a permit for Madeline Fyfe for a 12' x 16' shed at 222 5th Street. The motion carried unanimously.

**AirDort-** There will be a pre-construction meeting with the contractor doing repairs to runway at 3:00 p.m. on September 25, 2006. The Airport will be closed to traffic for approximately 30 days while repairs are being made.

**Police DeDartment-Police** Chief, Bill Robinson, has placed ads in several newspapers to hire a police officer.

**Old Business-City** Clerk, Calvin Wohler informed the council that a new computer hardware and software will be purchased soon from encumbered funds. The Police Judge also needs a new computer and software so information can be submitted to the State.

**New Business-Mayor** Reed presented a letter to each councilmember from Friends of the Rex Theatre. The letter encourages Councilmembers and Mayor to write a letter of support for a grant application for repairs to the stage of the theatre.

Mayor Reed announced that Kansas State University is sponsoring training for Arborists on October 2nd thru the 6th,

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Brown to adjourn the meeting. carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

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