

Council Chambers
City Hall
November 18, 2008
7:30 P.M.

Council met for a Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. The Public Hearing was to hear comments from the public in regard to closing the CDBG for sewer line installation and rehabilitation of houses in the southeast portion of the City. Thirteen homes were remodeled and four demolished during the project. All the homes in that area are now hooked up to the City sewer line. Connie Cyr, representative from NCRPC, who managed the finances of the project, appeared before the Council to give some of the details. Connie informed the Council that \$768,626.00 had been spent for the entire project. No one from the public appeared before the Council to make comments. The Council will need to approve an expense and revenue report for the project during the regular meeting. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:38 p.m.

The Council met in regular session at 7:39 p.m. with Mayor Sharon Brown presiding and roll call showing Councilmembers: Daton Hess, Rhys Baker, Charles Smith, Butch Hess, Connie Jordan, Jack Wallace, Steve Fox and Justin Begnoche present.

Mayor Brown presented Police Chief, Bill Robinson, with a letter to commend him for the way he handled a recent suicide threat from a citizen of the City. Mr. Robinson's actions resulted in a good outcome of the situation and nobody was hurt.

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 October were \$4,070.00.

Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 3252 and 3253, allowing claims which had been checked by the Council, were presented. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Smith, that these Ordinances be approved for payment. Upon being put to a vote by roll call the motion carried by a unanimous vote of all Councilmembers present.

City Clerk, Calvin Wohler, read a "Thank You" from Mia Lawson, a middle school student, thanking the City for a great day. Ms. Lawson was an attendee of the Youth Academy and said she learned a lot.

Helen Kosman, a resident of the City, appeared before the Council to talk about two crosswalks on Highway #24. She stated that the Fourth and Crawford intersection and Ninth and Crawford crosswalks are very dangerous for school children to cross. She believes the traffic does not slow down to the 20 mph speed limit when yellow lights are flashing. Ms. Kosman feels there should be red flashing lights at these two intersections during the times of day when foot traffic is heavy with school children. There are volunteer crossing guards at Fourth and Crawford intersection to help children cross the highway. The City Police Department will be offering a four hour training class for crossing guards who want to volunteer as crossing guards. Chief Robinson stated his department will be willing to supply vests and hand held stop signs for the volunteers. Ms. Kosman will try and get information from KDOT to see if anything else can be done.

Steve McMahan and John Kaul, representing the Housing Authority appeared before the Council to inform them about major improvements to be done at Tolin Terrace. A total of \$655,621.00 will be spent to update Tolin Terrace. USDA Rural Development has committed a loan of \$627,902.00 toward the project. There needs to be some local money, preferably City, to also put some money into the project. The Housing Authority board of directors would like the City to help by giving \$20,000.00 to the project. No action is needed now but they would like to have a commitment at a later date.

During the work session and again during the regular meeting, EDG Director, Jami Williams, talked about work needed at the Airport Industrial Park. Ms. Williams has not heard from U.A.P. since they were present at the last Council meeting.

Committee reports were as follows:

Ways and Means-Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve the financial

transactions of the CDBG sewer and housing rehabilitation project presented during the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee met with auditors, Woods and Durham, last week to get information about auditing procedures. The City must have a single audit made for 2008 because of funds of over \$300,000.00 received from federal grants. Due to the single audit required and accounting standards changing, it will cost the City approximately another \$8,000.00 for 2008's audit.

Mr. Wohler presented a proposed amendment change for the 2008 budget. The funds to be amended are Employee Benefit and General. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to approve an amendment budget hearing on December 16, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

City Parks & Pool-Committee received a bid for some new playground equipment to be installed in City parks. The requested equipment would cost \$2,875.45. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess, to purchase the proposed playground equipment and to take the funds out of the Special Park and Recreation Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

Lights, Water and Sewer-Committee held several meetings to review applications for the WasteWater Superintendent position. They also had interviews with several applicants. The committee recommends that Mayor Brown appoint WasteWater employee Kent Hessling be hired as the Superintendent. The Council voted unanimously to hire Mr. Hessling as WasteWater Superintendent.

Building Permits-Moved by Councilmember Baker, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve the following permits:

Mark Savener for a fourplex at Blunt Street and Goodin Drive.

Ron Smith for a 10' x 17' canopy at 1621 5th Street.

The motion carried unanimously.

Police Advisory-Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess, to purchase a new Police car to replace the wrecked one for \$19,114.25 and a light bar for \$1,545.98. Insurance has paid the City \$16,617.14 for the wrecked vehicle and light bar. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wohler informed everyone that 2009 Business renewal applications are due in City Clerk's Office by December 12, 2008.

Mayor Brown announced that the open house for James Marksman on November 14, 2008 had to be canceled. A rescheduled date will be announced later.

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