

Council Chambers
City Hall
February 5, 2008
7:30 P.M.

Council met in regular session with Mayor Brown presiding and roll call showing Councilmembers: Steve Fox, Justin Begnoche, Daton Hess, Rhys Baker, Butch Hess, Charles Smith, Connie Jordan and Jack Wallace 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. Cash balances for the month of December 2007 were presented. Expenditures and Revenues with balance of the budget for the month of December 2007 were presented.

Municipal Judge's receipts for the month of January were \$4,421.00.

Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 3212, 3213 and 3214, allowing claims, which had been checked by the Council, were presented. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Smith, 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.

Benny Wallace, representing the After Prom Committee of 2008, appeared before the Council. This year the Committee expects up to 183 Juniors and Seniors to attend the After Prom event. Mr. Wallace stated the City has donated \$1,500.00 in years past and would welcome that amount again. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Jordan, to donate \$1,500.00 out of the Special Park and Recreation Fund to the 2008 After Prom committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee reports were as follows:

Ways and Means-Committee met with Hutchinson/Mayrath officials to discuss the continuance of a tax abatement of machinery they purchased in 2004. The tax abatement is for ten years on \$685,000.00 worth of equipment. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, to continue the tax abatement for another year. The motion carried unanimously.

A janitorial contract at City Hall was reviewed. Pro Floor has been cleaning City Hall since 2004 for \$900.00 per month. They are asking to increase fees to \$990.00 per month and \$45.00 for call backs. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Wallace to approve the new fees. Motion carried 7-1. Councilmember B. Hess voted "nay".

Committee met with Municipal Judge, Susan Carlson, to consider her request for more hours. Committee will allow up to 30 hours per week from the current 20 hours per week. The issue may be evaluated at a later date.

Clay County Commissioners are considering eliminating the NRP altogether in Clay County. Councilmember Begnoche does not believe this is a good idea. NRP was begun to encourage new buildings (etc. houses) and have the property taxes reduced and increase to full amount in a ten year period. County Commissioners would like an opinion from City Council concerning the support. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess, to encourage the County Commissioners to continue with the NRP program. The motion carried unanimously.

Don Cooper, representing Commercial Group, could not be here tonight to discuss the Center Heights development agreement.

Fire Department-Department received a bid from Hanson Ford-Mercury for a pick-up that meets the specs that was issued. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess, to purchase a Ford pick-up from Hanson's at a cost of \$19,995.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Streets and Alleys-Committee received a bid to purchase two brine spreaders for dump trucks. The cost is \$2,445.00 each. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to purchase the two brine spreaders for \$4,890.00. The motion carried unanimously.

There has been concerns about the parking stall angles in the 300 block of Court Street. The last time they were painted the angle was made steeper to allow a few more parking stalls. The steeper parking has made the driving lanes much narrower. It is believed if the parking stalls were changed back to the way they were before it would allow more room for traffic in the street. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to change the parking angle back to the way they used to be. The motion carried unanimously.

An Agreement with Campbell and Johnson, Engineers P.A. was reviewed. The agreement is for engineering on a street project in the Health Department subdivision on Ninth Street. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, to approve the Agreement for Profession Services with Campbell and Johnson, Engineers P.A. for the Health Department Subdivision street improvements. The motion carried unanimously.

City Parks and Pool-Committee had received bids from Mel's Pump and Plumbing to remodel the bathhouses at the Pool. The bids received had a product no longer being furnished by a Supplier. New bids had to be taken for the remodel project. Moved by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Begnoche, to approve a bid from Mel's Pump and Plumbing for \$20,986.88 to remodel the bathhouses at the Pool. The motion carried unanimously.

Cemetery-Department received a bid from Central Office Supply for a new computer. Moved by Councilmember B. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Smith to purchase a new computer from Central Office for \$1,973.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Lights, Water and Sewer-The Committee announced at the last meeting that the WaseWater Department needed to replace their van with a newer one. A bid was opened from Hanson Ford-Mercury for a 2005 Ford van with 58,000 miles for \$13,499.00. Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Jordan, to purchase a cargo van as mentioned above. The motion carried unanimously.

New generators are being installed at two lift stations.

Airport-Committee met with two engineers from BWR to review plans and procedures for the overlay project scheduled to be done this year. The engineers may ask for the Council to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Brown to sign FAA documents when needed instead of waiting for a regular scheduled meeting. FAA funding may come up short for this year's project but funds may come from other airports.

Emergency Preparedness-Some City personnel attended a meeting to learn more about NIMS. All city employees should eventually take some NIMS training.

City working on getting name badges for all employees to carry.

Public Recreation-Sign up forms for summer ball programs will be available in City Hall this year.

Police Advisory-Department must replace a video camera in one of the police cars. The video system that has been used in the past is VHS but is now becoming obsolete. Police Chief, Bill Robinson, appeared before the Council to explain why the City should get a digital video camera. Digital cameras are the latest in technology. Bids were received from two different suppliers. Moved by Councilmember B. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to purchase a digital video camera from Kustom Signals, Inc., Lenexa, Kansas for \$4,351.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Brown gave the following names to serve on an Ad Hoc Committee: Randy Carlson, Don Button, McKenna Porter, Steve Birkbeck and Jeanne Stitt.

A brief report was given by the Recycling Ad Hoc Committee. They are considering sending a questionnaire to all citizens to see what the interest is to recycle.

Building Permits-Moved by Councilmember Jordan, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve a permit for Ruth Mayo at 1424 Grant Avenue. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business-The house that is proposed for condemnation at 1003 2nd Street was discussed. The last 90 day extension for repairs has expired and not much progress has been made. City Attorney, Michael Ryan, will be sending

notices to the property owner to proceed with demolition.

Councilmembers agreed that sealed bids for equipment should be used whenever possible.

An update of the debris removal after the December 10, 2007 ice storm was given by Street Commissioner, Greg Jensen.

Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to go into an Executive Session for twenty minutes to discuss personnel issues. The motion carried unanimously. Those included to be in the Executive Session would be the Mayor and City Attorney. The meeting went into an Executive Session.

The regular meeting reconvened after twenty minutes.

Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess, to go into an Executive Session for ten minutes to discuss personnel issues. The motion carried unanimously. Those included to be in the Executive Session would be the Mayor and City Attorney.

The regular meeting reconvened after ten minutes.

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