

Council Chambers
City Hall
March 4, 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 February were presented. Expenditures with balance of the budget for the month of February were presented.

Municipal Judge's receipts for the month of February 2008 were \$6,303.00.

Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 3217 and 3218, allowing claims, which had been checked by the Council, were presented. Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, 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 Dustin Mullin for a plant the City sent for his step-mother's services. Dustin is the City's Prosecuting Attorney.

City Attorney, Michael Ryan, presented several items for review.

Mr. Ryan gave each councilmember two preliminary draft ordinances for review and future adoption. One ordinance pertains to the construction of communication antennas or towers and the other pertains to construction of wind energy conversion systems.

Mr. Ryan's Office is working on writing a franchise agreement with Twin Valley Telephone to match existing agreements already in place.

The condemnation of the house at 951 Sherman Street is getting closer to demolition. The City is now holding the deed to the property.

The condemned house at 1003 2nd Street is ready for demolition. A notice to demolish will be sent to all interested parties of the house.

Eric Tabor, representing Twin Valley Telephone, appeared before the Council. Mr. Tabor expressed Twin Valley's request to have a \$1.00 a year franchise agreement with the City. Twin Valley is in the process of burying fiber optic cable in the City using city streets and alleys.

Clarence Binns, representing a local ham radio operator group, appeared before the Council. The group is asking to set up a ham radio event the third week end of June in Dexter Park. Last year they used the Clay County Museum grounds for their event but would like to use Dexter Park this year. They do put up a 30' temporary tower. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess, to allow the ham radio event the third weekend of June in Dexter Park. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee reports were as follows:

Streets and Alleys-Committee received a quote for two used snow plows that fit on the front of dump trucks. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to purchase the two snow plows for \$4,400.00 from Truck Sales, Inc. of Dodge City, Kansas. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee recently had a meeting with representatives from USD#379 to discuss parking problems around Lincoln

School. A site committee of Lincoln School parents has made up a plan to try and fix the parking problems. Clifford Williams III, Assistant Superintendent of USD#379, appeared before the Council to speak for the site council. They are requesting that they be allowed to paint diagonally parking on the west side of 12th Street, south from Grant Avenue to alley. They would also like the east side of 12th Street in the same distance be marked as "no parking". Moved by

Councilmember D. Hess, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to allow USD#379 to paint the parking stalls on the west side of 12th Street and post "no parking" signs on the east side of 12th Street as explained above. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee met with Brown and Brown Construction to investigate using millings to resurface streets with light traffic.

Property Committee-Committee toured the old Swift building on the south side of Dexter Park. The building will most likely become the City's property at the end of a ninety-nine year lease, which is up in 2016. The building is on City owned property. GT Inc. would like the building removed ASAP so they could make better use of the building attached to the old building.

Building Permits-Moved by Councilmember Jordan, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve the following permits: James Coupal for a 13' x 21' shed at 1019 Grant Avenue and Evan and Mary Kolsky for a new home at 1207 13th Street. The motion carried unanimously.

Airport-The plans and bid documents for the overlay project this summer will be sent out on March 17, 2008. The bid opening is set for April 17, 2008.

Emergency Preparedness-The four new tornado sirens have been installed.

Recycling Committee-The Committee has prepared a questionnaire to be sent to City residents. Total cost of printing and postage will be \$1,700.00. Moved by Councilmember D. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Begnoche, to approve the \$1,700.00 expenditure to do the questionnaire. The motion carried unanimously.

The Development Agreement approved at the last meeting needed to have some clarifications made before the Public Utilities Commission would sign it. The corrections were made to the agreement.

Mayor Brown presented councilmembers with a letter of resignation from Randy Carlson who she had appointed to an Ad Hoc Committee to study the need for a City Manager. Mayor Brown then announced she had named Gini Harold to the Ad Hoc Committee to replace Mr. Carlson.

A progress report was given by Mayor Brown in regard to FEMA reporting for ice storm damages. The City will be reimbursed for a sizeable amount of cost related to the storm loss.

Mayor Brown read a prepared statement to the Council outlining her duties as Mayor. In the statement she stated she is not accomplishing everything she would like to do because of being a part-time Mayor. Mayor Brown asked the Council for a motion to raise her pay \$500.00 per month. Councilmember D. Hess made the motion. The motion died because there was not a second to the motion.

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