

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
511 N. COMMERCIAL**

**July 16, 2012
7:30 P.M.**

PRESIDING: Mayor Keith DeHaven

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Emmel, Rick Jacob, Thom Noone, Jon Jenson, Lynne Vigil

ALSO ATTENDING: Jaci Reimer, City Administrator; Janise Enterkin, City Clerk; Brad Jantz, City Attorney; Kelley DeGraffenreid, Harvey County Independent; Gaylon Hemphill; Tony Somers, City Superintendent; Ray Huff, Police Chief; Joe Uhlman, Director of Emergency Services

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

**MOVED BY NOONE AND SECONDED BY JACOB TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: STATE STATUTE ON SCOOTERS.
MOTION CARRIED.**

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED BY NOONE AND SECONDED BY VIGIL TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA INCLUDING:

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 2, 2012 AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 12, 2012.

PAYROLL CHECKS 26191-26224

GENERAL DISBURSEMENT CHECKS 58083-58129

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gaylon Hemphill – 1220 Teri Lane, came to address the Council regarding a water leak that occurred at his house during the winter months when the water meters are estimated. He presented a letter to Council that was included in their Council packets. His complaint was that he felt the water meters should be read every month. He also suggested the city should set aside a fund to cover possible leaks. Mayor DeHaven explained that the policy of the city not to read in the winter. People are notified as soon as a high usage is detected. The Mayor said Council will take his comments under consideration. Council member Noone explained the reason for not reading in the winter is every time the lid is open you risk the meter freezing. Electronic meters have been discussed. Council member Jenson said there needs to be further discussion on the policy. Mayor DeHaven said the policy will be on the next agenda.

STAFF REPORTS

2nd Quarter Reports were given by:

Joe Uhlman, Director of Emergency Services Joe reported that the departments are continuing training and he informed Council that he has given his resignation that will take effect on July 20, 2012. Council thanked him for his service.

Tony Somers, City Superintendent told Council that if they were considering electronic meter readers that the devices have pros and cons. Tony said that there have been water repairs but nothing excessive and continue mowing. The generator at sewer plant needs a transfer switch replaced.

Ray Huff, Police Chief reported that there have been animal control issues. Council member Thom Noone asked about the operation of scooters that are less than 50 cc and if they can be operated without a license. Huff explained that according to the city ordinance they are not allowed within the city limits. Council member Noone said the state has changed their statute and a citizen had asked him if the city would change their ordinance to mirror the state statute. Council member Jenson said that the city ordinance is there for a reason. Council member Vigil asked about the kennel on 4th Street. Huff said they are making an honest effort to resolve the situation by purchasing bark collars. They leave them off during the day and put them on at night. There are several dogs in the neighborhood that are barking.

Jaci Reimer, City Administrator reported on:

- a) Swimming pool lights have been re-wired so they can be switched on and off in different areas.
- b) Applications on Director of Emergency Services position. Volunteers from Fire and EMS have agreed to take the position as Interim directors until the position has been filled. Halstead/Newton will do backup for us if needed.
- c) Ordinance 805 is to enable the city to issue a temporary bond if needed for the purchase of 520 N. Commercial.
- d) Demolition bids on 520 N. Commercial.
- e) Harvey Co domestic violence task force is asking for a donation.
- f) Waste Water Treatment Plant on notice with KDHE. There has been sludge hauling issues with the contract hauler. Every city that this hauler is working for has had the same problem. Jaci has contacted Wichita for a quote on sludge hauling, but has not gotten a quote from them yet.
- g) Received a fence removal bid at \$9,500, which is more expensive than when it was put up. Jaci would like to wait a couple more weeks to get more bids.
- h) Issue with Animal control services, will give it 60 days to see what happens.

Council member Noone suggested putting out advertisements to neighboring cities that don't have a swimming pool to bring in more attendance to our pool.

Council member Jacob asked that a breakdown of expenses and revenue of the swimming pool be shown to compare numbers last year at this time with numbers this year.

City Administrator Reimer reviewed the 2013 budget proposal. This budget is a start to putting money into the capital funds. Revenue and mill levies are solid.

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY JACOB AND SECONDED BY JENSON TO SET THE BUDGET HEARING DATE FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2012 AT 7:30 PM AND AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION NOTICE FOR PROPOSED 2013 BUDGET OF 66.511 MILLS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY NOONE AND SECONDED BY VIGIL TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 805 TO AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY NOTES IF NEEDED NOT TO EXCEED \$55,000. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY VIGIL AND SECONDED BY JENSON TO DONATE \$750 TO HARVEY COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/SEXUAL ASSAULT TASK FORCE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY JACOB AND SECONDED BY NOONE TO APPROVE THE BID FOR DEMOLITION OF 520 N. COMMERCIAL FROM GOERING ENTERPRISES, INC. AT THE COST OF \$14,052.00. MOTION CARRIED.

Council member Emmel asked that staff do a study on how many situations have occurred with the water and the cost associated with each.

OLD BUSINESS

Council member Jenson said there is no information on the flower beds at 5th and Commercial, will wait for 30 days to address the flower beds.

City Administrator Reimer gave an update on the cleanup at 125th and Madison.

MEETING/DATE REMINDERS

Special Council meeting – tour WB Services, July 30, 6PM

Budget Hearing, August 6, 2012

MOVED BY JACOB AND SECONDED BY NOONE TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM



Janise P. Enterkin, CMC
City Clerk