

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

**October 1, 2012
7:30 P.M.**

PRESIDING: Mayor Keith DeHaven

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

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS ABSENT: Jon Jenson

ALSO ATTENDING: Jaci Reimer, City Administrator; Janise Enterkin, City Clerk; Brad Jantz, City Attorney; Kelley DeGraffenreid, Harvey County Independent; Loyal Edmonston; Nicole Crotts; Andrew Kovar, Atty, Triplett, Woolf & Garretson, LLC; Bernie Hoffman, WB Services

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

MOVED BY JACOB AND SECONDED BY NOONE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2012.

PAYROLL CHECKS 26402-26446

GENERAL DISBURSEMENT CHECKS 58338-58382

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bernie Hoffman, WB Services came before Council to give updates and report that they are waiting on a certificate from the Environmental Protection Agency before starting the plant in production. They anticipate starting production December 1st. Future plans are to build a demonstration plant for renewable diesel beside the bio-diesel Plant. Construction will begin around January 1, 2013. When complete this will create 11 new jobs.

City Administrator Jaci Reimer reminded Mr. Hoffman that all fuel related activities must be approved by Council for a special use permit and extend existing permit for change of location and increase in gallons. They may be presented as 2 separate permits or as one determined by Council. The permits will go before Planning Commission, then onto Council for approval. It will take approximately 90 days.

RECESSED TO PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION AT 7:44 PM.

*see minutes of the Public Building Commission for details.

COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED AT 7:49 PM.

Mayor DeHaven opened the continuation of the Public Hearing for 202 W. 8th at 7:49 PM.

Bryan Chapman, Building Inspector, sent a report on the visual inspection that was conducted on September 27, 2012.

Nicole Crotts, owner of 202 W. 8th, reported to Council that the east side of the house needs a trench that will drain toward the creek. The electrical work is being re-wired and breaker box will be replaced in 6 weeks. New windows have been replaced and siding will be done next spring. She was asking for an extension to November 19, 2012.

Public Comment

Loyal Edmonston, 108 W. 8th, said that the house was a hazard and an eyesore, and thinks it should have been demolished a long time ago. He presented pictures to Council. He had documented time spent working on the house. He stated that he doesn't see why there should be another extension given at this time.

MOVED BY EMMEL AND SECONDED BY JACOB TO APPROVE EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING TO NOVEMBER 19, 2012. MOTION CARRIED.

Council told Nicole this would be the final extension. Council also discussed the tar paper covering places where windows used to exist. This will be watched closely for any deterioration.

The Public Hearing for 202 W. 8th was closed at 8:18 PM.

STAFF REPORTS

Jaci Reimer, City Administrator reported on:

- a) Energy grant wrap up. The thermostat in the Police Department and will be repairing the damper system in City Hall. The heaters at Fire/EMS building are too close to top of ambulance.
- b) Bond issue has been put into account. This money will pay off bonds at First Bank of Newton on Thursday.
- c) Youth Council will meet in next 2 weeks. Mayor DeHaven will be involved in the beginning process.
- d) Jaci attended a 4 day conference with FEMA. She explained an extensive program, that for every 500 points earned, you get a discount on flood insurance. This program will take a lot of staff time to get it going. Points will be earned for the High Hazard Dam, inspection report, CodeRed, information to citizens re: floods, website attached to our website with FEMA links, flood awareness, order FEMA books for library, disaster relief kits. This program will take 12-18 months to get it done.
- e) Contract for sludge hauling with Wichita will be going to their Council and should have by October 15th.
- f) Jaci has contacted brokering firms and will be visiting with them.
- g) Zoning Ordinance will be up for adoption at the next meeting.
- h) Getting bids on a new mower, would like to purchase out of this years budget.
- i) Demo permit has been purchased for the mobile home in the mobile home park.
- j) Staff reports next meeting.
- k) Swimming pool report.
- l) Overgrowth along sidewalks in Reserve and Hilands needs to be addressed. Jaci will contact the Reserve Homeowners Association.
- m) Wilson & Co will be here, will talk to them about the pond in the Hilands. Council can do whatever they want with the pond.

Brad Jantz, City Attorney – discussed the property at 1st and Madison regarding building. KDHE has given clearance. A permit must be obtained before demolition. Jantz also reported that he had not heard from LDS on final settlement.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

MOVED BY VIGIL AND SECONDED BY JACOB TO APPOINT BILL CROXTON TO THE LIBRARY BOARD. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Reminder that the Zoning Ordinance & Subdivision Regulations will be brought before Council for adoption on October 15th.

MEETING/DATE REMINDERS

Oct. 6-8, 2012, LKM League Conference, Topeka

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM



Janise P. Enterkin, GMC
City Clerk