

Village Of Onekama Council Meeting March 21, 2012

Meeting called to order by President Blackmore at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Trustees A. Hendricks, R. Drumm, K. Lagerquist R. Gulch and E. McNeil /**present. Trustee K. Bauer/absent**

Also present Clerk, R. Hudson, Treasurer N. Jach & Zoning Administrator D.Schindler.

Public in attendance- M. Reed, R. Berger, H. Hughes, C. Miller, S. Schwing, J. Philips, M. Millard, I. Steffens, R. Hudson and D. Calloway

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Comment: Steffens/asked if the Village could fill in the divot by her mailbox created by the winter plowing. R. Hudson/would like some explanation with regard to the Ordinance to reduce the size of the council.

AMEND AGENDA:

--Treasurers report: add ACH & PNC.

--SEWER report: add 11 mile Rd. property.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Drumm moved, Hendricks supported to accept the Feb. 15, 2012 minutes as presented. M/C.

TREASURERS REPORT—BILLS/TRANSFERS

Drumm moved, Hendricks supported to accept Treasurers report as presented and to pay the bills and make the transfers. M/C.

Treasurers' Request

1/Open a new savings account at West Mich. Bank & Trust for the Village of Onekama General Fund and name it the Village of Onekama Park Improvement. The amount to be deposited is \$40,842.59

Hendricks moved, McNeil supported to open the above mentioned account.

M/C.

2/Open a checking account at Bear Lake Honor Bank for \$50.00 with no additional charges to ever be incurred. This will enable them to

generate monthly statements for our accounts. Ralph moved, Hendricks supported to open said checking account. M/C.

3/Cash in the 3 equipment Fund CD's coming due on 3/22/2012.

Numbers:1720003994@\$20,000.00+interest

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Plus \$40,000.00 cash located at the State Savings Bank of Frankfort and then transfer those monies to the Village of Onekama's General Fund Savings account #41013972 located at the West Michigan Bank&Trust, 120 Cypress St. Manistee, Mi.

Hendricks moved, Drumm supported to cash in the above mentioned CDs and transfer all the above mentioned monies to the West Mi. Bank & Trust in Manistee. M/C.

TREASURER'S REQUEST #2

Asked for board approval to send a letter to the Attorney General's office on behalf of the Village of Onekama Council asking them to investigate the Township of Onekama for allowing their Supervisor, David Meister and his partner Ginny Marz to run their for profit business of assessing and appraisal out of the Township of Onekama office. Drumm moved, Hendricks supported to allow this action. Roll Call- Drumm-yes, Gulch-yes, Lagerquist-yes, Hendricks-yes, **McNeil-no**. M/C.

President Blackmore asked the board to consider having the Treasurer set up ACH service for the village residents to pay their sewer bills and taxes on line (direct withdrawal) and depositing some village funds in the Village PNC bank. No interest from the Board at this time in opening an account at the PNC Bank. The Treasurer had investigated ACH service and found out this would cost the Village \$300.00 yearly + \$.35 per transaction. She will enclose a questioner with the summer taxes regarding interest in this service. The board will wait till the questioners are returned to take any action.

EXPLORE THE SHORES

Information was presented to the board on Phase#1 of the Village of Onekama Park restoration project. A public hearing will be held Tuesday, March 27-7p.m. to discuss the support by resolution for the proposed MDNR Trust Fund Grant being submitted by the Onekama Community Park and Rec. Committee. On Wednesday March 28-8a.m there will be a special council meeting to vote on this resolution of support.

ORDINANCE TO REDUCE SIZE OF BOARD

President Blackmore presented paper work to the board with regard to passing an ordinance which reduces the number of Village Trustees on the Village Council from six to four. After some discussion which included reduction in expense, increase in work load on remaining trustees it was the consensus of the board to leave the size of the council at six.

ORDINANCE #44, Ordinance repealing or confirming repeal of outdated or obsolete Village Ordinances

Hendricks moved, Drumm supported to adopt Ordinance #44 which repeals the ordinances that are obsolete, unused, or superseded by state law or other ordinances. M/C. The complete list is attached.

Financial Audit-Fiscal year 2011-2012

Drumm moved, Hendricks supported to accept the proposal from Baird, Cotter and Bishop for a complete financial audit of the Village of Onekama as of and for the year ended February 28, 2012 for a price not to exceed \$4,950.00. M/C.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING:

--a copy of Feb.-March 2012 Zoning Report was given to all council members and is on file.

Zoning Administrator Schindler reported she is currently working on the **MEDICAL MARIJUANA ORDINANCE and a Licensing Ordinance** which will go hand in hand.

--Fifteen(15) property owners will be receiving letters with regard to bringing their properties up to code(being in compliance) so they are not in violation of the recently adopted Property Maintenance Ordinance.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Hearing

April 12, 2012-3p.m. at Farr Center. Case # 2012-01-Parcel #51-41-250-013-00 at 5238 Fourth Ave.,Glen Park Subdivision.

SEWER

Blackmore reported that the few glitches that were found during the final walk through with regard to the completion of the sewer up grade project are

being corrected.

Blackmore also reported that some interest has been shown in the selling of the block house the Village owns on 11 mile rd . Consensus of the board to have the President explore this issue further. Hendricks against.

STREETS

--Larry Weed, part time maintenance person that worked for the Village last year, will be asked to work again this year at the rate of \$10.00 per hour.

--Drumm will be asking Rusty Van Brocklin to pick up and chip the tree limbs and brush in the Village generated by the recent storm.

--President Blackmore sold to the Village a badly needed chain saw for \$350.00.

PARKS-FARR CENTER

Drumm reported that he cut down 4 trees in the Village Park and they will be replaced.

--the digging of the new well at Farr Center is complete with a flow of 25-30 gals.

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--see report on page one of these minutes.

COMMUNITY PARKS & REC.

No report.

CEMETERY REPORT:

--some tree damage reported after the last storm but now is quiet.

TOWNSHIP REPORT

It was reported that the Township pledged \$42,000.00 for the next two years toward MDNR Trust Fund Grant.

NEW BUSINESS

Hazardous Waste Program

Drumm moved, Hendricks supported that the Village be included in the 6th annual Household Waste collection day Saturday-August 18, 2012. M/C.

The cost for this service (\$140.00) is based on the 2010 Census population figures of 441 x .32.

CORRESPONDENCE

--Sondee, Racine & Doren-Attorneys at Law

--Baird, Cotter and Bishop, P.C.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

President Blackmore presented the Board, for their approval to pay, a bill (from the Attorney) totaling \$30,821.46 in conjunction with the disincorporation process. This money will be returned to the Village when the grant money comes in. Hendricks moved, Lagerquist supported to pay this bill. M/C.

A note from the Clerk:

The 2012-2013 Budget that was adopted at the February meeting reflects a \$2.52 per hour (15%) increase in the Zoning Administrator's wage. This is a 3% per year raise for the past five years.

PUBLIC COMMENT

I. Steffens, S. Schwing, R. Hudson, R. Milasch, C. Miller, and D. Calaway

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Ruth M. Hudson
Village clerk

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