

Village Of Onekama Council Meeting November 16, 2011

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

ROLL CALL: Hendricks, Drumm, Bauer & Lagerquist. present.

Also present Clerk, R. Hudson, Treasurer N. Jach & Zoning Administrator D. Schindler. Council persons Gulch and McNeil/absent.

Public in attendance- M. Reed, Rep. Ray Franz, Roger Berger, Margaret Panches and Adam Gandolfi (Municipal Underwriters).

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Comment: None

DRAW #8

Hendricks moved, Drumm supported to have the Treasurer file the paperwork for this draw of \$82,254.21 for payment #6 to Elmer's Crane & Dozer for \$65,126.37 Fleis & Vandenbrink (engineering fees) \$16,302.39 equipment for \$795.45 and administrative fees \$30.00. M/C.

MINUTES:

Hendricks moved, Drumm supported to accept the Oct.19, 2011 regular council meeting minutes with the addition of "President Blackmore wrote letter of support for the Onekama Health Care Center not council person Hendricks". M/C.

TREASURERS REPORT

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

Treasurer's Request

Drumm moved, Lagerquist supported to amend budget line item 999-000 in General Fund for the paving of Lee Crest in the amount of \$25,257.00. M/C. Hendricks opposed.

INSURANCE RENEWAL/MUNICIPAL UNDERWRITERS

Adam Gandolfi/insurance rep. gave a policy report update, Enhanced coverage's include: Crime-\$100,000 year round limit (employee dishonesty)

EDP-\$100,000 limit (includes computers & related equipment) earthquake and flood coverage and equipment and mechanical breakdown. Renewal price: \$8379.00 which is \$500.00 less than last year. Drumm moved, Bauer supported to renew insurance as presented minus the purchase of Terrorism Insurance Coverage. M/C.

Invasive Species/update

Mary Reed (chair person-Invasive Species Committee) reported that around 6.4 acres were treated around Portage Lake. The shoreline at Pierport was treated also. All the phragmites that were identified were treated. In closing she reported that it was expected that after three years of treatment we will have very few stands of phragmites to treat next year. Her complete report is on file with the clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING:

--Written report was given to all council members and is on file.

--Pending Council Action:

Alley Parking Ordinance and Community Garden Ordinance.

--One land use permit issued to Patrick Skimin (8395 Third St.) for an attached deck.

--ZA Schindler was given permission to attend the Medical Marijuana Seminar in Traverse City on December 7th.

Zoning Administrator Schindler was directed by the council to write letters to all owners of blighted structures in the Village with regard to the recently passed Blight ordinance and what steps must be taken to comply.

SEWER

--written report of daily maintenance activities on file with clerk.

--pump was replaced in wet well in #3 lift station.

Sewer Upgrade/report

Some minor computer communication problems between lift stations being worked out. Final walk through should be Nov. 21.

STREETS

--Trimming of the Village street trees has been completed.

--Tree that was in the road right of way at 8273 Zosel St came down and the home owner paid (\$300.00) to have it removed. Hendricks moved, Lagerquist supported to reimburse home owner, Hope Sonnenberg the cost of the removal. M/C.

PARKS-FARR CENTER

--3 trees marked for removal in the park will be taken down by the Village. Drumm moved, Bauer supported not to accept bid from Canfield Clippers to remove the marked trees in the Village Park. M/C.

EXPLORE THE SHORES

Hendricks moved, Lagerquist supported to have President Blackmore sign resolution to approve the conceptual drawings of the improvements to the parks. M/C. Drumm opposed.

COMMUNITY PARKS & REC.

Items discussed included purchase of bike racks, disc golf at Northpoint Park, wetlands park renamed-Portage Wetlands Park and the resignation of the chairmen.

CEMETERY REPORT:

--Flags have been removed.

TOWNSHIP REPORT

Minutes on file

OLD BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

--Fleis & VanDenbrink/ draw #8

--Burton Parks/President West Shore Medical Center Board

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

101ST. State Rep. Ray Franz reported to the council some of the items being discussed in Lansing. These included “no fault insurance”, “Medical Marijuana laws”, “Act 51 money” and creative authority between governments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Ruth M. Hudson
Village clerk

