

Osawatomie, Kansas. **February 14, 2013.** The Council meeting was held in Memorial Hall. Mayor Dudley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., because of Valentine's Day. Council members present were Dickinson, Farley, Govea, Hampson, Hunter, LaDuex, Maichel, and Moon. Visitors were Clay Conner, Lynette Burkhart, Will Cutburth, Jeff Walmann, Webster Hawkins, and Coleen Truelson.

CONSENT AGENDA. Approval of the minutes of January 10 and January 24 Council Meetings, approval of February 14 Agenda, and approval of Appropriation Ordinances 12-25 & 2013-01.1.. Motion made by LaDuex, seconded by Hunter to approve the minutes of January 10 and January 24 Council Meetings as amended, approval of February 14 Agenda as amended, and approval of Appropriation Ordinances 12-25 & 2013-01.1. Yeas: All.

Public Participation; Presentations:

Public Hearings: none

Unfinished Business:

CONSIDERATION OF CONDEMNATION RESOLUTIONS.

301 Reed. Abandoned Property. The owner has 30 days to commence repair or transition to another owner, 60 days from commencement to complete rehabilitation. Working with the owner to clear up the property and would reasonably expect this to be sold to a new owner. At that time additional time would be granted. Motion made by Hunter, seconded by LaDuex to approve the resolution. Yeas: All. The Resolution was assigned No. 663.

New Business:

APPOINTMENTS. None

REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY 2012 FINANCIALS. Generally, \$1.3 million was deposited in the bank. However, after adjusting for repaying the street loan and the \$260,000 for the RICE conversion that has still not been spent, the balance increase was around \$500,000.

DISCUSSION OF UTILITY BILL CHANGES AND ENERGY COST ADJUSTMENT.

Customers have had questions regarding the increase in utility bills, especially where electric bills are concerned. While some of the increase appears to be a result of a higher than average fuel adjustment, changes in the billing statement may be adding to the confusion. City Manager Cawby believes the higher than normal Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA) is the major factor in the higher than normal bills for this month's bills. Energy consultant Scott Shreve has proposed changing the ECA calculation that applies more directly to the usage that created it.

MEETING TIME START. There was discussion about changing the starting time to 6:30 p.m. for both the regular meeting and the work session/meeting.

Council Reports:

Govea: Work continues on the community garden. The new Ping-Pong program has 22 participants. Basketball is over. There has been talk about having competitive teams. Indoor soccer registration just ended. Received a Batters Up USA Equipment Grant.

Hunter: The Annual Old Stone Church Gospel Concert will be held March 9. The Church is now on the national list of historic places.

Mayor's Report:

Legislative Breakfast will be held this Saturday at the high school.

City Manager's Report:

Projects:

Website. The City's new website will be turned back to the City within the next two days. Then there will be a week to get any tweaks or updates done.

Brown's Hardware Demolition. The demolition went well, except for an incident with a dump truck hitting a City power pole. A power surge affected most of the businesses on that side of the block. City crews restored the power and firefighters were sent into buildings. The owner of Brown's Hardware is Mike Page. His construction company, Diversified Contractors, tried to mitigate any immediate concerns with electricity at the buildings. Page and the City have been helping businesses with the assessment and getting any damages taken care of. The trucking contractor's insurance will cover the incident.

Playground Equipment & Mulch. RFPs have been received for the new playground equipment at the Sports Complex. Since loose rubber mulch will be shipped for the new equipment, an additional amount will be ordered to replace the mulch at John Brown Park.

Issues:

Mold. Last week many of the City's employees were involved in cleaning out the basement in preparation for mold treatment. There needs to be consideration of purchasing dehumidifiers and some air handling equipment to keep the mold from coming right back.

Resolution on Tax Exempt Bonds. Previously Kansas Municipal Utilities requested cities send a letter to Senator Roberts requesting that Congress not change the status of municipal tax exempt bonds. KMU is now requesting that each member City consider passing a resolution to send to the entire congressional delegation and other Congressional leadership stating the City's opposition to any changes.

Motion made at 7:17 p.m. by Hunter, seconded by LaDuex to adjourn. Yeas: All.

Ann Elmquist, City Clerk

Osawatomie, Kansas. **February 28, 2013.** The meeting was not held based on a lack of items for the agenda.

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