

Osawatomie, Kansas. **October 23, 2014.** The Council meeting was held in Memorial Hall. Mayor Govea called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Dickinson, Farley, Hunter, LaDuex, Maichel, Walmann and Wright. Absent was Hampson. Also present were City Manager Cawby, City Attorney Wetzler and City Clerk Elmquist. Visitors were Fr. Regie Saldanha and Cindy Govea.

INVOCATION. Father Regie Saldanha, St. Philip Neri Church delivered the invocation.

CONSENT AGENDA. Approval of the October 23 Agenda. Motion made by LaDuex, seconded by Hunter to approve the Consent Agenda. Yeas: All.

Presentations, Comments from the Public:

Father Regie Saldanha was a missionary priest in New Guinea for six years. After he was installed as a permanent priest, he came to St. Philip Neri Catholic Church for his first assignment where he has pastored for the past six years. St. Philip Neri's first permanent church was established in 1889 and in 1970 a new church was built on the same site. Over the Church's 125 years he is the 18th pastor. The church provides a lot of assistance locally and globally. They work with the Ministerial Alliance to provide food and help at the Food Pantry and also do community outreach to Life Care Center and Osawatomie State Hospital. Immediate assistance is provided when there is a fire or other natural disaster. They have held the basketball free-throw contest for 14 years. Everyone joined in reading St. Francis of Assisi's "Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace."

Public Comment: none

Public Hearings: none

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

APPOINTMENTS: none

2014 STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE. Motion made by Farley, seconded by LaDuex to approve the ordinance. Yeas: All. The Ordinance was assigned No. 3721.

2014 UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE ORDINANCE. Motion made by Hunter, seconded by Dickinson to approve the ordinance. Yeas: All. The Ordinance was assigned No. 3722.

Council Reports:

Walmann: Boy Scout Troop 106 hosted the District's Camporee last weekend in John Brown Park. A flag retirement ceremony was part of the Camporee event.

LaDuex: The 2nd annual Border War BBQ contest is this Friday and Saturday. Forty-one teams have registered.

Maichel: Attended the League of Kansas Municipality's Annual Conference. The information needs to be brought to the Council from those that attended.

Mayor's Report:

At this year's League Conference the Mayor, Newton's animal control officer, and a Humane Society representative led 3 different roundtable discussion groups on "Backyard Chickens & Other Animal Issues." The Mayor gained a lot of information from the discussions and will be forming a chicken committee.

City Manager's Report:

Nuisances. Nuisance Officer Kyle Glaser is working on strategies for dealing with nuisances. The focus will be one issue at a time. Glaser has prepared a press release informing everyone that in November the concentration will be on vehicles and junk vehicles. Some nuisance violation letters have already been sent out. Violators have 10 days to abate the nuisance. An appeal can be made to the Hearing Officer, the Mayor. Very happy that someone has stepped up to the plate.

Workers' Compensation. A gold star rating was received on the City's workers' compensation for 2015. The City had slipped out of the discount and had only previously gotten a 1% discount. With the changes made by the City employees' Safety Committee, the City jumped to the top level and will receive a 5% discount for next year. Most importantly, the Committee's continued work should reduce claims and issues over time, also helping the rates drop.

Police Department and Sports Complex buildings. An RFQ was distributed for construction of the PD's sally port and the Sports Complex concession stand.

Golf Course. An RFP was distributed for management of the Golf Course or working with the City. A hybrid may be created.

Rezoning 400 block of Brown. The Planning Commission will be meeting to further discuss the rezoning since the City Council sent it back to them.

Power Supply. The Power Supply Task Force will be having another meeting.

Park Fountain. The fountain in John Brown Park needs to be brought up to Code. Quotes will be obtained from contractors or the staff may be able to do the work.

Motion made at 8:06 p.m. by Hunter, seconded by Maichel to adjourn. Yeas: All.

/s/ Ann Elmquist

Ann Elmquist, City Clerk