

**11/18/13**

Taken by Paula Tryon \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Meeting: Time: 7:00pm \_\_\_\_ presiding officer \_\_\_\_ Towne \_\_\_\_\_

Council present: ✓ Reed ✓ Ryan ✓ Hudson ✓ Curtis ✓ Lister

Employee: ✓ Richardson Sherwood ✓ Kane Quigley ✓ K. Reynolds ✓ DeVoe-CA

Visitors: Marvin Stevens, Ashton &amp; Talisha Traphagan, Rita Clary, Pat Cox, Randy Piper, Kandy &amp; Larry Hinck, Pat Kuney, Mike Reynolds, Shirley Bornscheuer \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes read: Minutes read for meeting on 11/04/2013 by the city clerk. Motion by Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reed to approve minutes as corrected. Motion carried.Ashton Traphagen requested on Dec 8<sup>th</sup> to close Main Street from 4<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> streets from 4-5:30pm for the Christmas Parade.Motion by Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hudson to close regular meeting and open Public Hearing.**Public Hearing:** 7:08- 7:16 Pat Cox of B&G discussed the financing for the sewer replacement project through KDHE Int rate 2.83 % for 3,681,798 million dollars. Should know if we received the CDBG grant by 1/15/14.

Rita Clary representing USDA &amp; KDHE said that USDA is the primary financier while KDHE is the interim financier for 3.7 million.

Public Hearing closed @ 7:16pm and regular council meeting re-opened @ 7:17 pm.

Discussion on total cost of sidewalk on Main St. Question asked about the installation of the handrail by Fannin Fabrication. Railing to be fabricated on site.

**Police:** Chief Kane gave a report for the past two weeks; reports were given to the council. Chief Kane also gave the council information he collected on the salaries and health insurance premiums paid by local communities. Larry Hinck suggested that the council study this information and discuss at a later date, possibly at the 12/16/13 council meeting since Chief Kane will be out of town for the meeting on 12/2/13.Motion by Lister, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan to table salary information discussion until 12/16/13- motion carried. Chief Kane was asking about getting the drawings done for the intersection @ Main & Old Highway 75 to get the fog lines painted. Discussion on the markings at the intersection and exact placement of the lines. Ryan asked if the drawings were done. Kane said they were done. Atty DeVoe explained that the drawings have to be approved by multiple city and county entities before they can actually be painted. A moratorium for the right turn tickets will be in effect until there is a decision on the marking per Atty Sue DeVoe. Chief Kane said that they will be educating and warning the citizens

The discussion on the Hand Held will be tabled until the next meeting that Chief Kane is able to attend

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**Maintenance:** Kevin Richardson reported. The Christmas decorations will be up 11/27/13 for Main St and City Hall

Albert has a family emergency , Richardson told him to take off as much time as he needs

Richardson requested the purchase of a laptop to communicate with the computer at the water plant. Price is \$229.00 at Best Buy. This new laptop will work with the new upgrades coming to the water plant. Motion by Ryan 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reed to purchase the laptop. Motion carried.

Ryan brought up a question by a citizen about the potholes from Main St to the bridge west along S Kansas. Richardson said that the city can work on the problem but there is confusion about who is responsible for that road- City, County or Township. Kevin said the City Maintenance employees will try to get the pot holes filled.

**Other:** Community Fisheries Agreement- Lister made motion to adopt a 10 year agreement. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan. Motion carried.

Extension requests. Motion by Lister 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hudson to approve all extension requests. Motion carried.

Council requested that a counter be put on the web-site to see the number of visitors.

Request from the treasurer for account 0340. Previously had a balance that was written off. Council decided to start fresh since there was no clear information about the account balances.

**Executive Session:** Mayor Towne and Treasurer Reynolds both requested an Executive session. Motion by Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan to go into Executive Session at 8:30 pm for 15 minutes. Reed stated we were in Executive session for 15 minutes with no decisions made, regular meeting reopened @ 8:45pm.

**Other:** City employees requested that they have the day after Thanksgiving off. There was discussion about what other cities and the courts do. According to the employee handbook there are eight paid holidays: New Years Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Motion by Reed and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan to approve the day after Thanksgiving as a paid day off. Motion carried.

There was discussion concerning a letter from Mediacom concerning the rate of franchise fees. The letter was asking the city to confirm the 3% rate currently paid of if changes are desired a request needs to be made. Motion by Lister 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reed to keep the 3% rate. Motion carried.

Atty DeVoe was requesting guidance on the paperwork given to her tonight from KDHE regarding easements. There will need to be verification on acquiring easements. Council advised Atty DeVoe to consult with Rita Clary and Pat Cox about the easements and what should be done.

Motion by Ryan second by Hudson to pay all approved bills.

Motion by Ryan second by Lister to adjourn @ 8:44 pm.

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