

9/5/2014 Taken by Paula Tryon, City Clerk

Regular Meeting: Time:7:00pm Presiding officer: Mayor Towne

Council present: Reed, Ryan, Curtis, Lister Council Absent: Hudson

Employee: Richardson, Sherwood, K. Reynolds, DeVoe-CA, McNary, & Williams

Visitors: Randy Piper, Marvin Stevens, Larry & Kandy Hinck, Larry & Susan Raby, Jeremy Gaston from Osage County Herald-Chronicle, Mike Reynolds, Ben Kramer of Kramer and Kramer Consulting, LLC. and Mike Garrett.

**Minutes read:**

Minutes for Council meeting on 8/4/14 were read.

► Motion by Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lister to approve minutes as read. Motion carried.

Minutes for Budget Hearing on 8/11/14 were read.

► Motion by Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reed to approve minutes as read. Motion carried.

**Police:**

Police report by Officer Williams on National Night Out. There was a very good turnout for the activities with 180 kids in attendance. All activities went well.

► Motion by Reed: to hire Chris Edin as Carbondale Chief of Police at a rate of \$17.50 per hour with a change in hours from 50 hours per week to 48 hours per week. To be sworn in when he returns from vacation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan. Motion carried. He will stay at his current salary.

The Police Report for 7/23/14-8/9/14 was reviewed by the council.

Atty DeVoe noted that she has heard comments about how professional the officers were at the Overbrook parade this past weekend.

**Maintenance:**

Ben Kramer of Kramer Consulting reported on the Bury Creek clean out project from Market St to North St. Consulting cost is estimated to be \$41,900.00 (\$29,400.00 for engineering and \$12,500.00 for resident project representative) the actual clearing would go out for bid. (Bids last time ranged from 61-96 thousand dollars). All permits would be provided; it would take approximately 3-4 months to get the permits. This does not include any expense for easements to land owners.

► Motion by Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lister to table this project for a couple of meetings. Motion carried.

The Maintenance Dept has scheduled a lift to paint the light poles for downtown to start 8/25/14.

Ditch work and mowing have been going well.

Richardson asked the council to consider either sub contracting the water meter reading out or to purchase another hand held reader to speed up the process for the maintenance guys. Other water districts pay \$300/ month for a sub contractor to read meters. Another person reading the meters would take some pressure of the maintenance department and they can continue their regular daily work.

► Motion by Reed to table this to get a price for a new hand held reader until the next council meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Curtis, motion carried.

**Other business:**

► Motion by Ryan to approve the 2015 Budget as published, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reed. Motion carried.

Main Street sidewalk project was to be done 8/8/14 per last contact with Rod Fannin of Fannin Fabrication. Mayor Towne will call him to ask him to attend the next council meeting on Tues 9/2/14.

Real Estate Tax Appeal- per email from Atty DeVoe pay the taxes since nothing can be done with back taxes- check was mailed out 8/18/14.

Park repairs and upgrades: it was determined to re-apply to Lowes in December 2014 for the 2015 donations, since they are currently out of funds for donations to help communities.

City Park plans: discussion on the park upgrades with Susan Raby. Ryan stated that the Council still needs an overall plan and engineer oversight. There are some grants available, but a plan is needed first. Kandy Hinck noted that some grants are actually loans, council needs to check the details.

Approval of Extension requests:

► Motion by Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lister to approve all extension requests. Motion carried.

Request for special consideration on large water bill for account 0510:

► Motion by Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lister to follow the ordinance as written. Requested payment of bill in increments of \$200/ month plus current charges until paid in full no late fees apply to carryover balance. Motion carried.

Domestic Violence workshop: has anyone been chosen to attend the workshop in Manhattan on 8/27/14? Chief Edin will be back at work on Thursday.

Approval of bills:

► Motion by Ryan, second by Lister to pay all approved bills, motion carried.

Adjourn:

► Motion by Lister, second by Reed to adjourn the meeting @ 8:15pm.