

CITY OF OGDEN

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June 18, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Body for the City of Ogden was scheduled on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ogden Community Center.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Paul Werle, Ken Carroll, Ed Burch and Brian Still. Attorney Irvine was present. Mayor Pence was present.

Mayor Pence invited the public to present comments to the Governing Body.

Approval of Agenda:

Burch move to approve the Agenda with item #3 being placed after item #5. Seconded by Werle. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Burch moved to approve the Minutes of the June 4, 2014 Council Meeting. Seconded by Still. Motion carried.

Carroll recused himself from the meeting at 7:04p.m.

Jerry Talbott-VFW: Request for Sale of Fireworks Permit in the City Park and Donation towards Night Display.

Talbott commented that the Night Display will take place on July 3rd and would be held in the park at the south end of Walnut Street.

Talbott inquired if the City would be willing to increase the amount of the donation from previous years.

Council discussed the need to get prior approval from the FAA and Ft. Riley with the proposed new location of the Night Display.

Burch moved to grant the VFW a Sale of Fireworks Permit in the City Park for July 1-4 2014 and authorize a donation of \$650.00 donation towards the Night Display and waive the \$25 permit fee and allow the discharge of fireworks in the City Parks on July 1-4 2014 subject to clearance from the FAA and Ft. Riley. Seconded by Still. Motion carried.

Carroll returned to the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Kim Beyers: Issues regarding the Baseball Field in the City Park.

Beyers presented the Council with pictures of the baseball field three days following a rain storm.

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Beyers presented the Council with a proposal to help alleviate the problem of standing water following rain storms. The proposal included hauling in different sizes of screenings from Hayden Quarry and Stevens Quarry.

Council discussed the problem with the field holding water and what measures could be taken to correct the situation.

Consensus of the Council was to have the City Foreman visit White City's baseball fields and report back to the Council with possible remedies to the City's situation that maybe implemented prior to the start of next year's baseball season and in the meantime haul in some dirt to try and help with the problem.

Discussion and Consider Water Rate Increases.

Mayor Pence invited citizens in attendance to make comments with regards to water rate increases.

Council discussed with those in attendance aspects of the Water Rate Survey prepared by Beth Warren of Ranson Financial and the reasoning behind raising water rates.

There are three proposed rate increases Version A 37.75% which generates \$70K in additional revenue, Version B 40.50% increase, which generates \$75K in additional revenue, Version C 43.25% increase, which generates \$80K in additional revenue.

City Clerk commented that there are two issues that are being discussed. One is infrastructure replacement and the other is the City's financial dilemma because of unpaid specials.

Clerk commented that the City is paying \$545,000 per year in bond, interest and revolving loan payments. RIM is responsible for \$305,000 of that on a yearly basis. Clerk commented that approximately \$200,000 of that yearly is projected to remain unpaid by RIM, thus making it the City's responsibility to pay those unpaid specials.

Clerk commented that the City currently and expects to budget for in the future a \$76,000 transfer from the water fund to the bond and interest fund to help offset the shortage from the unpaid specials.

Clerk commented that water fund is projected to have a shortfall of \$70,000 per year.

Clerk commented that to cover the deficit only and with no additional money for capital improvements the City would need to adopt Version A of the three proposed water rate increases prepared by Ranson Financial and if the Council wanted to generated additional money for capital improvements, then they would need to choose either Version B or Version C.

Still commented that he was in favor of starting with Version A and waiting for six months to a year to see what affect the increases have made and possibly make an adjustment at that time if needed.

Still commented that the cost of an average customer using 5,000 gallons of water would increase by \$5.76 under Version A.

Mayor Pence invited the public to present additional comments or questions to the Governing Body.

Still moved to adopt Ordinance #700, AN ORDINANCE INCREASING WATER RATES BY 37.75% AMENDING WATER RATES FOR WATER SUPPLIED BY THE CITY

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OF OGDEN, KANSAS. Effective September 1, 2014 billing date (August consumption).
Seconded by Burch. Werle voted against. Motion carried.

Jim Wood: Issues regarding alley in the 200 block between 7th and 8th Streets and alley in 300 block between 8th and 9th Streets.

Attorney Irvine presented the City Clerk with a copy of the AGREED ORDER between James Woods and the City of Ogden for the Council to review at their convenience.

Street and Alley Maintenance Agreement with A Maplewind Community.

Attorney Irvine commented that Perry Schremmer has reviewed and signed the agreement.

Werle moved to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.
Seconded by Carroll. Motion carried.

Personnel Rules and Regulations Finalization.

Attorney Irvine commented that he needs to make a couple of small changes and recommended putting the final draft on the next Agenda for adoption.

Bills of the Month.

Burch commented that he has reviewed the Bills of the Month and found them to be acceptable.

City Foreman: Misc. Items.

Nations commented that the City Crew is working on patching streets and getting ready for chip sealing.

Nations commented that the main lift station went down again. He commented that we are continuing to have problems because the lift station was designed to have the control boxes and junction boxes placed in the wet well. Nations commented that this was a poor design and that they need to be removed because they continue to short out because of the moisture.

Nations commented that Brooks can no longer get part for the City's whacker packer. He commented that he will get quotes to present to the Council for a new one.

City Clerk: Misc. Items.

Clerk commented that the increase in water rates passed by the Council will only cover the deficit in the water fund. It will not provide additional revenues for any capital expenditures or projects.

Clerk inquired as to whether the Council would be willing to schedule a Work Session for working on the budget on 7/9/14.

Burch moved to schedule a Work Session on July 9, 2014 at 7:00p.m. at City Hall for the purposes of working on the budget. Seconded by Werle. Motion carried.

Still commented that KDOT has taken down all of the signs that said Ogden/Manhattan and replaced them with signs that just say Manhattan on them.

Still commented that he wants to know why they took the signage for Ogden down and

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wants Ogden back on them.

Mayor & Council: Misc. Items.

Burch inquired about when Peter Rombold would be giving the City an update on KDOT and wanted Rombold to inquire about getting the city a frontage road from the 12th street exit to Walnut Street.

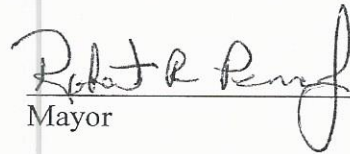
Burch commented that the City has some commercial property that it should start marketing to possibly sell.

Burch commented that the thrift shop at the end of Walnut St. needs to be cleaned up and brought into compliance.

Still moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Burch . Motion carried.

Time 8:37 p.m.

David C. Ward
City Clerk



Mayor