

Village Of Onekama Council Meeting November 18, 2009

Meeting called to order by President Combs at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Hendricks, Drumm, Bauer, Blackmore, & Schwing /present.
ZA Dana Schindler/ also present. Absent: Lagerquist and Treasurer-Jach.

Absent

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Comment: none

Agenda Amendments

Farr Center/add Haglund Carpet. Twp. Report/add Watershed.

Correspondence/ add Consolidation

CONSENT ADOPTION:

Blackmore moved, Drumm supported to accept the Oct. 21, 2009 regular council minutes as presented. M/C

Treasurer's Request

With regard to the sewer up grade project the need is for the General fund to lend the Sewer fund the following monies: \$81,000.00 for Engineering fees and \$41,000.00 for camera inspections (Oct. 2009 minutes) total: \$122,000.00. Blackmore moved, Drumm supported to permit the Treasurer to cash in 2 \$1000, 000.00 CD's (from the GF) and transfer the money to the sewer fund. M/C.

Blackmore moved, Hendricks supported to accept the Treasurers report as presented and to pay the bills and make the transfers. M/C

Questions were asked and answered regarding the following bills: Manistee County Road Commission, (credit on a future sand bill-over charge on a sign invoice) Auto-Wares (winterizing rider lawn mower) Ron Brown (repairs to Mill St.)

Sewer Rate Resolution/increase

A requirement of the upgrade funding so the Village can secure the loan rates need to be increased \$1.00 per equivalent.

Note: The council was advised (by the Auditor) 1&1/2 years prior that the need was there to raise the sewer rates then.

Blackmore moved, Drumm supported to adopt Sewer Resolution 2009-01 which increases the monthly rate by \$1.00. M/C. Increase goes into effect December 1, 2009.

WELL BIDS

Village received 2 bids. Blackmore moved, Hendricks supported to table awarding the bid due to the fact lots of variables in the bids and numerous questions on the specs need to be investigated and answered. Future request for bids will be reworded. M/C.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING:

--Written report was given to all council members and was self explanatory.

MILLER CITATION UPDATE

--Council President Combs reported that Wayne Miller has begun the clean-up process on his property on the corner of Main & Portage St. so the citation that was written will not be sent.

Zoning Administrator Compensation Plan

Blackmore moved, Hendricks supported to approve the Nov. 18, 2009 Plan for the Zoning Administrator. M/C. Note: a major change from the old plan was the ZA is now a part time employee not a contract worker. All council in attendance signed. Needs the Zoning Administrator's signature.

SEWER

--cleaning and televising (Down Under Municipal Services) of the sewer system will begin around Nov. 22.

Burch/2nd St/removal of service

Blackmore moved, Drumm supported to remove 8205 2nd. St from the Village books secondary to the physical removal from the Village system. M/C. The sewer connection has been capped off at the road right of way.

Sewer upgrade/Grant update

Great news! Grant has been approved. Village will receive a \$1,050,000.00 Loan and an \$187,000.00 grant. The loan is a 55-45 loan at 2&1/2%. Grant will be formally awarded at a presentation on Nov. 30, 2009.

STREETS

--Repairs to Mill St are complete.

--Sand-salt mixture has been ordered. Credit from street sign bill will be applied to this invoice.

--Railing on sidewalk over the creek which flows under M-22 at First St. near Isabelle Steffens home has rusted and needs to be replaced for the safety of the public. Hendricks moved, Blackmore supported to replace at the expense of the Village. M/C. President Combs will contact Jerry Peterson on the procedure to follow.

PARKS-FARR CENTER

---handicap ramp area at the park has been painted to help make it more noticeable.

--has been suggested that future use of tennis court area be used for event parking. Posts will need to be cut down and the benches removed.

--Hendricks presented a quote (\$659.00) from Haglund's Carpet to replace carpet in the hall between FC and the Library. Hendricks moved, Blackmore supported to accept quote and replace carpet. M/C.

ROOF REPLACE/FC

Village received 3 bids to replace roof on FC building. Hendricks moved, Drumm supported to award bid to Callaway Construction. After much discussion Hendricks rescinds her motion. Hendricks moved, Drumm supported to table bids till spring. M/C.

COMMUNITY PARKS & REC.

Future endeavors include, a pond, sign, publishing a brochure and planting of seedlings. Meetings will resume in the spring.

CEMETERY REPORT:

Clerk question invoice from Abonmarche regarding extra monies charged for work not authorized. Council person Schwing did make contact but was not satisfied with the fax explanation. Clerk agreed and Schwing will be setting up a face to face meeting. Clerk would also like a copy of the survey the Village paid to have done. Schwing moved, Blackmore supported to pay

the original amount agreed to not the extra charge. M/C.

WETLANDS ACQUISITION UPDATE

Chair person, Suzanne Schwing would like the sign put back up.
Maintenance person will work on this.

TOWNSHIP REPORT

Hendricks gave report. Topics discussed included recycling, ORV ordinance, M-22 Corridor project and the Master Plan.

WATERSHED

Hendricks reported working on a foundation for monies collected.

CORRESPONDENCE

Alliance for Economic Success/fact finding mission
Would like to meet with the Village & Township together to talk about consolidation. Tentative meeting set for December 1 at 1 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

- Maintenance person up for yearly review. Personnel committee will meet Dec. 1st. 11:30 A.M.
- Village was made aware of the ownership of 10 lots out near Andy's Point, very swampy. Council will visit area in the spring.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Ruth M. Hudson
Village clerk

