

Village of Onekama Public Hearing Sept. 16, 2009
Public hearing called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Roll Call: Bauer, Blackmore, Hendricks, Drumm, Lagerquist & Schwing. Present.

Council person Blackmore stated the purpose of the hearing was to receive comment from the public regarding Onekama Villages' application (which includes an environmental impact study) to the USDA-Rural Development for financial assistance to make much needed improvements to the wastewater collection and treatment system.

No public in attendance, no comment.
President Combs closed public hearing at 6:54p.m.

Village Of Onekama Council Meeting Sept.16, 2009

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

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

Others in attendance: Doug Callaway (Callaway Construction), John R. DeVol & Jeff Cockfield (Fleis Vandenbrink) and Ken Burda (Village resident-DNR-Environmental Engineer-retired).

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Comment: none

Agenda Amendments

Move "Merge of Twp. & Village" from new business to prior to Committee Reports.

CONSENT ADOPTION:

Blackmore moved, Drumm supported to accept the Aug. 19, 2009 regular council minutes as presented. M/C

Blackmore moved, Lagerquist supported to approve the minutes of the Sept. 8, 2009 Village & Township special meeting as presented. M/C

Blackmore moved, Hendricks supported to accept the Treasurers report as presented and to add the following line items (building improve., tree removal, dock & Jetty Repair, E-coli testing & beach clean-up) to the Park budget as requested by the Treasure. M/C

Blackmore moved, Hendricks supported to pay the bills and make the transfers. M/C.

Doug Callaway/Municipal Marina

Asked the council, speaking on behalf of the PLA, Harbor Commission and Parks & Rec committee if the council would revisit the idea of a marina in the Village Park. After much discussion pro & con for a Marina in the park, **Drumm moved, Bauer supported not to put a marina in the Village park. M/C.** More discussion followed and **then Blackmore moved, Drumm supported that the council would not be against a municipal marina within the Village limits, just not in the park. M/C.**

The council also said they would welcome ideas from the organizations for any park improvements.

Village & Township Merging

President Combs asked for council input on the merging of the two governments. This topic has been discussed at the Township and at the state level also. Combs said one of the pros to this would be the availability of more funds to help with the overall operating costs. Much discussion followed. **Schwing moved, Blackmore supported to consider objectively looking into the idea of merging the Village and the Township. M/C.** **More to follow in the upcoming months.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING:

--Written report was given to all council members.

--Council President Combs reported he had written Police Power Violation letters to the following persons- John Franklin-4559 Main St, Wayne Miller-corner of Main & Portage St. and Thomas Wade-corner of Mill & Spring. Clerk will send these as registered mail. Written complaints have been received with regard to all three of the above mentioned properties.

---Zoning Administrator Contract

Schindler happy with the current contract. (Dated April 16, 2008) President Combs will meet with the personnel committee to revisit current contract and bring any recommended changes to the council.

SEWER

---Fleis and Vandenbrink engineers John DeVol and Jeff Cockfield reported to the council that the next step regarding the 2.2 million dollar Waste Water System upgrade project is the signing of the engineering agreement. They are ready to submit the final contract which includes this agreement to the USDA Rural Development for the funds. This is a 50/50 grant loan. (It would have been a 75/25 split but since Village paid off a bond early it was considered soluble) Mr. Burda (Village resident) had many questions for the engineers and so did the council. Mr. Burda will visit the lift stations with council person Blackmore and review the contract at the request of the council. Much discussion followed. Mr. Burda did agree that the field work was necessary to upgrade our current system. **Drumm moved, Bauer supported to authorize Fleis & Vandenbrink to perform the services detailed in their letter dated Sept. 16, 2009 contingent upon conversation with the Treasurer regarding the availability of \$81,496.00 which is the cost for this service. M/C**

STREETS

--President Combs waiting for estimate to repair storm drain on 2nd. Ave.

--No Parking signs that were placed at the request of the Village on the North side of Spring and the west side of Brandt were not placed in appropriate spots. Received e-mail complaint from Craig Peterson. President

Combs will contact Jim Boyle (County Rd. Commission) regarding these signs.

No Parking Sign Resolution

Bauer moved, Drumm supported to have No Parking signs placed on the south side of Spring St. and the East side of Brandt St. M/C.

PARKS-FARR CENTER

Water pressure in the Memorial Fountain will be handled in the spring.

COMMUNITY PARKS & REC.

Topics discussed included, Fall Festival/Oct. 10, Winter Festival-Jan 2010, Memorial Fountain, and the planting of additional trees at North Point Park.

CEMETERY REPORT:

Schwing reported:

--received two bids to remark new cemetery. **Blackmore moved, Drumm supported to accept bid from Abonmarche to resurvey and place markers at 3 corners of each block-cost \$2019.00. M/C**

WETLANDS ACQUISITION UPDATE

Chair person, Suzanne Schwing with meet with Dan Scripps regarding this project.

TOWNSHIP REPORT

Hendricks gave report. Recycling big topic of conversation. Evasive species spraying has begun.

CORRESPONDENCE

--ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP

--Hope Sonneberg

--Wade Trim

--Fleis & Vandenbrink

PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Callaway-felt welcome at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Ruth M. Hudson

Village clerk

