

CITY OF ORCHARD GRASS HILLS
MINUTES
OF
August 10, 2010

Mayor Yarberry called the meeting to order at 7:450 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Darrell Bramer
Bob Dalton
Connie Kirchner
Jim White

OTHERS PRESENT: Kyle Hubbard, City Attorney
Kim Taylor, Treasurer
Patty Eiden, Clerk
Dale Hettinger, City Engineer
Officer Tim Wakefield, Oldham County
Police Dept.
Bob and Judy McCue, Residents
David Stucker, IDC representative

ABSENT: Doug Lalli
Misty Nicholson

MINUTES

The Minutes of the June 8, 2010 meeting June 15, 2010 special meeting were previously presented to the Council prior to the meeting via email.

Darrell Bramer motioned to dispense with the reading of the June 8, 2010 Minutes. Jim White seconded the Motion. **The Motion passed.** Connie Kirchner motioned to dispense with the reading of the June 15, 2010 Minutes. Jim White seconded the Motion. Darrell Bramer moved to accept both the June 8, 2010 and June 15, 2010 Minutes as previously submitted. Bob Dalton seconded the Motion. **The Motion passed.**

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The Treasurer's reports for June 2010 and July 2010 were presented to Council by Kim Taylor. Bob Dalton motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report for June 2010. Jim White seconded the Motion. **The Motion passed.** Jim White motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report for July 2010. Bob Dalton seconded the Motion. **The Motion passed.**

Connie Kirchner reviewed the June and July 2010 Treasurer's Reports and found no discrepancies.

Kim Taylor advised Council that the City auditor's health problems had caused a delay in completion of City audit.

POLICE REPORT: Officer Tim Wakefield, of the Oldham County Police Department, was present for the meeting. The June and July 2010 police reports were previously distributed to Council via email. Officer Wakefield gave a report on increase in patrol hours for the City, including the July 4th holiday. Bob McCue advised that, in spite of Officer Wakefield's request for extra patrol in the Bermuda Area on July 4th, apparently no police officer showed up, and that his vehicle had been damaged. Officer Wakefield will address this, and asked that he be contacted immediately when a problem or dissatisfaction with the police department arises within the City. Kim Taylor advised that there appear to be errors in calculation of the bills from the police department, which Officer Wakefield will also address. Council requested additional morning hours of patrol now that school is in session.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Dave Stucker, representative of Industrial Disposal Company, presented Council with a proposed Renewal/Extension Proposal for trash services. The proposal would offer the same services as are currently offered, with a rate decrease, and an opportunity for residents to participate in a Recycle Bank Rewards Program. Residents who recycle and participate in the program would redeem points for rewards and discounts at national, regional and local businesses. Industrial Disposal would be responsible for sending mailers to residents to inform them of details of the program. Mayor Yarberry asked for input from Council members regarding renewal of our contract with ID, as it expires on September 30th. Council members agreed that our current Contract with IDC should be renewed under the terms set out in the proposal. Mr. Stucker will arrange for a contract to be sent for Mayor Yarberry's signature.

OLD BUSINESS:

Engineer Report: City Engineer Dale Hettinger provided an update on completed projects through July 2010 as follows:

1. 9544 Poplar Hill Drive: completed at a cost of \$700.00;
2. David Burch – 7504 Foxtail Court: completed at a cost of \$3,800.00;
3. James Devere – 9201 Bermuda Court: completed at a cost of \$2,900.00

In addition to the items on the Completed Projects list, Mayor Yarberry authorized work to be completed prior to the August 2010 meeting for an

emergency drainage situation at 9302 Plumwood Place, which was completed at a cost of \$900.00.

Mr. Hettinger reported that the County funds for the City's upcoming curbs project has been earmarked and should be available within 1-2 months for official approval. It is anticipated that compliance with federal guidelines and regulations will take the remainder of this year, and work would begin in the spring of 2011.

Mr. Hettinger suggested that curb projects be completed one at a time. Discussion ensued regarding necessity of notifying residents before beginning project, due to potential problems with proposed 6-inch height of curbs and amount of pavement left once curbs are installed. Mr. Hettinger will obtain updated cost from Frank Kline and ascertain whether a shorter curb height is acceptable and report to Council at next meeting.

Mr. Hettinger additionally provided an updated Repair-Priority List and Prioritized Curb List, along with a City map indicating locations of needed curbs. After review and discussion, Council took action on the following properties:

Debbie Schmickle - 7424 E. Orchard Grass Blvd;
Millet Place/Orchard Grass; and
James Devere - 9201 Bermuda Court

Darrell Bramer motioned to correct drainage problems for all three properties at a total cost not to exceed \$10,000.00. Jim White seconded the Motion. **The Motion passed.**

Tonya Bratchard – 9208 Foxtail Court: Jim White motioned to have debris removed from ditch at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00, said work to be completed by Pendergast Landscaping; alternatively, if it is not possible for Pendergast to complete the work at this cost, Frank Kline will be hired to remove the debris at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00. Bob Dalton seconded the Motion. **The Motion passed.**

In addition to the items on the Repair/Priority List, Mayor Yarberry was also contacted by Jason Mescar, of 9302 Plumwood Place, regarding disintegrating ditch being cracked and broken up. Mr. Hettinger will investigate this property.

Mayor Yarberry also presented Council and City Engineer with a problem involving overgrown bushes at 7102 Applewood/Poplar Hill Drive - it is unknown which resident is owner of the property on which the bushes are coming. Mayor Yarberry will notify both owners that if corrective action is not taken, the City will hire its landscaping company to cut the bushes.

Attorney Report: City Attorney Kyle Hubbard requested names of owners of 7311 Autumn Bent Way and 7307 Autumn Bent Way, in order to send letters regarding action to be taken due to dilapidated houses. Attorney Hubbard also requested amount paid for mowing Sorrells property for the purpose of writing a letter. Kim Taylor has this information and offered to send a letter notifying them of mowing costs.

Attorney Hubbard informed Council that he has written a letter to the residents at Apple Crossing Court, requesting that the Christmas lights be removed, and they have complied.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Yarberry reported that Misty Nicholson has resigned as Council member, and a new member will need to be appointed at the September Council meeting. Seven people are running for six Council member positions. The drawing for positions on the ballot will be held on Thursday, August 12, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., in the Oldham County Clerk's Office. Mayor Yarberry is the only candidate on the ballot for Mayor.

Other Items: Kim Taylor distributed a list of owners who are delinquent in paying property taxes. Council held discussion regarding the filing of liens on the properties, and whether it is necessary for an attorney to prepare the liens, or if they can be prepared by the Clerk. Attorney Hubbard will research this question.

Discussion regarding need for grass-mowing at the "abyss", and that cars are being parked on the grass, preventing the grass from being cut. It was suggested that no-parking signs be placed in the area.

ADJOURNMENT:

Connie Kirchner motioned the meeting be adjourned. Jim White seconded the Motion. **The motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Darlene Yarberry, Mayor and Patty Eiden, Clerk