

CITY OF ORCHARD GRASS HILLS
MINUTES
OF
September 14, 2010

Mayor Yarberry called the meeting to order at 7:51 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Dalton
 Connie Kirchner
 Doug Lalli
 Jim White

OTHERS PRESENT: Kyle Hubbard, City Attorney
 Kim Taylor, Treasurer
 Patty Eiden, Clerk
 Dale Hettinger, City Engineer
 Officer Morris, Oldham County Police
 Dept.
 Greg Uhler, Resident
 Dean A. Nicholson, Resident
 Fred Parker, Resident
 Jami Springer, Resident & City Council
 Candidate

ABSENT: Darrell Bramer

After the meeting was called to order, Mayor Darlene Yarberry presented Council with a letter from Council Member Misty Nicholson, wherein she resigned her position as Council Member, and declared a vacancy on the City Council. Resident Jami Springer addressed Council to introduce herself and expressed a desire to fill the vacancy as Council Member.

Jim White motioned to nominate Jami Springer to fill the vacant Council seat up through the end of the term until January 2011. Connie Kirchner seconded the Motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Bob Dalton	-	YES
Connie Kirchner	-	YES
Doug Lalli	-	YES
Jim White	-	YES
Darrell Bramer	-	ABSENT

The Motion passed. Kyle Hubbard declared Jami Springer is to be appointed to the vacant seat on the Council and administered a verbal Oath of Office, which will be signed by Ms. Springer at the City Council meeting in October 2010.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the August 10, 2010 meeting were previously presented to the Council prior to the meeting via email.

Jim White motioned to dispense with the reading of the August 10, 2010 Minutes. Bob Dalton seconded the Motion. **The Motion passed.** Jim White motioned to accept the August 10, 2010 Minutes. Bob Dalton seconded the Motion. **The Motion passed.**

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The Treasurer's report for August 2010 was presented to Council by Kim Taylor. Jim White motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report for August 2010. Bob Dalton seconded the Motion. **The Motion passed.**

Connie Kirchner reviewed the August 2010 Treasurer's Report and found no discrepancies.

POLICE REPORT: Officer Morris, of the Oldham County Police Department, was present for the meeting and presented the August 2010 report, which was also previously distributed to Council via email.

Mayor Yarberry advised Officer Morris of no-parking signs now in place on Autumn Bent Way at "the abyss" and asked that citations be issued to any violators.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Resident Greg Uhler, of 7303 Autumn Bent Way, addressed Council requesting resolution of several issues including: city street parking, dilapidated houses, speeding, drainage, and safety issues due to pedestrians on city streets. Jim White responded that Council has been and continues to make attempts to rectify these matters.

Dean Nicholson, of 7308 Autumn Bent Way and Fred Parker, of 7305 Autumn Bent Way, also addressed Council regarding vacant houses in close proximity of their homes, which are not being maintained inside or out, creating safety and health issues for their homes and families.

Discussion ensued regarding challenges of enforcing Ordinances for dilapidated houses, and in particular, several vacant rental properties owned by Nan Upton. The County Code Enforcement Board has been notified and has visited two properties, with one residence being declared dilapidated.

City Attorney Kyle Hubbard has prepared a Complaint to be served on Ms. Upton for the dilapidated property, but has been unable to locate her or ascertain who is service agent on her behalf. More attempts will be made to locate the appropriate person to serve.

Habitual parking on the streets, and parking on both sides of the street will be addressed, but Mayor Yarberry pointed out that parking is allowed on one side of the street for special occasions.

Mr. Uhler addressed Council with a need for improvement in communication to the City regarding the City website, Council meetings, events, etc.

Police hours have been increased in an effort to better control speeding and safety issues within the City.

Fred Parker presented to Council with drainage issues at his residence, at 7305 Autumn Bent Way, which has been addressed by City Engineer Dale Hettinger. Mr. Hettinger suggested that the cost estimate for correcting the drainage issues at this property be combined with the drainage issues at 7303 Autumn Bent Way, in order to obtain a better price. Mr. Parker concurred. Mr. Hettinger will present combined cost estimate at next Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

1. Debbie Schmickle, 7424 E. Orchard Grass: completed at a cost of \$3,850.00;
2. James Devere, 9201 Bermuda Court: completed at a cost of \$5,200;
3. City, Millet Place/Orchard Grass: completed at a cost of \$400.00

Mr. Hettinger informed Council that they are still exploring possibilities about how to address the issue of the 6-inch curb height, before proceeding with the Curbs Project. He will provide a cost estimate for a "roll curb" that would help with drainage, and will report back to Council at next meeting. Once a cost estimate has been determined, he suggested contacting residents who would be affected to get their input before proceeding with project.

Attorney Report: City Attorney Kyle Hubbard reported that he has filed liens on five properties for delinquent taxes. Since the filing of the liens, one owner has paid \$2,450.65 for five years of delinquent taxes. Kim Taylor has also received a payment from another owner.

Attorney Hubbard suggested meeting with Magistrate Rick Rash and Code Enforcement Board to attempt to resolve issues related to dilapidated houses. Kim Taylor will provide him with the name of the owners of 7403 Sideoats, in order to notify them in writing of problems with holes in the side of the house.

Discussion ensued regarding hiring landscapers to mow the yard at 7307 Sideoats and file a lien for costs of mowing. Mayor Yarberry will make arrangements to have Pendergast Landscaping complete the mowing.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Yarberry reported that the Yard Sale has been rescheduled to September 25th.

Council discussed better ways of communicating news to residents. City will purchase a sign to place at front of City, giving Council meeting times and website address.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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