

CITY OF ORCHARD GRASS HILLS
MINUTES
OF
October 12, 2010

Mayor Yarberry called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Darrell Bramer
Bob Dalton
Connie Kirchner
Doug Lalli
Jami Springer
Jim White

OTHERS PRESENT: Kyle Hubbard, City Attorney
Kim Taylor, Treasurer
Patty Eiden, Clerk
Dale Hettinger, City Engineer
Sheri Betz, Candidate for Magistrate

MINUTES

The Minutes of the September 14, 2010 meeting were previously presented to the Council prior to the meeting via email.

Doug Lalli motioned to dispense with the reading of the September 14, 2010 Minutes. Jim White seconded the Motion. **The Motion passed.** Jim White motioned to accept the September 14, 2010 Minutes. Doug Lalli seconded the Motion. **The Motion passed.**

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The Treasurer's report for September 2010 was presented to Council by Kim Taylor. Darrell Bramer motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report for September 2010. Jami Springer seconded the Motion. **The Motion passed.**

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

POLICE REPORT: No officer appeared from the Oldham County Police Department for the meeting, but police reports were previously distributed to Council via email.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

County Magistrate candidate Sheri Betz introduced herself to Council, giving credentials and soliciting support as County Magistrate in the upcoming November election.

OLD BUSINESS:

Engineer Report: City Engineer Dale Hettinger had reviewed correspondence from the Division of Waste Management regarding a Litter Abatement Grant program wherein funds would be available to clean litter along city streets for qualifying cities. In order to qualify, the City would need litter cleanup for about 2 miles of city streets. Mr. Hettinger felt this would not be applicable for our City, and Council members agreed that there would be no need to request funds for this purpose.

Mr. Hettinger also provided an update on properties at 7303 Autumn Bent Way (Greg Uhler) and 7305 Autumn Bent Way (Fred Parker). Mr. Hettinger has attempted to contact Mr. Uhler and Mr. Parker but has not received a returned phone call. Mr. Hettinger had estimated that the cost for correcting drainage problems at these two properties would probably not exceed \$3,000.00, but it now appears that 7307 Autumn Bent Way would also need to be involved in any work completed at 7303 and 7305 Autumn Bent Way. It was determined that 7307 Autumn Bent Way is going into foreclosure, and therefore, there would be no way to contact an owner regarding potential drainage work.

Therefore, Jim White motioned that the drainage ditch along 7303 Autumn Bent Way, 7305 Autumn Bent Way and 7307 Autumn Bent Way, be repaired, for a cost not to exceed \$6,500.00. Doug Lalli seconded the Motion. **The Motion passed.**

Mr. Hettinger will contact Mr. Parker and inform him that Ms. Upton, the owner of 7307 Autumn Bent Way, cannot be contacted, and that the work will proceed without notification to the owner.

After review of the Repair – Priority List, the following action was taken:

Rob Byers – 9202 Bermuda Court – Jim White motioned to correct drainage problems at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00. Darrell Bramer seconded the Motion. **The Motion passed.**

An update was given on removal of debris from a ditch at 9208 Foxtail Court (Tonya Bratchard). Pendergast Landscaping had been hired to remove the debris, which has now been satisfactorily completed. A bill has not yet been received for this job.

Mr. Hettinger also gave an update on the sidewalks project. He has been in contact with Belinda Demus with Oldham County, who will be working with the City on obtaining the funds. A meeting is scheduled for November 2nd with the State Highway Department to complete approval of funding for the City.

Mr. Hettinger also gave an update on the proposed installation of curbs to improve drainage. With potential problems that may be caused by the curb heights, Mr. Hettinger advised it may be best to re-do the sod in problem areas,

as opposed to installing the curbs. He will obtain a cost estimate and report back to Council.

Darlene Yarberry presented Council with a letter from resident Deborah Schmickle of 7424 E. Orchard Grass Blvd. Ms. Schmickle is requesting reimbursement in the amount of \$150.00 for additional costs in watering sod which was laid in conjunction with drainage repairs made by the City. She provided copies of water bills showing the increase. Jim White motioned to pay Ms. Schmickle \$150.00 as reimbursement for watering the city-installed sod, with the stipulation that her City property taxes are paid. Connie Kirchner seconded the Motion.

The Motion passed, with four in favor and one opposed.

Attorney Report: City Attorney Kyle Hubbard reported that he has filed suit against Nan Upton for her dilapidated property at 7307 Autumn Bent Way. Pendergast has cleaned up the outside of the property.

Attorney Hubbard is continuing to work on delinquent tax issues. Kim Taylor will provide him with an updated list of property owners who are delinquent.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Yarberry reported that the property at 7403 Sideoats now appears to be occupied and will address problems with the large holes in the side of the house with the new residents.

Halloween hours will be from 6:00 to 8:00, and the signs will be placed at the entrance of the City.

A complaint has been filed against the owner of 7311 Autumn Bent way for being a dilapidated structure.

Other Items: Connie Kirchner suggested that Council consider an electronic distribution of the Newsletter, as opposed to mailing paper copies, in an effort to be more efficient and timely in relaying news. After discussion, Council decided it would best to print a final newsletter with notification that future information and announcements will be posted to the City website. However, residents will be given an option to receive a quarterly paper or email version of their Newsletter upon request.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jim White motioned the meeting be adjourned. Connie Kirchner seconded the Motion. **The motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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