

City of Orchard Grass Hills
City Council Minutes
June 14, 2011

Mayor Yarberry called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

Council Members Present: Bob Dalton
Connie Kirchner
Jami Springer
Doug Lalli
Dale Hettinger

Others Present: Kyle Hubbard – City Attorney
Ruth LeMaster, Clerk
Angi Johnston – New City Engineer
Scott Pierce - resident, 7443 W. Orchard Grass Blvd
Joe Thompson – resident, 9405 Jonathan Pl
Officer Matt Purdue, Oldham County Police Dept.
Charlie Fudold – Security
Bob Dye – Magistrate, Oldham County
David Voegele – Judge Executive, Oldham County

Absent: Gail Horsley
Kim Taylor, Treasurer
Jim White

MINUTES

Mayor Yarberry informed the city council that the minutes for April and May, 2011 will be addressed at a special called meeting on 6/28.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's reports for April and May, 2011 were presented by Connie Kirchner for Kim Taylor. Doug Lalli Motioned to accept the April, 2011 Treasurer's report. Bob Dalton seconded the Motion. **The Motion passed.** Upon further review, clarification with the City Treasurer of both the April and May, 2011 Treasurer's reports was deemed necessary. Jami Springer **Motioned to rescind** both the April and May, 2011 Treasurer's reports. Connie Kirchner seconded the motion. **The Motion passed.** Both the April and May, 2011 Treasurer's reports will be presented to the Council again during the 6/28/11 Special Called Council meeting.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Scott Pierce – 7443 W. Orchard Grass Blvd – inquired as to whether resident of 7441 W. Orchard Grass Blvd had vacated the premises. No active signs of habitation, power and gas are off. He has been cutting the grass. Mayor said city will put a lien on residence for cost of cutting grass. House is a foreclosure, owned by bank.

Joe Thompson – 9405 Jonathan Pl – requests permission to fill in ditch, bury pipe and extend driveway 2 feet on either side and presented photos and measurements to the city engineer who will do a field check and give a recommendation for motion by July 12, 2011 council meeting.

Oldham County Magistrate Bob Dye – alerted city council to upcoming road construction on KY-22 between Murphy Ln and Chamberlain Ln starting in August. Detours planned for 18 months. Recommended

regarding 7441 W. Orchard Grass Blvd that mayor contact PVA for info on bank owner to request their asset protection department secure the property.

Judge-Executive David Voegelé – visiting Oldham County City Councils to foster communication, gave brief overview of budget passed, plans for 71 ramps, upcoming Insight Cable open meeting, grant for \$12,500 hazardous waste collection program, new road garage on 146. Mayor Yarberry inquired about solutions for our city solid waste treatment. Judge Voegelé will forward to the Mayor his 6/13/11 correspondence to Mayor Fisher regarding Metro Sewer District's inaction.

OLD BUSINESS

POLICE REPORT: Officer Matt Purdue presented the report written by Sergeant Neil Johnson from the Oldham County Police Dept. During May, 2011 there were 29 contracted details. There were 2 call responses, 1 during contracted detail. There were 2 citations and 20 courtesy notices, all issued during contracted detail. Two reports were taken in the City of Orchard Grass, one report during contracted detail. Suspicious vehicle parked at Marathon Station noted. Police are familiar with driver, will keep an eye on him.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

City Engineer presented a completed projects list and actual cost report thru May 2011 detailing:

1. Marathon Station – E. Orchard Grass Blvd – Pot holes – \$600
2. Marathon Station – E. Orchard Grass Blvd – More pot holes or low areas - \$325
3. City – 7429 W. Orchard Grass Blvd – Repair broken concrete ditch - \$350
4. Janet McWilliams – 7435-7407 W. Orchard Grass Blvd – Remove curbs, modify drainage - \$4,000
5. Marathon Station – E. Orchard Grass Blvd – Open up blocked drainage and re-sod - \$495
6. Bill Blakely – 7319 Sideoats Dr – Cut new swale, re-sod, conc. Flume - \$1,900

Jami Springer inquired about trees blocking corner of 9520 Poplar Hill Rd and Applewood Rd. Mayor has requested resident remove trees.

City engineer introduced his replacement, Ms. Angi Johnston, a licensed professional engineer who lives in the Oakhurst subdivision off Murphy Lane. Dale Hettinger stepped down as city engineer. This was his last city council meeting.

Bob Dalton –

1. Inquired about residence with dog fence issue – Mayor spoke to them and showed the specs indicating that the dog fence was incorrectly laid 10' from center of city easement. Bob visited home 2x to discuss issue further, but no one was home and recommends waiting until resident contacts City again before pursuing this further.
2. Received resident complaint about a large dog roaming neighborhood threatening a child. Connie recognized this as a black lab whose owners on Popular Hill Rd let him run loose.
3. Requests the council revive discussion regarding adding entrance lighting to marble entry signs to the subdivision. \$1,100 was original estimate. Recalled that main expense was electricity that would need to be pulled from dental office area across from the Marathon Station. Mayor requests this be discussed with the new city engineer at the next regular meeting.

Doug Lalli – Updated Council he will have physical therapy on the foot that was injured while doing city work. He will have to continue wearing the boot for one more month.

Mayor's Report –

1. When more council members are present, asks to revisit the boats/trailers ordinance. Since last meeting, Jami Springer reports debris pile at 7109 Apple Orchard is gone, and Mayor spoke to one utility trailer owner who has since removed it from his property.

2. Continued multiple requests regarding yard sale and junk day
3. One resident has given multiple complaints, including taxi cab and tow truck parked on Sideoats Dr. and other issues. Mayor is addressing the resident and his complaints.

Attorney Report -

Bob Jones' property at the corner of KY 22 and Haunz Lane is being leased to a fireworks seller. Mayor, city attorney and Treasurer have found no ordinances in the county or city that requires permits for this. City Attorney suggests the City Council review copies of regulations from the St. Matthews Fire District and considers forming an ordinance for 2012 with regulations regarding fireworks sales, Christmas tree stands, etc...

NEW BUSINESS

City Engineer recommends the following priority repairs:

1. 7444 W. Orchard Grass Blvd –pipe erosion at culvert under driveway of resident Ken Poling. Repairs were estimated at \$1800. Motion made by Bob Dalton and seconded by Doug Lalli to make repairs. **The Motion passed.** Bob Dalton **amended Motion** to state that the cost of repairs are not to exceed \$2000. Motion seconded by Doug Lalli. **The Motion passed.**
2. 9600 Applewood Rd – C.B. too low and remove concrete of resident Gail Hosley. Repairs to re-grade ditch are estimated at \$2,800. Bob Dalton motioned to make repairs not to exceed \$3000 and Jami Springer seconded the Motion. **The Motion passed.**
3. 7323-7325 W. Orchard Grass Blvd – Needs 60' of new swale ditch. Est. repairs at \$3,900. Will hold this decision for further discussion.
4. 9209 Bermuda Ct – Request by resident Bob McCue to replace 35' asphalt curb with concrete. One estimate at \$2,500, second estimate at \$3,000. City engineer showed the council a photo of curb which is still essentially intact and continues to divert water away from residence. Resident agreed repairs are not imminent but wants council to be aware of situation if curb is breached.
5. City sidewalk improvements - \$22,000– county grant is for \$110,000 (local match is \$22,000) – holding for further discussion
6. 7438 East Orchard Grass Blvd – Cracks in concrete ditch – holding for further discussion

City Engineer recommends the following to be prioritized with new curb projects:

1. 7323-7329 Sideoats Dr. – Reshape ditches to keep water off street – est. repairs \$6,380
2. 9207 Woodreed Ct – 110' asphalt curbs to control erosion by residence of Mr. Cox – est. repairs \$1,500.

9304 Plumwood Pl – Mayor showed photo of large manhole sized sinkhole beside catch basin. Engineer will call a safety fill company for an estimate. Ordinance #3, 2004, section 2 states the Mayor has emergency authorization up to \$5000 to make repairs. Mayor has authorized emergency repairs up to \$5000 to restore safety to sinkhole area. Further discussion will be made at the 6/28/11 special meeting if this has not yet been resolved.

Mayor will need to alert new City Engineer regarding status of 6 open lots with electrical lines running through them. Connie Kirchner requests city engineer to take a look at the fire hydrant area at 9540 Popular Hill Rd which has become an island due to run-off sloughing off all the grass around it.

Mayor asks council to view www.coldstreamky.org and review their policies regarding beautification ordinances, boat restrictions, their code enforcement board, and their citation officer. Council was asked to consider amending our nuisance ordinance and adding new verbiage in some areas of the ordinance, and to revisiting whether to have an enforcement board again.

Industrial Deposal identified July 14th as junk pick up day. Signs will be used to alert residents. September 17th is the tentative date for the citywide yard sale with Sept. 21 or 22 as ID junk pick up day to be verified with ID by Mayor.

Mayor would like new city clerk to have in service on how to update city website.

Mayor requests a volunteer to go around once a month and check city streetlights.

Mayor inquires of city attorney whether a retirement gift can be given to city engineer Dale Hettinger. He sees no problem. Mayor motions to give a gift not to exceed \$100. Jami Springer seconds the Motion. **The Motion passed.**

Review St. Matthews Fire District ordinances for future discussion.

Mayor Yarberry gives reminder that the special called meeting will be at the PeWee Valley Firehouse on Tuesday, 6/28. Agenda will include reviewing the April, May and June, 2011 minutes, the April and May 2011 treasurer's reports, the budget, a 2nd reading of the ad velorem property tax, and an update on the sinkhole on Plumwood Rd.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob Dalton motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Connie Kirchner seconded the Motion. **The Motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Darlene Yarberry, Mayor and Ruth LeMaster, City Clerk