

City of Orchard Grass Hill City Council Minutes

March 12, 2013

Mayor Yarberry called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

Council Members Present: Bob Dalton
Connie Kirchner
Scott Pierce
Susan Marcum

Others Present: Mayor Yarberry
Kyle Hubbard – City Attorney
Ruth LeMaster – City Clerk
Angi Johnston – City Engineer
Kim Taylor – City Treasurer
Charlie Fudold
Ed Basquill – Oldham County Environmental Authority

Absent: Doug Lalli
Dan Davila

MINUTES

Bob Dalton **made a Motion** to dispense with the reading of the Feb. 12, 2013 minutes. Scott Pierce **seconded the motion. The Motion passed.** Bob Dalton **made a Motion** to accept the Feb. 12, 2013 minutes. Susan Marcum **seconded the Motion. The Motion passed.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

The City Treasurer presented the February, 2013 Treasurer's Report and the amended July 2012 through February 2013 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Report to the City Council. Connie Kirchner **made a Motion** to accept the February, 2012 Treasurer's Report. Scott Pierce **seconded the Motion. The Motion passed.** Audits were completed for December 2012 and January 2013 and there were no discrepancies. City council discussed the lien status of several foreclosed properties and properties with outstanding property taxes in the City. City Treasurer will give City Attorney a break down with interest on those with outstanding balances.

POLICE REPORT

No Oldham County police were present at today's meeting. The February, 2013 monthly Oldham County police report summary was read by the Mayor and emailed to all city council members. It was noted that they should not be billing us for monitoring Briar Hill Park.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Ed Basquill, the Oldham County Environmental Authority representative spoke to the city council to introduce new council members to OCEA and to address any continuing with Leak Eliminators. City of Orchard Grass sewage plants were constructed in the 1970's but were only meant to last 20 years. When the Oldham County Sewer District was formed to take the smaller sewer plants off-line, Veolia was contracted to provide oversight over the county sewers. Historically there have been many complaints from Orchard Grass Hills homeowners. In 2009 improvements were made and a regionalization plan formed to take these plants off line soon. OCEA hopes to either get an agreement with MSD to turn the OGH plant into a lift station or to build a new plant. The OCEA MS4 program seeks to prevent stream water from being polluted first through public education and outreach as well as hazardous waste disposal, controlling construction silt, and encouraging residents not to divert residential septic tank to stream.

The current sewer project involves the cities of Willow Creek and Orchard Grass. Phase 1 put in a force main at Willow Creek pumping from there to Orchard Grass connecting the plants giving cities the choice to pump all the way to Jefferson County or to the Ohio River. Phase 2 involves solving infiltration and inflow problems. When these city sewer lines were built terra cotta pipes were used that became brittle and let water into the pipes. Leak Eliminators did a condition assessment using cameras in the pipes, then dug up the pipes to fix them or put plastic sleeves into the working pipes and steam sealed until firm. There was no way to not involve private property in the repairs. They prioritized those near streams and at lower elevations.

OCEA will keep on working with Leak Eliminators to follow through on repairs. Primary repair is focused on a home on W. Orchard Grass Blvd. The area had been repaired with new sod from damage caused by a tree removal service. Within a day of the repair it was torn up by Leak Eliminators. Property downstream from this home is now having problems because of the erosion created. City Engineer would like to meet with someone from OCEA at that property. They will discuss other properties on E. Orchard Grass and Side Oats that were also affected to make sure the repairs were completed.

Mayor inquired about the shrink wrap in the lines as to whether it will hold if the terra cotta pipes continue to degrade. Mr. Basquill said it will hold. This type of repair is cheaper than digging up and replacing all the sewer lines. The average age of the Orchard Grass and Willow Creek plants is 35 years because often they were acquired elsewhere and then brought in.

Once the sewage is treated, it is digested in the processing plant and clean drinking water then goes into the streams. Council member Scott Pierce inquired as to the success rate of the project. He said the big plant has been turned off so in the short term it has been successful but they will see how it does over the course of a year as repairs have been based on estimates of water flow. They have a safety factor of 3 to 1, 3x as many repairs as calculations projected. They have not had to turn the Willow Creek plant on again.

OCEA manages storm water (residents pay an annual for this) through the MS4 project and continually do condition assessments, mapping of streams, water sampling for pollutants and meeting the public with information. Jefferson County adds their storm water fee to the monthly water bill for their residents. Oldham County charges residents annually instead for the storm water fee. They will work with the City Engineer on any projects needed.

Mayor asked city council members to be watchful for suspicious activity around manholes. In the past unknown persons entered the city, opened a manhole and pumped oil from a pumper truck into it fouling the sewage plant and causing damage.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer presented a detailed report regarding repairs completed, projects scheduled, issues to keep a watch on, and projects to finalize. City Engineer will make calls regarding the fill dirt at a Side Oats property. A property across the street has big mud holes from cars parking on the side. Resident will need to be notified not to park there and that grassy area will need to be repaired.

City Engineer found an engineer at QK4 with expertise on speed humps and will report next month regarding the required signage, emergency vehicles, paving requirements and distances required from drains and driveways. This will be worked on during the next fiscal year.

City Engineer discussed sidewalk repairs and plans to break down projects into phases due to budget constraints. Plans have been mapped and city engineer is investigating any requirements from the American Disabilities Act. She is making a goal of having a contract signed and approved by the beginning of the next fiscal year in July 2013.

Connie Kirchner **made a Motion** to ask QK4 to put together an estimate by the April, 2013 city council meeting with detailed charges broken down in phases in a contract to be finalized in June, 2013. Bob Dalton **seconded the Motion. The Motion passed.**

City Engineer discussed trench drains to be evaluated on Side Oats and E. Orchard Grass.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Todd Denning requested a fireworks lease agreement from the city. City Attorney informed him that City Ordinance 2011-3 does not permit residents or local business owners to operate a seasonal fireworks tent on any city property.

NEW BUSINESS

New yard sale signs are being ordered. This year's first City Wide Yard Sale will be Saturday June 1, 2013 with junk pick up June 6, 2013. The second City Wide Yard Sale will be Sept. 21, 2013 with junk pick up on Sept. 26, 2013.

City Council discussed the city web site and Google Analytics remarking that each month new visitors have been accessing the site.

ADJOURNMENT

Connie Kirchner **made a Motion** for the meeting to be adjourned. Bob Dalton **seconded the Motion. The Motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Darlene Yarberry, Mayor and Ruth LeMaster, City Clerk.
Next meeting will be on April 9, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.