

City of Orchard Grass Hill City Council Minutes

Nov. 11, 2013

Mayor Lalli called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Others Present: Mayor Doug Lalli
Kyle Hubbard – City Attorney
Ruth LeMaster – City Clerk
Angi Johnston – City Engineer
Charlie Fudold
Daniel Lira
Tom Springer

Absent: Kim Taylor – City Treasurer

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Because city council member Doug Lalli is now the Mayor, a new council member must be selected. Mayor Lalli introduced city resident Daniel Lira who gave a short description of his background. Connie Kirchner **made a Motion** to nominate Daniel Lira for city council member. Bob McCue **seconded the Motion. The Motion passed.** Daniel Lira swore the city councilman oath of office before the City Attorney, Mayor and City Council.

Stacy Rockaway introduced herself as the field representative for Kentucky State Congressman Thomas Massie whose office is in the LaGrange Annex. She presented business cards to the City Council and welcomed the City Council to present issues to the Congressman. She also provided the city council with a form for federal grant assistance if needed.

MINUTES

Bob Dalton **made a Motion** to dispense with the reading of the October, 2013 minutes. Scott Pierce **seconded the Motion. The Motion passed.** Bob Dalton **made a Motion** to accept the October, 2013 minutes. Bob McCue **seconded the Motion. The Motion passed.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

No Treasurer's report or audit was presented this month.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney received notification of a payoff due to sale of a property on Sideoats. David & Shirley O'Connell paid off their estate taxes and filed a response to the lawsuit and so the city should be receiving payment.

POLICE REPORT

No Oldham County police were present at today's meeting. The October, 2013 monthly Oldham County police report summary was read by the Mayor and emailed to all city council members.

OLD BUSINESS

Recent complaints to the Mayor have included issues only local police can sufficiently address. The Mayor spoke to one police officer and requested more tickets be written for speeding. Millet and Orchard Grass residents issued complaints about speeding on their streets. The police officer wasn't highly amenable to the idea of issuing more tickets.

Bob McCue has spoken to the Oldham County Sheriff. The Mayor and Bob McCue hope to meet together Judge Voegele and the Oldham County police chief to discuss city road safety. The Mayor plans to call other local mayors (Hillcrest, Pewee Valley and Goshen) and inquire whether they are satisfied with the the Sheriff's office doing their security. If residents are not pleased with Oldham County police, it may be necessary to find alternatives.

Mayor asks city council members to inform him of which signs need to be replaced before Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Tom Springer, a city resident, presented signed nuisance petitions from residents regarding the parking of boats in the neighborhood. Regarding the ordinances, pertaining to this, he is opposed to repealing any ordinances regarding the parking of boats and trailers longer than two weeks. He said it as a nuisance and the visibility of such vehicles devalues individual property values. As 50% of residents who own boats or trailers pay to have their vehicles stored elsewhere, enforcement of the ordinance would only be fair.

City Attorney and the Mayor have discussed better defining and updating the wording of some of the ordinances, possibly modifying the ordinances with trailer or boat dimensions specified. The nuisance ordinance that was previously passed overrode the original deeds of restriction which had differing restrictions between sections 1, 2 and 3. City Attorney informed that city council members may also sign nuisance complaints.

Mayor Lalli is pursuing the idea of using city property as a storage area for boats in the future. Bob Jones might also be asked for a solution. The dead end on Apple Orchard might be an area to consider.

City Attorney suggests the Mayor first talk to each of those against whom nuisance complaints have been filed. If contact cannot be made, City Attorney will issue a letter. If not corrected, a suit will be filed against them.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Oldham County Environmental Agency has some property that is in conflict with our deed of restriction per the City Engineer. The Mayor remarked that we may have been paying \$620/year maintaining the land we don't own. The City Engineer said the City should bring up this issue at an Oldham County city

council meeting. According to the PVA, OCEA owns it but according to the deed book it belongs to the City of Orchard Grass Hills. Also in question are the property lines at Haunz and 22 – some maps show it is part of the city, some show that it does not. City Engineer will check on this.

OCEA may be interested in negotiating an agreement with the city after they replace the treatment plant with a pumping station since at present chemical and sludge trucks are traversing the property. When the pump station comes on line the traffic and chemicals will no longer be an issue. Tom Springer suggested contacting OC land use and zoning to ask what the possible land is used for. Jim Urban would be the person to speak to in Oldham County. Bob McCue reported how last week the sewer plant had the worst emissions yet.

The City Engineer drove through the city to check erosion projects and saw that AT&T has torn up a lot of areas of the city and has several different crews at work; however they have not filled in all the ditches or replanted grass. The City Engineer spoke to the construction contact at AT&T/Star Construction and they had said it would be finished months ago. Piles of dirt and rock are still there from previous projects, and they are now digging up more.

Mayor requests the City Engineer to provide updated city maps.

NEW BUSINESS

Oldham County has a one call system only for tornadoes warnings. Mayor will investigate this and inform residents as to how to sign up for this.

A resident has begun an unofficial Facebook page for the city of Orchard Grass Hills. The Mayors asked the city council to view it. Members of the group can post on it.

The Mayor's phone number must be changed to 502-558-1822. This should be changed on the city council meeting sign.

Last year, a former mayor's wife decorated the entrances for the holidays. The Mayor will contact her to see if she would be willing to help us do it again.

Snow and ice removal will continue be contracted with Kingsbury Snow Removal.

Bob Dalton has been investigating the condition of the stone signs. A stone cap was never put on top to hold the brick work together so water has eroded the mortar. He went to 3 different stone companies and their estimates for a stone cap ranged from \$40 for a cut piece and \$25 for concrete to \$106 for a custom piece. Another company who built the sign for Briar Hill estimated \$400 for each cap. The layers need to be redone on one side in order for the cap to set. To obtain a cap with matching stone would cost \$1000/block.

Judge Voegelé has indicated that, if needed, the city council can use the county courtroom which comes equipped with video cameras.

The Mayor has asked the City Treasurer to see if there are more affordable vendors for the services we require. He would like to obtain a city credit card that would allow the city council to use other vendors beside Office Depot if more economical.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob Dalton **made a Motion** for the meeting to be adjourned. Connie Kirchner **seconded the Motion**. **The Motion passed**. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Doug Lalli, Mayor and Ruth LeMaster, City Clerk.

Next meeting will be on December 10, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.