

City of Orchard Grass Hill City Council Minutes

Dec. 10, 2013

Mayor Lalli called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m.

Council Members Present: Bob Dalton
Connie Kirchner
Susan Marcum
Daniel Lira
Bob McCue

Others Present: Mayor Doug Lalli
Kyle Hubbard – City Attorney
Ruth LeMaster – City Clerk
Angi Johnston – City Engineer
Kim Taylor – City Treasurer
Charlie Fudold
Boy Scouts - Cameron Blood and Sam O'Brien
Boy Scout Leader Blaine Blood
Officer Tracy Witt
Wesley & Parker Kyle
Former Mayor Darlene Yarberry

Absent: Scott Pierce

MINUTES

Bob Dalton **made a Motion** to dispense with the reading of the November, 2013 minutes. Susan Marcum **seconded the Motion. The Motion passed.** Daniel Lira **made a Motion** to accept the November, 2013 minutes. Bob McCue **seconded the Motion. The Motion passed.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

City Treasurer presented the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Reports for July through November 2013 and the Treasurer's Report for November 30, 2013. Bob McCue **made a Motion** to accept the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Reports for July through November 2013 and the Treasurer's Report for November 30, 2013 as presented. Bob Dalton **seconded the Motion. The Motion passed.** No audit was presented.

NO ATTORNEY'S REPORT

POLICE REPORT

Sergeant Tracy Witt of Oldham County police was present at today's meeting. He works the patrol detail in Orchard Grass Hills. The October, 2013 monthly Oldham County police report summary was read by the Mayor and emailed to all city council members. He is aware that more detail is wanted by

the city on the sheets and that the council would like to see more citations. He asked if the council becomes aware of a specific area in need of additional patrol to please let the police know. Bob McCue asked Officer Witt what warnings have been issued. He replied it is usually for improper parking or for not properly obeying a stop sign. He only gives one warning before a citation is issued.

Bob McCue and Mayor Lalli had an informative meeting with Judge Voegele and Police Officer Wakefield regarding city safety. They spoke of law enforcement's view on speed humps. They discussed the possibility of lowering the speed limit but will wait until they see how law enforcement performs to catch speeders. Officer Witt mentioned the city of Prospect has seen some success in lowering speed limits but suggests that if the speed limit is lowered that a grace period be allowed.

COMMUNITY FORUM

A Boy Scout leader and two scouts introduced themselves and visited the city council as part of a badge requirement. They inquired about the make-up and responsibilities of the city council.

Wesley Kyle, resident, is the administrator of the informal Facebook page for the city of Orchard Grass Hills residents and he will be adding some new information onto the site.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

City Engineer provided an updated city map to with updated boundaries to council members. She will also email council members a pdf file of the map.

The creek behind Sideoats appears to be within city limits but any erosion problems must first go through the Corp. of Engineers for permits before any work can be done.

There has been a gap in communication with Hanka Builders regarding the sidewalks project for phase 1. They mailed her an invoice for additional work for an upgrade on concrete mix and other changes regarding quantities. She thinks there is a possible mathematical error as they billed her \$8523.00 but she calculates that the bill should be \$5619.00 so she will contact them. Connie Kirchner **made a Motion** to pay Hanka Builders not to exceed \$5,619.00. Susan Marcum **seconded the Motion. The Motion passed.**

The Louisville Water Company is working on water lines through January pending other restoration issues.

Mayor has a question regarding the city line between Graham Village and Foxtail Ct. The fence is damaged and the Mayor will contact Graham Village Apts.' management company, Proxus Management LLC at 2885 Sanford Ave. SW 20571, Grandville, MI 49148 to make repairs so apartment residents will not cross into Orchard Grass.

Mayor Lalli went and visited some of the residents who own RV's parked in violation of a city ordinance. For those he was unable to contact, he will write a letter, and if there is no response then the City Attorney will need to get involved.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Dalton has spoken to a vendor regarding repairing the stone signs at the city entrances but no estimate was given. The solar lights by the entrances have not been coming on because of the snow so that not enough sunlight has been generated.

Bob McCue spoke to Ed Basquill of OCEA regarding the heavy sewage odor emanating from the sewer plant. OCEA has money for the new plant but are trying to negotiate a lower interest rate and estimate that a new pre-fabricated sewer plant will not come on line until 2015. They do not yet have the land for the plant purchased but once that is obtained the project should progress quickly. Willow Creek is now part of the Orchard Grass Hills plant and engineers miscalculated the amount of water coming through the plant. These last two odor incidences have been the worst it has smelled since 1976 and the odor is getting in the houses. OCEA started adding chemicals to reduce the smell.

We are one of only 8 cities in Oldham County which pay for snow plowing and salting of city streets. We may need to adjust the budget as it is early in the season and we have already had 2 incidences of plowing.

Connie Kirchner **made a Motion** for the meeting to be adjourned. Bob McCue **seconded the Motion**. **The Motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
Doug Lalli, Mayor and Ruth LeMaster, City Clerk.
Next meeting will be on January 14, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.