

City of Orchard Grass Hills City Council Minutes

January 13, 2015

Mayor Doug Lalli called the meeting to order at 7:29 p.m.

Council Members Present: Bob Dalton
Bob McCue
Darren Francis
April Phillips
Eric Vorseth
Scott Pierce

Others Present: Mayor Doug Lalli
Kyle Hubbard – City Attorney
Kim Taylor – City Treasurer
Ruth LeMaster – City Clerk
Mark Adams – City Engineer
Charlie Fudold
Jackie Frances
Ryan Oldham
Mollie Phillips
Daniel and Tonya Bratcher
Julia & Jason Potter

Absent:

City Attorney administered the oath of office to city council members Robert McCue, Scott Pierce, Darren Francis, Bob Dalton, April Phillips and Eric Vorseth, and to Mayor Doug Lalli. City Council agreements were presented to each city council member and Mayor Lalli to be signed and returned to the City Attorney.

MINUTES

Bob Dalton **made a Motion** to dispense with the reading of the December 9, 2014 minutes. Bob McCue **seconded the Motion. All were in favor.** Bob McCue **made a Motion** to accept the December 9, 2014 minutes. Bob Dalton **seconded the Motion. The Motion passed.**

POLICE REPORT

The December 2014 police reports were emailed to city council members and discussed. There were no Oldham County Police officers present. City Treasurer requests the OC Police email her a copy of the report directly.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for December 31, 2014, and the July thru December 2014 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Report were presented, reviewed and discussed. Bob McCue **made a Motion** to accept the December 31, 2014 Treasurer's Report. Scott Pierce **seconded the Motion. The Motion passed.**

Scott Pierce **made a Motion** to eliminate a secondary audit procedure for the City Council treasurer reports. Bob McCue **seconded the Motion. The Motion Passed.**

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No city attorney's report was presented.

COMMUNITY FORUM

City Engineer has evaluated areas in the city that need repair and has formulated a priority list. The resident at 9206 Foxtail Ct would like the ditch the city clears on his property once a year to be cleared carefully and to not be eroded by weed killer which kills the grass causing his yard to shrink in size as the ditch expands. The far end of the ditch is also overgrown with large brush and trees.

The residents at 9208 Foxtail Ct also have erosion problems in their yard. This is affecting the rental property behind them as well. Children have been seen swimming in the ditch after a heavy rain. There is an easement behind their property and the owners erected a privacy fence but teenagers marked it with graffiti. City Engineer and Mayor suggest putting a culvert in place of the gully on Foxtail Ct. The owner requests ripwrap rock to be placed in there until the culvert can be constructed. Resident said the street paving looks great and the curbs are high keeping out water and people from backing over their lawn.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

City Engineer followed up on issue at 9201 Foxtail Ct. Problems at the end of the court have been occurring over the last 30 years. Surveying will be required to fix the problem. It is an older area and the ditches have silted in. Resident has a swale drive. Rain water runs around the cul-de-sac but subsequent driveway repairs by neighbors have diminished drainage as some do not have a culvert. Rainwater now backs up into her driveway and in inclement weather it ices over.

City Engineer, after approaching the residents of 9206 and 9208 Foxtail Ct. regarding ditch repairs, met with the Mayor and contractor Frank Cline to address the flooding problem two more residents downstream are encountering. City Engineer and Frank Cline first addressed the drainage problem downstream and are now working upstream making repairs. A frequently clogged pipe was cleaned out. This is the deepest ditch in the neighborhood. He and Frank cline put together a cost estimate for repairs to present to the city council. 135 feet of 18" pipe is required. A 20% contingency fund would be recommended by the City Engineer.

City Treasurer noted that the last invoice from Frank Cline Construction included an additional \$500 guarantee should any residents come back requiring sod and repairs to their lines after he is finished with the budget. In the future, the guarantee will be something to be discussed in advance by the city council before a motion for repairs is made. City Treasurer outlines remaining funds available for repairs. Our budget is published by the total but funds budgeted can be reclassified by the city council.

Scott Pierce **made a Motion** to approve the City Engineer to advertise for bid for the repair for the drainage ditch between 9206 and 9208 Foxtail Ct. with bids mailed to the city address, brought to and opened at the city council meeting on 2/10/15. Bob Dalton **seconded the Motion. The Motion passed.**

City Engineer will revisit Bermuda Ct with Bob McCue to see what problems lay there. He also talked to Dale Hettinger who has a previous sidewalk report in his possession. Two residents donating easements are in the process of signing them over to the city.

City council discussed a street signage renewal project for the city. City Engineer has done a sign inventory for the city and this will be a bid project. His suggestion is to break the signage project down and prioritize Sections 1, 2, 3a and 3b in the City of Orchard Grass Hills first. Poplar Hill signs are newer and not in as great a need of repair. He has inventoried the city signs and thinks this would be a good investment. City Engineer said there are some places that should have stop signs and yield signs but do not. Some signs in the city are not the correct height and do not have the right reflectivity. He suggests keeping the present light poles to save money and put funds into street signs.

Ryan Oldham will be making minor repairs around the city including replacing some city road signs. Mayor would like to get purchase some safety barriers for him.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor highlighted an invitation to the Oldham County Sewer groundbreaking at the sewage treatment plant. He will lead the invocation. Mayor read a thank you note from former city council member Connie Kirchner.

Bob McCue was approached by a resident complaining about his neighbor placing trash cans in front of the yard all week.

Bob Dalton **made a Motion** for the meeting to be adjourned. Bob McCue **seconded the Motion. The Motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Doug Lalli, Mayor and Ruth LeMaster, City Clerk
Next meeting will be on February 10, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.