

City of Orchard Grass Hills

City Council Minutes

March 14, 2017

Mayor Doug Lalli called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Nick Daily
Bob McCue
April Phillips
Eric Vorseth
Scott Pierce

Others Present:

Mayor Doug Lalli
Martha Noe– City Treasurer
Ruth LeMaster – City Clerk
Greg Troutman – City Attorney
Mark Adams – City Engineer
Charlie Fudold
Austin Black
Troop 170 – Troop Leader Bob Garrett, Brandon Plunkett,
Aaron Garrett, James Brovant, Rylan Thiess, Kaleb Madsen, Sam
Larsen, Jaedin Dawson

Absent:

Bob Dalton

MINUTES

Eric Vorseth **made a Motion** to dispense with the reading of the February 14, 2017 minutes. Bob McCue **seconded the Motion**. Eric Vorseth **made a Motion** to approve the February 14, 2017 minutes. Nick Daily **seconded the Motion**. **All were in favor. The Motion passed.**

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

City Attorney filed two liens. He received an inquiry from one party on how to pay for this but payment has yet to be received.

POLICE REPORT

The February 2017 Oldham County police reports were emailed to city council members. There was no Oldham County Police Officer present this month.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Mike from U.S. Post is ordering the street signs. It will take a month to come in.

Hall Contracting will be working on Autumn Bent Way by May to get curbs and driveways repaired. Residents will not be able to use their driveways during that time. City Engineer will notify residents.

7325 Sideoats resident and neighbor have a legitimate complaint regarding a large amount of water streaming down from the hill to the low point of Sideoats. This will require additional asphalt curbing but not at huge expense but it will take some time before repairs can be made. East Orchard Grass also has a problem with this as well. Roll curb will help.

Bob McCue alerted the City Engineer that there are new potholes in the city and cracks in the concrete that need to be sealed. Engineer will investigate.

Bob McCue also notified council that Magistrate Bob Dye has found a new program which will help with repairs for the Siamese connections in the piping. However, only those with lower income qualify.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Boy Scout Troop 170 came to visit as part of their citizenship badge activities. Mayor introduced himself and explained all the city council positions to the scouts.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor drops in at Donger's Market and has talked to them about the paving situation. The older couple there will be going back to India for a few months. Drainage ditch in front of their business catches all the trash and dirt that flows down from up the hill. They try to keep shoveling it out but the culvert that goes under the road is filled with debris and so this will just keep happening. Mayor would like to know if there is a way to blow out the culvert and clear it. County Judge Executive may have equipment that can clean that out. Corey Mullins can clean catch basins but pipes require cleaning by county and sewer department. Mayor will contact the Judge Executive Voegelé or Magistrate Bob Dye.

Discussion started regarding taping homemade signs on city signs. There are no ordinances to that effect at present. It is a safety issue as it may obscure signs, and it also leaves a sticky residue on signs, and peels the paint away when the tape is removed. This became an issue because of the signs posted regarding a missing dog. Mayor would like city council members to discuss this with neighbors to get some feedback.

TREASURER'S REPORT

City Treasurer presented the July 2016-February 2017 Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual and the March 14, 2017 Treasurer's Report. **made a Motion** to accept the March 14, 2017 Treasurer's Report. **All were in favor. The Motion passed.** Out of the large number of delinquent property tax payments only four remain unpaid. Eric Vorseth **made a Motion** for the city attorney to file a lien 7440 E. Orchard Grass Blvd. for unpaid taxes. April Phillips **seconded the Motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.**

Auditor had intended to complete audit in February but he was hit with tax season and he will be working on those when that is over by late Spring. It is likely that we will not recoup the municipal funds being held until the next fiscal year. City Attorney will need to provide opinion letters to the auditor for 2015 and 2016.

She made the calculations for cost of living increases to be paid retroactively to the Mayor as discussed in the prior meeting. She recommends this be reviewed every May or June so that it might be approved on 7/1 of the new fiscal year. Eric Vorseth **made a Motion** to approve a cost of living increase for the

Mayor retroactively for 7/1/14 - \$252, 7/1/2015 - \$260, 7/1/2016 - \$267 with a subsequent cost of living increase to be reviewed in May or June each following year. Scott Pierce **seconded the Motion. All were in favor. The Motion passed.**

City Treasurer has encountered owners who are not claiming their property as a rental. Some are saying that they have family staying in the home but there is no way to verify that.

City was notified there was unclaimed money for the city from several places. Scott Pierce **made a Motion** for Mayor Lalli to provide a resolution letter to the Kentucky State Treasurer stating that Martha Noe, the City Treasurer, has been designated as the city's claimant permitted to claim unclaimed funds. Scott Pierce **seconded the Motion. All were in favor. The Motion passed.**

Eric Vorseth **made a Motion** for the meeting to be adjourned. Nick Daily seconded **the Motion. All were in favor. The Motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY

Doug Lalli, Mayor and Ruth LeMaster, City Clerk

Next meeting will be on April 11, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.