

City of Orchard Grass Hills

City Council Minutes

May 9, 2017

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

Council Members Present:

Nick Daily
Bob Dalton
Bob McCue
April Phillips
Scott Pierce
Eric Vorseth

Others Present:

Mayor Doug Lalli
Martha Noe– City Treasurer
Ruth LeMaster – City Clerk
Greg Troutman – City Attorney
Mark Adams – City Engineer
Sgt. Matthew Cornell
Sgt. James Brown
Charlie Fudold
Wesley Kyle
Mike Haag
Josh Toudy

Absent:

MINUTES

Bob McCue **made a Motion** to dispense with the reading of the April 11, 2017 minutes. Nick Daily **seconded the Motion**. Bob McCue **made a Motion** to approve the April 11, 2017 minutes. Bob Dalton **seconded the Motion. All were in favor. The Motion passed.**

RESIDENT ISSUES

Resident spoke with city engineer regarding ditch on his property and what he can do to make repairs. Neighbor is concerned about a dead tree on the easement behind her property near her fence. Mayor requests a few photos be taken to show the city engineer so he can research the property line.

Resident at 7503 Foxtail Place reports that rainwater pools in driveway threatening to flood into his garage. Inordinate amount of water flows between his and neighboring home.

POLICE REPORT

The April 2017 Oldham County police reports were emailed to city council members and discussed. Officer Cornell summarized the report and gave some details. OC Police made a tobacco check on the mini-mart and they passed with flying colors, asking for identification each time. Mayor is still getting complaints about residents parking across sidewalks. We have also had reports of increased teen-age

mischief and Mayor encourages residents to and report bullying, theft and destruction of property to the police.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

New tax lien was filed, one was paid off. City Treasurer recommends filing two more liens due to delinquent payment.

No further response from company that issued an improperly submitted open records request.

KY government sent letter inviting the city to join a municipal aid payment program that would not of any benefit our city at this time.

Mayor received complaints regarding a resident who has work trucks and large trailers parked in the road and blocking the sidewalk all the way across the property. The yard has so little grass left it looks like a muddy construction site. Mud is then being dragged on to the street by the tires after a rain so it looks like a dirt road. Neighboring resident submitted a nuisance report and it was given to the city attorney. Sgt. Cornell is getting guidance from Judge Executive regarding how to handle this. Resident is in violation of the law both in parking, and in maintenance/upkeep, and affects neighboring properties as it will eventually incur drainage issues. County oversees monitoring the sidewalks. City oversees enforcing maintenance and upkeep.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Autumn Bent Way area will be getting new curbs and gutters. Contractors will be hauling dirt to the area this week and will work on ditches and selected driveway aprons.

Phase 2 of street signage project is in progress. Mayor should sample sign photos to the city council.

City Engineer made several visits to residents regarding drainage concerns at E. Orchard Grass and Sideoats. There is a new issue on Poplar Hill Ct. and City Engineer will meet both Hall and Cline contractors this week to determine best plan of action to control surface water. Subsurface issues cannot be addressed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

City Treasurer presented the May 9, 2017 Treasurer's Reports. City Treasurer also presented the July 2016-April 2017 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Report. Bob Dalton **made a Motion** to accept the May 9, 2017 Treasurer's Report. Bob McCue **seconded the Motion. All were in favor. The Motion passed.**

Auditor is resuming the audit process and estimates the city should be up to date in a couple of months. Sheriff delivered final delinquent tax payment letters to two properties but no payment was made even with an offer of a payment plan to one resident. City Treasurer requests city attorney file liens on these two properties for their 2016-2017 delinquent payments.

Mayor highlighted that there are a couple of budgetary changes. Grounds maintenance contractor Cory Mullins has increased prices only 8% despite increased duties. Old rate was \$1,030/month. He offers the city a new rate of \$1,114/month even though he is doing 15-20% more work. Mayor is prepared to agree to these terms and it is locked in for five years. Bob Dalton **made a Motion** to increase the monthly city lawn and grounds maintenance contract to Mullins, TLC by 8% from \$1,030/month to a five-year locked in rate of \$1,114. April Phillips **seconded the Motion. All were in favor. The Motion passed.**

City snow removal budget has remaining amount of over \$25,000 this year and Mayor asks those funds, along with the \$11,000 of remaining contingency funds be reallocated to repair drainage issues. Eric Vorseth **made a Motion** to reallocate the city snow removal budget remaining of \$25,095 to be used for drainage repairs at 7333 W. Orchard Grass Blvd. Bob McCue **seconded the Motion. All were in favor. The Motion passed.**

City Council discussed 2017-2018 budget worksheet. City Treasurer explained how the accrual system is now being done consistently. Every six months, auditor recommends an internal audit be done on QuickBooks. Eric Vorseth mentioned that approving the monthly report is a method of accountability.

Two years of municipal aid, a total of \$70,000, will be released to the city when the audit situation is resolved. F-65 forms will be filed for city by auditor. We have collateral agreements in place with the bank for money that is over FDIC limits.

City Treasurer is waiting for certified tax roll from PVA but this does not come out until after the tax bills go out. When PVA report comes out, taxes will automatically increase if value of homes increase which raises amount that comes into the city.

Auditor and City Treasurer recommend that some categories in the budget need to be better defined. Supplies & Equipment and Miscellaneous/Special Projects categories are being removed and renamed. Also amount budgeted for audit has been decreased by half. Contingency fund will now be called emergency fund. Capital improvements category encapsulates several former individual categories such as drainage, sidewalks, signage and maintenance of public ways. Mayor would like to increase the salary of the city treasurer. City council discussed an increase to \$14,100/year for the new fiscal year. Next month we will need to read a new budget ordinance.

Bob McCue **made a Motion** to give a 3% cost of living increase to the Mayor for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Nick Daily **seconded the Motion. All were in favor. The Motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS

Resident has complained about motorcycles riding in the woods saying they are loud and scare away the animals. Property is not within our city limits so no ordinance can be made regarding this issue. Those trails were used long before houses built there.

April Phillips **made a Motion** for the meeting to be adjourned. Eric Vorseth **seconded the Motion. All were in favor. The Motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY

Doug Lalli, Mayor and Ruth LeMaster, City Clerk

Next meeting will be on June 13, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.