

# City of Orchard Grass Hills

## City Council Minutes

March 13, 2018

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

**Council Members Present:**

Bob Dalton  
Stephen Emery  
Bob McCue  
April Phillips  
Eric Vorseth

**Others Present:**

Mayor Doug Lalli  
Martha Noe – City Treasurer  
Greg Troutman – City Attorney  
Mark Adams – City Engineer  
Officer Matthew Cornell  
Don Helton – Veterans Memorial Park  
Ryan Oldham – Observation  
Chad Finkenberger – Observation

**Absent:**

Ruth LeMaster – City Clerk  
Nick Daily

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### MINUTES

Bob McCue **made a Motion** to dispense with the reading of the February 13, 2018 minutes. Eric Vorseth **seconded the Motion. All were in favor. The Motion Passed.** Stephen Emery **made a Motion** to approve the February 13, 2018 minutes. Bob McCue **seconded the Motion. All were in favor. The Motion passed.**

### COMMUNITY FORUM #1

Don Helton, founder and chairman of the board, of Veterans Memorial Park of Kentucky, a 501c3, gave a presentation on the park and on upcoming events. Their mission is to educate the youth on the military history of the community and are heavily involved with the schools. He presented a letter requesting OGH become a member of the Centurion Corps with a donation of \$1,000.

After Mr. Helton left the meeting, City Attorney commented on the structure of a donation to a private entity. KLC City Legal Book states city must have a written agreement with the organization on how the money will be spent and the City must have a say as to how the donation is spent. Mr. Oldham commented about recognition for donation with a plaque. After discussion by the council, on the suggestion of Mr. Helton, we will reach out to our residents to donate and the City giving a matching donation amount. Mayor Lalli proposed the City donate \$1,000 to Veterans Park using the same guideline as Pewee Valley, KY. If residents contribute, the City will match up to an additional \$2,000 for

a total donation not to exceed \$5,000. Mayor Lalli will discuss with Mr. Helton concerning the proper method to receive donations from the residents.

#### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

City Attorney gave a first reading of the preamble to City of Orchard Grass Ordinance No. 2018-01, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF ORCHARD GRASS HILLS, KENTUCKY, AND THE LEVYING OF AN AD VALOREM TAX THEREON FOR CITY PURPOSES.

Adjustments added paragraph 7D – city and attorney recover costs at \$250/per hour. Second reading will be 4/10/2018.

Stephen Emery found original notes from 3/27/1990 minutes of the Oldham Co Planning and Zoning Commission regarding Graham Village Apartments. Included is paragraph stating they are responsible to maintain the fence between the apartments and the City of Orchard Grass Hills. Minutes are very detailed and covers upkeep and maintenance. There are letters attached from the developer and zoning commission with detailed descriptions and a sketch included for a 6-foot privacy fence. Mayor Lalli will email City Attorney Troutman to contact Apartments. He will also contact apartments. Previous attempts have been made by Mayor Lalli and April Phillips to no avail. City Attorney will be next point of contact. Mayor thanked Stephen Emery for obtaining the documents.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

City Engineer drove through the city on the way to meeting. One project on Bermuda Place has kept dirt intentionally low to prevent flooding and maintain positive drainage going downhill. City Engineer has received good reports from the residents on the recent work. At Poplar Hill and Autumn Bent, the asphalt is breaking down at the intersection. City Engineer said there is a lot of standing water in that area. Mayor Lalli stated if the water is still standing in the area a few weeks after the heavy rains, it will eventually breed insects. Residents have claimed when sidewalks went in it messed up the drainage. Mark has also talked to the resident. Bob McCue stated that the leaves from property stopped up the grates and then the water backed up. But when Mullins TLC cleaned the grates, the water drained fine. East Orchard Grass will be patched as soon as he can schedule Hall Contracting. City Engineer asked council to please inform him of areas that need patching.

City Engineer spoke to Scott Harris, the Oldham Co Engineer concerning the contributions to the Oldham County Storm Water District to see if assistance was available to the City. City Engineer feels they may assist with the East Orchard Grass project which will cost approximately \$75,000. Other projects: Millett to bridge will cost \$175,000 for drainage and curbing only, not included is paving. City Engineer recommends doing the project in it's entirety instead of in pieces. The cost estimate for the drainage has been submitted to Scott Harris for consideration. City Engineer asked for \$90,000 and was told it probably wasn't possible. Mayor Lalli and City Engineer will attend the Oldham County Storm Water District meeting. Stephen Emery mentioned we could apply for our own Planning Unit with Oldham County. The council favored this idea. City Treasurer stated there is about \$145,000 available with the 3 funds to perform work prior to end of budget year June 2018.

## **POLICE REPORT**

The February 2018 Oldham County police report was distributed to the City Council via email and discussed. Police did a tobacco compliance check at the convenience store and they passed.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

City Treasurer presented the March 13, 2018 Treasurer's Report for review. City Treasurer also presented the preliminary July – February 2018 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Report, and the February 2018 Check Register. Eric Vorseth **made a Motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report ending as of February 28, 2018. Bob McCue **seconded the Motion. All were in favor. The Motion passed.**

City Treasurer reported the City has received \$56,630.74 in back municipal funds for the past 21 months. We are now current with the Department of Local Government and will receive these funds monthly.

There is still \$1,294.65 outstanding on 2017/2018 property tax. Two of the properties have been sold and Treasurer is attempting to collect tax from current owners.

Two properties have not yet received the certified letter notifying them of a potential tax lien. City Treasurer recommends a tax lien filed on 7440 E. Orchard Grass Blvd and will send information to City Attorney

**Bob McCue 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 8:30 p.m.

## **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY**

**Doug Lalli, Mayor and Ruth LeMaster, City Clerk**

**Next meeting will be on April 10, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.**