

City of Orchard Grass Hills

City Council Minutes

April 10, 2018

Mayor Lalli called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Council Members Present: Nick Daily
Bob Dalton
Stephen Emery
Bob McCue
April Phillips
Eric Vorseth

Others Present: Mayor Doug Lalli
Martha Noe– City Treasurer
Ruth LeMaster – City Clerk
Greg Troutman – City Attorney
Mark Adams – City Engineer
Officer Matthew Cornell
Ashish Parekh
Chad Finkenbiner

MINUTES

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

POLICE REPORT

The March 2018 Oldham County police report was distributed to the City Council via email and discussed. Officer Cornell summarized citations and arrests in the city.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

City Engineer and Mayor will be meeting with Judge Executive Voegle on Friday to discuss assistance from the county for storm-water drainage issues within the city. Mayor spoke with Magistrate Bob Dye recommended the meeting and mentioned this is an issue countywide. Stephen Emery mentioned LaGrange is 4x larger than our city but yearly receives \$100,000 in drainage assistance. This is the first time in ten years since our city has asked for any assistance despite a yearly contribution of \$20,000. Bermuda Ct. also has a 42" drainage pipe that is 75% clogged with debris. There is a massive clean up to do under it. Mayor will inquire of Judge Voegle whether Oldham County has some sewer cleaning equipment available to use to clear it out, and whether money can be appropriated to clean this out. City Engineer is also inquiring from other avenues as well.

Cline has estimated repairs of the erosion of pipe at Bermuda Place. It requires regrading and need two concrete thrust blocks put there for \$3000, plus regrading and re-sodding for \$8350.

Project related items – Poplar Hill Ct. property was surveyed and there is 180’ of paved ditch required to be installed behind 3 houses. Estimate is \$15,000-\$20,000.

East Orchard Grass paving will be delayed until August/September/October time frame and City Engineer has alerted Hall Contracting.

Eric Vorseth made a Motion to approve installation of a 180’ paved ditch behind three homes on Poplar Hill Ct. not to exceed \$20,000. Bob McCue **seconded the Motion. All were in favor. The Motion was approved.**

Bob McCue **made a Motion** to approve an amount from the emergency fund, not to exceed \$15,000 to clean out the 42” pipe on Bermuda Ct. if no other timely and less expensive solution can be found. Eric Vorseth **seconded the Motion. All were in favor. The Motion was approved.**

Bob McCue **made a Motion** not to exceed \$8350 for emergency repairs on Bermuda Place from the emergency fund. Eric Vorseth **seconded the Motion. All were in favor. The Motion was approved.**

Two residents have a Siamese pipe connection issue on Millet and have not been able to resolve it and have involved city council and county. The clean out repair has been made but dispute is property. It is \$450-\$500 for a surveyor to determine the property line which should be paid by the residents.

East Orchard Grass resident has requested permission to add a driveway on Timothy Ct. for his boat. Right now, the boat is tucked behind his house. City already widened his driveway as part of a repair a few years ago to make it easier to park their boat. The city will not approve a request that goes against the ordinances and deeds of restriction.

City Engineer wants the city council to know that there is a concrete footer on Sideoats upstream that may need to be repaired in the future.

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

Welcomed a new Poplar Hill Ct. resident to the city. Explained parking restrictions. Parking on city streets is prohibited. Temporary parking for a few hours is possible, as long as it is not on both sides of the street and overnight. City council members do not have law enforcement responsibilities to respond to complaints.

Massive discussion on Facebook regarding Louisville Water possibly overcharging residents. The waste water bill and water bill are now together which makes the bills look larger. If water bill is higher, need to investigate whether there is a leak first. Even if we are Oldham County residents, we are still using the Louisville Water system. This is beyond the city’s capacity to handle legally.

Mayor and Don Helton are still coordinating regarding the Veteran’s Park in Crestwood.

Mini-Mart Store/Marathon Station is not taking care of their property and it is getting worse. The city council members are getting complaints of excessive trash. City Engineer will see if there is a cross easement agreement where the childcare facility may need to help with paving costs.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

City Attorney gave a second 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. Bob Dalton **made a Motion** to approve Ordinance No. 2018-01. Nick Daily **seconded the Motion. All were in favor. The Motion passed.** The City Clerk will have the ordinance published in the Oldham Era.

Graham Village has changed hands multiple times since fence restrictions were put in place. Mayor has spoken to the new owner, Mr. Marcum. He has made major renovations to the property and wants to transform the image of the apartment complex. Legally, it is his responsibility to build a 6 ft. fence between his property and the neighborhood. To promote goodwill, Mayor would like to look into having the city clean up the area prior to the fence installation.

City Attorney gave a first reading of the preamble to City of Orchard Grass Ordinance No. 2018-02,

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING CERTAIN AMOUNTS OF MONEY FOR THE GENERAL OPERATING PURPOSES OF THE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF ORCHARD GRASS HILLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019.

TREASURER'S REPORT

City Treasurer presented April 10, 2018 Treasurer's Report for review. City Treasurer also presented the preliminary July – March 2018 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Report, and the March 2018 Check Register. Bob McCue **made a Motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report ending as of March 31, 2018. Eric Vorseth **seconded the Motion. All were in favor. The Motion passed.**

Stephen Emery **made a Motion** to reimburse the city for qualified work, moving a total of \$85,647.62 from the Municipal Fund to the General Fund. Bob Dalton **seconded the Motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.**

The city's CD will be renewed another six months on April 15, 2018.

City attorney will run names of delinquencies and let City Treasurer know if there are any new owners.

City council will need the city attorney to do an ordinance review which should be done every five years.

KLC offers a special program through American Legal Publishing where it will index ordinances and make them searchable. There is a yearly fee. City Treasurer will research the cost. It will give you a link that can be posted on the website so residents can research the ordinances.

City council discussed the proposed budget and made some preliminary adjustments. There will be a first reading next month of Ordinance 2018-02.

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 9:43 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY

Doug Lalli, Mayor and Ruth LeMaster, City Clerk

Next meeting will be on May 8, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.