

Regular Meeting Gravette City Council

November 17, 2011

6:00 pm

401 Charlotte Street SE

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Warren at 6:00 p.m. A roll call attendance was taken. Stidham here, Crose here, Thomas here, Denver here, Smith here, Rambadt here. City Attorney Tom Smith and City Recorder/Treasurer Mike von Ree were present. Mayor Warren led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Mayor Warren asked that two items be added to the agenda. Von Ree told the council that the Water Tower Maintenance Contract and the appointment of Lavon Stark to the Museum Commission needed to be added to the agenda. Denver made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Stidham seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Comments from the Citizens:

Victoria Morris asked to address the council. She introduced herself and announced her candidacy for Bentonville District Court Judge.

Appointment of Lavon Stark to the Museum Commission and appointment of Makayla Brown to the Library Commission.

Lavon Stark introduced herself to the council. Crose made a motion to approve the appointment of Lavon Stark to the Museum Commission. Thomas seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Makayla Brown introduced herself to the council. Smith made a motion to approve the appointment of Makayla Brown to the Library Commission. Stidham seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Mayor Warren administered the oath of office to both appointees.

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting 10/27/2011

Minutes of the October 27, 2011 Council Meeting were reviewed. Denver made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Thomas seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meetings 11/10/2011

Minutes of the November 11, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meetings were reviewed. Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Stidham seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting 11/15/11

Minutes of the November 15, 2011 special council meeting were reviewed. Rambadt asked that the minutes reflect more information concerning the grant use. Stidham made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Rambadt seconded the motion. A vote was taken, Stidham aye, Crose aye, Thomas aye, Denver abstain, Smith aye, Rambadt aye, five ayes, one abstain, motion passed.

Unfinished Business

Water Billing Ordinance

Denver made a motion to place the water billing ordinance on third reading by title only. Rambadt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Stidham aye, Crose aye, Thomas aye, Denver aye, Smith aye, Rambadt aye, all ayes, motion passed. Attorney Smith read an ordinance titled **“AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 11-08, ORDINANCE 00-12 AND ENACTING FIXING THE DATE AND PROCEDURES FOR WATER METER READING THE DATE AND PROCEDURES FOR UTILITY BILLINGS AND PAYMENT, PROVIDING FOR APPEALS AND OR PENALTIES FOR NON-PAYMENT; ESTABLISHING DEPOSITS FOR METERS; AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES”**. Rambadt made a motion to “Do Pass”. Stidham seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Rambadt aye, Smith aye, Denver aye, Thomas aye, Crose aye, Stidham aye, all ayes, motion passed. Ordinance number 11-16 was assigned.

Backflow Prevention/Cross Connection Ordinance

Denver made a motion to place the Backflow Prevention/Cross Connection Ordinance on third reading by title only. Crose seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Stidham aye, Crose aye, Thomas aye, Denver aye, Smith aye, Rambadt aye, all ayes, motion passed. Attorney Smith reads the Back Flow Prevention Ordinance by title only. Rambadt made a motion to “Do Pass”. Stidham seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Rambadt aye, Smith aye, Denver aye, Thomas aye, Crose aye, Stidham aye, all ayes, motion passed. Ordinance number 11-17 was assigned.

New Business

Storm Drain Engineering

Denver made a motion authorizing the Mayor to spend up to \$15,000.00 for storm drain engineering. Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Stidham aye, Crose aye, Thomas aye, Denver aye, Smith aye, Rambadt aye, all ayes, motion passed.

Change December City Council Meeting to December 15, 2011

Thomas made a motion to change the December City Council meeting from December 22 to December 15, 2011. Crose seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Resolution for pool Grant

Stidham made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the city to pursue a grant for additional improvements to the city pool. Denver seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed. Resolution number 111711-A was assigned.

Closure of Bank Accounts

Denver made a motion to table the issue to the December 8, 2011 committee of the whole meeting. Stidham seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Water Tower Maintenance Contract

Denver made a motion to table the issue to the December 8, 2011 committee of the whole meeting. Thomas seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Comments from the City Council

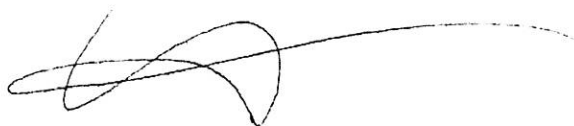
Comments from the City Attorney

Smith recommended that the city settle its debt with McGoodwin, Williams and Yates.

Comments from the Mayor

Mayor Warren told the council that a new ordinance needed to be written for water customers in the Water West Project area. If a tap is already in place the customer will be required to pay a meter deposit and water deposit. If no tap exists the customer will be required to pay a \$1,300.00 tap fee plus the deposits. The water billing ordinance needs to include price tiers for high volume users.

A motion to adjourn was made by Smith and seconded by Thomas. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6.50 p.m.



Michael von Ree
City Recorder/Treasurer