

Regular Meeting
February 11, 2013, 6:30 p.m.
City of Oswego, Kansas

Present: Councilmembers Bill Owens, Dee Brown, Jane Rea, Ty Lewis and Darren Tynan with Mayor Glenn Fischer presiding.

Absent: Councilmember Terry Edwards

Also Present: Janelle and Lewis Goins, Jeff Bartley, Phil Hays, Kelly Vance, Bret Middleswart, Lloyd Crain, Jan Owens, Tom and Susan Bringle, Dennis Castle, Jeremy and Sarah Bradley, Rick Tucker, Joe Royer, City Clerk Cheri Peine, Deputy City Clerk Carol Eddington, City Superintendent Donnie Allison and Police Chief George Elliott.

OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rev. Phil Hays, First Christian Church, opened the meeting with a prayer and Councilmember Ty Lewis lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Janelle Goins – Shelterhouse for Farmer’s Market

Janelle Goins presented a proposal for building a shelter at Schmoker Park that they could use for the Farmer’s Market. They are proposing a 20’ x 40’ shelter at the west end of the park with the 20’ running north and south. The west end of the park is not really utilized much. Setting the building there would require moving one swing set but would not disturb any trees. The location would make them more visible, provide for easier access for vendors and leaves the shady portion of the park for truck vendors and visitors.

Goins said the building they propose would have a concrete floor, 8’ tall posts, tin roof with 2’ overhang, tin ceiling and west wall (providing shelter from sun and rain). Materials estimate is \$6,800 - \$7,000 – including concrete, rebar, framework and all of the tin. The Amish community is willing to donate all of the labor with the condition that no name be given credit anywhere on the building. Delmar Bornregar will oversee the project. Goins said they will seek donations from businesses and the community for the cost of the materials.

The proposal included asking the city to be responsible for tractor work in getting the spot ready for the concrete and any electricity that needs to be run to the building since Mr. Bornregar does not do electrical work. Supt. Allison said that there would be no problem with the city doing the dirt work and the wiring for an electric receptacle. Mayor Fischer said he was supportive of the project and that the city will see if there are any grants available to help with the costs. Councilmember Lewis suggested contacting the Parks and Community Foundation also. It was determined that Goins and the city will move forward with trying to find funding for the project. The item will be placed on the agenda for discussion next month.

Jeff Bartley – Swimming Pool Project

Jeff Bartley discussed the results of the core samples taken at the swimming pool. He reported that there were 11 samples taken. The samples from the walls and the floor of the deep end were good, however, the samples from the shallow end of the pool were not. Clerk Peine reported that the deep end had been replaced in the 1980’s. Bartley said the horizontal cracks in the concrete mean that the concrete is bad. When asked if this could be causing the city to lose water through

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these cracks, Bartley said that typically, water loss is from piping. Peine reported that the city had to add quite a bit more water to the pool last year than in past years.

Bartley informed the Council that the ADA requires two approved methods of getting into the pool. They could be a zero (slope) entry, stairs with two hand rails, a ramp or ADA specified lifts. The city has stairs and a lift now but neither one of them meets ADA requirements. Lifts are not very popular, rarely used and cost anywhere from \$4,000 - \$8,000.

When asked about a liner, Bartley said they are expensive and will last a few years but will not solve the problem. The concrete will continue to crumble underneath. The worst spot in the pool is in the joint between sections two and three. Bartley said these two sections should be replaced.

Zero entry construction would be a full blown floor reconstruction and cost just under \$200,000. Since funding is a problem, he would recommend focusing on the first two panels and leave the third panel to be done in 5 – 10 years. He will update his construction figures and supply the city with estimates on a minimal expense proposal up to a full blown reconstruction.

Clerk Peine reported that there is \$12,000 budgeted each year for improvements at the pool and there is \$8,000 in reserve now. She will put together funding options for the March meeting agenda.

Jeremy & Sarah Bradley – Offer to Purchase 119 Iowa

Sarah Bradley said they have lived in Oswego for four years, they have five children in the school system and would like to build a home on this lot if they can purchase it from the city. They are offering the city \$1,500 for the lot at 119 Iowa. After some discussion, Owens made a motion and Tynan seconded to sell the lot to the Bradley's for \$1,500. Motion carried. Attorney Tucker will prepare the deed.

Tennis Court Update

A Contract Proposal from Mid-American Courtworks, for the tennis court resurfacing, was handed out. Attorney Tucker said the company has good references – that everywhere he checked, the comments were good. Clerk Peine said it would not be a problem for the company to fit in our project this spring if the city moves forward soon. When she called to get an idea of when they might be able to get to it, Darrel Snyder, of Mid-American Courtworks, told her about a new resurfacing application that has only been out on the market for a couple of years. He said this system is proving a far superior system than what has been used, therefore, that is what his proposal is for.

The proposal is for Performance Court 300 by Riteway. It is a multi-layered built-up system that covers and hides existing cracks while providing a slightly cushioned surface upon which to play tennis. This system requires a vapor barrier under the concrete base. Attorney Tucker said there is a vapor barrier on the city's courts.

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After some discussion, it was determined to have staff obtain information from cities that have used this system and obtain a date from the contractor as to when they might be able to do the project.

Housing – New Homes – Tom Carlson

Attorney Tucker said that Carlson is concerned with what would happen if the houses did not sell. He would like for the city to finance them. Carlson still wants to do the project. Tucker will meet with Carlson next Tuesday and see if they can work out the details of the contract. Council asked if Carlson would be interested in building fewer homes? Tucker said it would raise some of the costs for the remaining homes, but it may be an option.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda includes minutes of the regular meeting in January and any special meetings since then, accounts payables, petty cash check listing, payrolls for the month of January and utility billing deposit refunds.

Also included is an appointment of Brenda Willis to the Planning Commission to replace Billy Gray who resigned after moving out of the city limits. The remaining term expires May 2014.

A Storm Warning Siren Maintenance Contract renewal with Washington Electronics, Inc. was also included in the Consent Agenda. The contract is for the same service at the same rate as last year.

Tynan made a motion and Rea seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

City Hall, Police & Fire Dept. Rehab Update

Change Order Items

Police office: Police Chief Elliott asked that a short wall be placed in his office separating his desk area from the rest of the office.

Surge Suppression: Clerk Peine said with the changes in the electric, changes have to be made to the surge suppression system. The city has received one quote and is waiting on another one so this item will be discussed later after that comes in.

Overhead Lighting: Plans are to replace the old ballasts in the light fixtures in the offices with more energy efficient ones. There would be no more than 10 and the cost is \$60 for each. Allison said that way the will be the same as at other city buildings and he can purchase in bulk.

Gas Line Replacement: The building has had a small gas leak for a while now. Inspectors have determined that the gas line does not meet code either. Replacing and re-routing the line should take care of both problems. The estimate for this work is \$3,200.00.

Window in Council Room: Peine reported that she has not received a cost on this yet. The representative from the glass company will not be here to take measurements until next week.

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Council Table: The price for the proposed Council table unit is \$5,600. It consists of nine sections, wood finish, enclosed fronts and a drawer at each individual's space. Thoughts are now to see how the project costs are towards the end of the project to know if there will be enough left over to purchase a new council table.

After some discussion, Tynan made a motion and Brown seconded to approve the gas line replacement and the upgrade of the light fixtures at \$60 per light. Motion carried with Rea abstaining.

LaForge & Budd - Pay Request #1

LaForge & Budd submitted Pay Request #1 on the project in the amount of \$65,087.00. Brown made a motion and Lewis seconded to approve the pay request. Motion carried with Rea abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

Write off 2011 Unpaid Utility Bills

A list of 2011 unpaid utility bills to be written off from current accounts receivables was included in the packet. Efforts will continue to be made on collecting these accounts through the State set-off program, the debt collection agency or upon any of the customers returning to live in the city. Owens made a motion and Rea seconded to approve writing off the 2011 unpaid utility bills. Motion carried.

Financial Reports

Financial reports for the month of January were included in the packet. Councilmembers Owens asked about the water loss. Supt. Allison said there had been a water leak all weekend. Owens asked if he could get a copy of the Cost Benefit Analysis in the Airport Master Plan. Tynan asked for a copy also.

Individual Reports

Owens – asked if all of the individuals in the audience would be given a chance to address the Council. Mayor Fischer said not unless they were on the agenda. He informed them that if they wish to put in a request to be on the agenda, they would need to fill out a request form and submit it to the City Clerk a week in advance of the Council meeting.

ADJOURN

Owens made a motion and Lewis seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor Glenn Fischer

Attest:

Deputy City Clerk Carol Eddington