

Special Council Meeting
July 20, 2015 6:30 p.m.
City of Oswego, Kansas

Present: Councilmembers Bill Owens, Darren Tynan, Kelly Vance and Caleb Strickland with Mayor Cunningham presiding.

Absent: Councilmembers Jane Rea and David Newby

Also Present: Chief Elliott, Superintendent Jurgensen, City Clerk Eddington, Paula Kern, Marna George, and Gary Tomey.

Addendum for Contract of Sale

The contract of sale for the old Grainger property says that the closing on this property should take place by July 22, 2013, however, the bank will not be prepared to close by then and suggested an extension until August 13, 2013. Chesnutt made up an addendum to the contract reflecting this. Owens made a motion and Tynan seconded to approve the extension of time on the contract. Motion carried.

Jim Stephens

Former Mayor, Jim Stephens, was attending the Planning & Zoning meeting down the hall and asked to speak to the Council for a minute. He said that he was told the city was going to lose \$50,000 by selling off the Stone Hill Estates property. He wanted the Governing Body to know that the most requested action when he was in office and since then has been for lower taxes. The way to do that is to increase the tax base. If TenPar had not developed Woodcliffe Heights, our taxes would be a lot higher than they are now. He asked that the Council put the Stone Hill housing project on the shelf for the time being if they are not prepared to move forward, rather than scrap the project and throw away all of the work that has been done on it so far. That way, the city has more time to get a developer.

2016 Proposed Budget

Various items within the proposed budget were discussed. Council determined to remove the transfer into Municipal Equipment from the General Fund for the police department tasers and for the public works pickup. The next budget meeting will be held Monday, July 27th at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Owens made a motion and Tynan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. Motion carried.

F.W. Cunningham, Mayor

Attest:

Carol J. Eddington, City Clerk