

**SANDSTONE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 6, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present: Edmond, Kester, Atterbury, Stadin, Bonander

Members absent: none

Staff present: Administrator Griffith, Recording Secretary Hormillosa, Johnson, CATV

Others present: Erika Hormillosa, Deputy Frehse, Betty Doris Nielsen

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Staff and members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Motion Bonander, second Stadin to approve the agenda for October 6 with the additional written notice from the City Attorney regarding financing options. Motion carried 5-0.

**SPECIAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

There were none.

**PETITIONS OR COMPLAINTS**

Betty Doris Nielsen came before the Council, noting that certain streets and sidewalks in Sandstone are hazardous and badly need repair. She stated that she is afraid to walk down some sidewalks with her walker. In particular, she mentioned the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> and Park and along Court Street.

Griffith and Atterbury responded that the City maintains a list of streets that need repair and contracts for that work as the budget allows. The particular problem areas that she mentioned are on that list.

Deputy Frehse provided the September report.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Motion Bonander, Kester to approve the meeting minutes for September 15, with a correction: last page, change "Edmund" to "Edmond." Motion carried 5-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

There was none.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion Stadin, second Kester to accept the consent agenda as follows: 9A-Approve inter-fund transfer for investment purposes, 9B-Approve acting as temporary fiscal agent for Neighborhood Watch, 9C-Approve overnight camping in Robinson Park rock climbing group-November 6, 9D-Approve deed and accept perpetual care payment N ½ of N ½ Lot 60, Section C, 1<sup>st</sup> Addition - Helen Gustafson, and 9E-Set December 1, 2010 as the date on which the City will discuss the 2011 budget and levy and will allow time for the public to give testimony. Motion carried 5-0.

## **FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Motion Bonander, second Stadin to approve and pay claims in the amount of \$82,788.48. Motion carried 5-0.

## **OLD & CONTINUING BUSINESS**

### Curfew

In the past, the curfew has been confusing, regarding different age groups and hours. Discussion ensued regarding changing the language in the curfew ordinance to provide clarification. The Council reviewed the amendment from the Attorney and decided on the following: Ages 12 and under-10 p.m.; Ages 13 through 17-11 p.m. These hours are applied to every day of the week.

The consensus was to suggest these parameters to the other cities, and request feedback.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Establish new fee-registration of dogs

The City previously adopted an amended animal control ordinance that registers, rather than licenses, dogs. The proposed price for dog registration is \$3.00. However, the owner of the dog will receive a \$1.00 credit if they have proof that the dog is neutered or spayed and a \$1.00 credit if they have proof of current vaccinations.

Motion Bonander, second Kester to adopt Resolution 2010-24, a resolution amending 2010 City of Sandstone Fee Schedule, to establish new fees for registration of dogs effective immediately. Motion carried 5-0.

### Wagon Bridge Road Project

The City had contracted with Knife River for the Wagon Bridge Road improvements. Knife River has submitted a request for the final payment on the contract. The amount of the payment is \$5,934.79.

Motion Edmond, second Stadin to approve Resolution 2010-25, a resolution accepting work on public improvement project Wagon Bridge Road improvements, approving final payment in the amount of \$5,934.79 to Knife River for the Wagon Bridge Road project. Motion carried 5-0.

### Position/Wage approval-seasonal snow and compost

The City budgets and hires an on-call person to assist with snow removal and to maintain the compost pile in the summer. They advertised the position, and received three applications. The Personnel Committee is recommending Brad Yaste for the position.

Motion Stadin, second Edmond to hire Brad Yaste as the Snow Removal and Compost Monitor with a wage of \$9.50 an hour with the starting date to be determined. Motion carried 5-0.

### Sewer rodder agreement

The cities of Sandstone, Askov and Hinckley have jointly purchased a sewer rodder and have entered into an agreement in which all three contribute to a replacement fund. The fund currently has \$38,602, more than the replacement cost of a new rodder. The current rodder is in

very good condition having recently had all the rods replaced. Staff suggestion is to extend the agreement with the other cities, but to place a cap on the amount of funds in the account.

Motion Bonander, second Edmond to approve extending the sewer rodder agreement for an additional three years and for staff to send out a revised agreement, which specifies a cap on the amount of funds in the replacement fund, to Hinckley and Askov for their approval. Motion carried 5-0.

### **REPORTS**

Motion Bonander, second Kester to accept the reports as follows: Summary of paid claims, PeopleService operations-September 13. Motion carried 5-0.

### **WRITTEN NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The City has received a copy of the Robinson Park grant application and a letter from Kennedy & Graven regarding financing options.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The Administrator mentioned that there is a public informational meeting about the Old School on Tuesday, October 12 at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center, and that there is a workshop on budget and golf on Tuesday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. He also reminded the public that Election Day is November 2, and that OctoberFest is this Saturday. He highlighted a Broadband 2010 workshop on October 13 and 14 in Baxter. Finally, he noted the report regarding shared Fire & Rescue services.

### **ADJOURN**

Motion Edmond, second Stadin to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

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Randy Atterbury, Mayor

Attest:

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Sam Griffith, Clerk