

Grandview Plaza City Council
Met in Regular Session
February 16, 2010 at 6:30 PM

Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM Present was Council members Grant, Rider, Edison, Sacher and Hagemeister. Also present was Shirley Bowers, Roger Unruh, Jerome Thomas, Chief Clark, Wynn Craig, Dan Seamons, Henry Macklin, Eric Boland and Allan Rothlisberg.

Edison moved to approve the January 19, 2010 minutes as written; seconded by Hagemeister. Unanimous.

Chief Clark distributed his monthly activity reports. He discussed the proposed Dental Plan put together by Delta Dental of Kansas. BCBS coverage now carried, has very few benefits, with no major dental coverage and cost the city \$7717.92 annually. Delta Dental plan will cost \$7434.36 annually, with a summarization of benefits as follows:

- 1) The City's current BCBS plan only covers 50% of Basic Services. The DDKS plan will cover 80% and will include oral surgery / extractions, restorative (fillings), endodontics (root canals), periodontics (gum disease issues) and an emergency exam.
- 2) The City's current plan has 0% coverage for Major Services. The DDKS plan will cover 50% and will include crowns & dentures procedures which have not been covered up to this point.
- 3) The City's current plan has a 240 day waiting period on several basic & major services. The DDKS plan has no waiting periods.
- 4) BCBS has 65% of the dentists in Kansas in their provider network. DDKS has 90%.
- 5) BCBS does not have a national provider network. If a member or a member's dependent on the plan must have dental work done in another state, they currently must pay the network rates for the state the procedure(s) was performed in. (Which in most cases will be higher) DDKS has a cooperating national network in every state. If a member or a member's dependent on the plan must have dental work done in another state, that provider will honor the Kansas network rates. (Which are almost always lower)

Grant made the motion to approve the change in Dental insurance from BCBS to Delta Dental, seconded by Hagemeister. Unanimous.

Chief Clark addressed the council with the request that he be given the 2.5% rate increase the other department heads received at the first of the year. There was no response from the council. He also stated that if ANYONE had a question or concern with his Police department policies or any of his officers, they are welcome to come directly to him.

Jerome Thomas announced that the Fire Department had received another Grant for \$4963. This will purchase 2 new sets of fire gear and flashlights. In 3 years, \$62,773 in grants has been awarded to the department. The 2nd fire truck is still for sale. It was believed to have been sold, but the deal fell thru. His street department purchased 2 tons of Poly Foam Patchwork to fill pot holes in the city. There were no updates for the Razor Back Ridge project, and unless someone comes to the city with a plan, the project is basically dead at this point. Transportation for citizens to Junction was a concern for Edison. Two available options were discussed. The Boys and Girls Club and the Senior Citizens buses are available to residents for a fee.

Blight issues were discussed. Jerome told the council that he is bombarded every day with blight issues and was very frustrated with the city council for not backing him with the previous blight issues brought before the council. It takes a lot of work for employees and the attorney to get the paperwork together, and follow the proper procedures, to correct a blight issue. Then when the matter comes before the council to follow thru, the council does not support him. It is a losing situation that takes up a lot of his time. Some council members apologized to him for not backing him, and said they would support him better in the future.

Council members Edison discussed putting the council minutes on the web site. The website needs to be updated, and Ryan Young will be contacted regarding this. ***Edison moved to put the minutes on the website, once they have been approved by the council. Motion seconded by Grant. Unanimous.***

Pastor moved to approved January expenditures, seconded by Sacher. Unanimous. Grant moved to approve the January Financial Statement as presented, seconded by Edison. Unanimous.

Eric Boland addressed the council with a complaint concerning the city's water turnoff policy for non paid accounts. Mayor Hall said he would look into it and get back with him.

Wynn Craig was present with concerns about the Victory Valley drainage ditch. To install drainage tubes, the project would cost around \$250,000 and the city does not have the funds allocated at this time. Alternative plans will have to be implemented. The matter was tabled.

Grant recommended that the council meeting be started with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Prayer from now on. The council agreed. This will be added onto the Agenda.

Rider moved to adjourn the meeting 8:00 , seconded by Sacher. Unanimous.

Shirley Bowers, City Clerk