

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

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, Jerome Thomas, Chief Clark, Officer Young, Allan Rothlisberg, Mr. & Mrs. Kannenberg, Wynn Craig, Eric Boland, and Col. James Smith, Sgt Kuhnert and other members of the 1/16th Battalion, Ft. Riley. Roger Unruh, Attorney, was absent.

Pastor Hagemeister started the meeting with the Invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Grant moved to approve the February 16, 2010 minutes without public reading, seconded by Sacher. Unanimous.

The 2009 Audit Review was postponed to the April 20, Meeting. The council was given a draft to review.

Cheryl Jorgensen, from the Public Library was unable to attend the meeting, but sent a letter to the council explaining the Big Read grant program from the National Endowment for the arts. This program is designed to restore reading to the center of American Culture. The Dorothy Bramlage Library will host a "Big Read" activity in the community center May 1, 2010 at 10:00 AM to discuss a book called "The Things they carried", by Tim O'Brien, a fictional book of an infantry platoon in Viet Nam. ***Rider moved to approve the use of the Community Building for this meeting, seconded by Edison. Unanimous.***

Mayor Hall introduced Col. James Smith, of the Support Battalion of the 1/16th Infantry. This battalion is a partnership support unit for Grandview Plaza, and will provide help planning and executing community events. Col. Smith outlined Major Brooks goals for Ft. Riley, and presented copies to the council. He also advised that a new hospital for Ft. Riley has been approved for funding, and the Army is working on a partnership with Manhattan Airport to be able to ship soldiers from Manhattan, instead of taking troops all the way to Topeka, for deployment. The council was invited to attend a Community Involvement Event April 21 at Brigadier General Petersons home. Invitations will be delivered soon. Smith also discussed some upcoming events at Ft. Riley, and invited the public to attend. Ms Grant announced the annual "Run for the Wall" Motorcycle event to be held May 23, 2010. A meal will be held for the riders at 4:30 PM at the American Legion Post.

Eric Boland returned before the council to discuss request for refund of disconnect charges on his water bill. The matter was tabled to the April Meeting. Shirley will make copies of the Water Shutoff policy ordinance for council members for their review.

Chief Clark distributed his monthly report. He advised the council of Drug Seizure moneys to be received, so far this year pending court proceedings. Sherilyn Brown and Matt Paquette, part time police department employees each passed their annual reviews. Clark requested approval for a \$.25 cent an hour raise. ***Edison moved to approve the wage increase for both employees; seconded by Sacher. Unanimous. Brown's wages will go from \$13.45 to \$13.70; Paquette's wages go from \$16.20 to \$16.45 an hour.*** Clark told the council that the copy machine for police department needs replacing, and he is getting price comparisons. Another vehicle will need to be purchased soon, as the one McKeen drives is requiring constant repairs. He also suggested raising city sales tax 1%, ½ percent for 911 costs, and ½ percent for street repairs. Clark again asked the council for the 2.5% raise that other department heads received January 1, 2010. He felt that he was doing a good job, and deserved the increase too. Grant stated that they would look into it. Mayor Hall stated that Clark did not received his increase, because his wages for 2009 far passed other department heads that had been here for many years longer. The raise was not given to him, to get his wages more in line with the other department heads with more seniority. The matter was tabled to the April meeting.

Officer Young addressed the council on projects she was working on for children's activities. She is working with Honey Grant and Mary Stauffer, of the Boys and Girls Club, on a survey to be sent out with school children to see what activities they are interested in doing. There will be a "Movie" afternoon, during the summer again. Maybe some fishing trips, etc. Suggestions from the public are welcome. She also stressed that this will not be a "babysitting" program, and adult and parent participation will be required. There was discussion of Street Crossing guards needed. Young related that there were insurance issues with crossing guards that the school will not cover.

Jerome Thomas reported that there will not be any FEMA reimbursement for GVP for storm damage from the winter storms. The only moneys Geary County will receive will be to replace gravel roads, which GVP does not have. The Grandview Plaza Fire Department Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 27, 2010 at 1:00 PM in the City Park. The ages this year will be 0 to 8 years old. There will not be any large prizes due to budget restraints, and only be eggs filled with candy. Volunteers are welcome. June 27, 2010 to July 4, 2010 the Fire Department will have their Fireworks Tent in operations. Proceeds from this event will help purchase fire equipment for the department. ***Jerome requested the purchase of 25 loads of clay and gravel for the drainage ditch for \$1250 from Ebert's Construction. Grant approved the purchase request; seconded by Rider. Unanimous.*** Rider asked about patching pot holes on the

streets. Jerome advised that there was no money in the budget right now. He ordered 2 new 2x2 foot "City Hall" sign for \$71 each to replace the old sign on the corner of Flint Hills Blvd and State Avenue. He also instructed John Mallon's Trash service to pick up the excess trash and send the bill to the city. The bill will then be put on the tax roles for that property. He reported that 101 Locust mobile home will be removed from the city within 2 weeks. Blights and Trash accumulations, and general disrepair of homes throughout the city were discussed. Rider suggested that everyone getting a blight citation needs to go thru the court, and let the courts handle it. Copies of Ordinance 87-3 were distributed to the council for their review. The council agreed that they would back up his decisions regarding blight citations in the future. Edison asked for information regarding KDOT and the traffic on I-70. A KDOT survey needs to be conducted by the State and a decision will be made. This process will take several years to complete, as the state faces budget restraints.

For NEW Business Priority Projects, Edison wants to have better communication with city residents and more resident participation in events and council meetings. Grant listed Streets and Curbing, Drainage ditch completion, Shelters for school kids, when waiting for the bus; Park cleanup and safety for the kids; funding for new city hall, and general clean up of the city.

Edison moved to approve February Expenditures; seconded by Grant. Unanimous. Hagemeister moved to approve the February Financial Statement; seconded by Rider.

Grant moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM; Seconded by Edison. Unanimous.

Shirley Bowers, City Clerk