

Grandview Plaza City Council

Met in regular session

December 21, 2011

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, Officer Young, Officer Rivera, Patti Jo Whitten, Wynn Craig, and Dan Seamons.

Pastor Hagemeister lead the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and invocation.

Hagemeister moved to approve the minutes as written and without public reading, seconded by Edison. Unanimous.

Bowers introduced Patti Jo Whitten to the council members that she had not previously met. Patti Jo replaced Patricia Ruiz, on December 6, 2010 as a full time employee, with a starting rate of \$10.00 and hour.

Jerome Thomas and Chief Clark presented a plaque to Honey Grant, in appreciation of her hard work and participation in the Youth activities for Halloween, Christmas and Easter events. Thomas reported that 6 families were adopted for Christmas dinner and gifts, thanks to many donations from local citizens and businesses. Delivery will occur Wednesday, December 22, by Santa. Santa and Mrs. Clause visited Grandview Elementary Monday, to deliver candy, and visit with the children. Thomas and Clark had been visiting with KDOT regarding the traffic issue at I-70 exit 299, but no response received to date. He purchased another air pac for \$1500 paid for out of the fire grant money. Jerome also presented a letter to the city attorney requesting the demolition of the Dreamland Motel at 520 E. Flint Hills Blvd. Rider moved to approve Resolution 10-04, to proceed with a hearing on the demolition of said property, seconded by Hagemeister. Unanimous. The resolution will be run twice in the Daily Union, and a copy of the resolution will be mailed by certified letter to the property owners; Bay View Loan Services, LLC, 4425 Ponce de Leon Blvd, 5th Floor, Coral Gable, FL 33146. The hearing will be held at the Regular February 15 Council Meeting.

Thomas reported to the council that the mayor had approached him, asking him to serve on the 911 Board for Geary County. Jerome said his plate is full, and cannot handle any more responsibility. Since Chief Clark has attended all the meetings, and been involved continuously with the organization, he recommends that Chief Clark to represent the City on this board. Grant moved to appoint Clark to the Board, seconded by Edison. Unanimous. Thomas reported that the furnaces to the Community center had been repaired and thermostats were replaced. Monday, Santa and the Firemen delivered candy canes to the school children. Thursday, the city employees are having a Christmas gathering at noon. Meat and cheese trays will be purchased. Council members are welcome to attend.

Dan Seaman of Prairie Wynds properties was present to ask for help from the city in resolving the ditch problem. He would like to see the issue put on the front burner. Grass seed had not yet been planted, due to Jerome's heavy work responsibilities, and Seamans was asking that seed be planted by at least mid-March, before the rains came and washed all the dirt work away. Jerome estimates that it will cost approximately \$1200 for grass seed, and he can get more dirt to put on before planting the seed. Hagemeister moved that the city work towards a settlement towards this problem; seconded by Grant. Unanimous. This will be tabled to the March agenda.

Chief Clark presented his regular monthly activity reports. He has lost 2 part time police officers and 1 reserve officer in the last few months. He has been conducting interviews and three of those qualified. He requested that Jason Waryan, and Jason Rector be hired as part time officers, with a starting rate of \$16.25 and hour. John Lytle is recommended for the reserve officer (non-paid). Rider remarked that the department heads should not be allowed to hire and fire. The remaining council members disagreed, and discussion followed on the responsibilities of the department heads. Grant moved to approve the new part time officers at \$16.25 an hour, and the new reserve officer. Sacher seconded the motion. Edison and Hagemeister voted yes. Rider opposed. Motion carried 4 to 1. Clark discussed problems he was having with a couple of business in town, and that they were under investigation. Edison asked Clark if his new phone service was working okay and wanted a report on the K-9 Chuck. The reports were distributed, and Young explained the report.

Rider moved to approve the November expenditures, seconded by Sacher. Unanimous. Rider moved to approve the November Financial Statement; seconded by Hagemeister. Unanimous.

Rider moved to give each employee a \$100 Christmas Bonus, seconded by Edison. Unanimous. Rider moved to approve the 2011 Game Licenses and Occupation Tax License, seconded by Edison. Unanimous.

Edison moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm, seconded by Sacher. Unanimous.

Shirley Bowers, City Clerk