

Grandview Plaza City Council

Met in Regular Session May 17, 2011 at 6:30 PM

Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present was Council-members Grant, Rider, Edison, Sacher, and Rodney. Also present was Shirley Bowers, Roger Unruh, Jerome Thomas, Chief Clark, Officer Periano, Young and Rivera, Pastor Hagemeister, Dan Hoffman, Allan Rothlisberg, Dan Seamons, Viola Long and Madelyn Brown.

Pastor Hagemeister opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Grant moved to approve the April 19, 2011 meeting minutes as written and without public reading; seconded by Edison. Unanimous.

Dan Hoffman presented the council with the 2010 Audit Report. The city is overall in good shape. The sewer fund was over budget \$600.00 in expenditure. Debt obligations for the year decreased 10%. Hoffman also stated that the 2011 budget process will begin next month, and department heads need to start preparing for the 2012 budget process.

Dan Seamans approached the council again with blight concerns in the city, complaining about his property value decreases. Mr Rodney told Mr. Seaman that he and his associates knew the area they were building in before the project began. Just because \$150,000 + homes were built adjacent to \$15,000 mobile homes, Seamans could not expect the city to demolish older homes. Currently, Jerome Thomas is the blight control officer, and constantly brings violations thru the court system. At this point, not much more can be done. It is a work in progress.

Viola Long, representing the North Flint Hills Area on Aging, talked to the council about this organization and what it offered. She asked for a minimum of 3 volunteers to help serve meals May 25, 2011 at 11:30 AM. Mayor Hall, Jack Rider, Robert Rodney and Gary Sacher volunteered to assist.

May 26, 2011 Flint Hills Rural Electric RECA will be shutting down our Sub-station from 1:00 AM to 5:00 AM in order for Westar Energy to update their system. Flint Hills will contact their customers.

Jerome requested permission to sell the Land Pride Mower for \$250. Grant moved to approve the sale of the mower, seconded by Sacher. Unanimous. He reported \$1200 worth of mowing was done this month. This cost will be added onto the tax rolls in August. 25 loads of dirt have been spread at the "gully" area, and the grass seed is purchased, but does not plan to plant it until the fall. His department has helped Junction City 4 times this weekend with sewer breaks, as their equipment is down. Tim Schmidt will be back on a 40 hour work week as of May 20, through the summer. The 1997 mower motor is having problems. If it cannot be fixed, a new motor will cost approximately \$1200. Jerome requested permission to hire Corey Burch as a volunteer firefighter, making his fire department count up to 17 firefighters. Sacher moved to approve Burch as a volunteer firefighter; seconded by Rodney. Unanimous. At the request of the Mayor, Jerome will reinstall one handicap parking stall at the front of the City Hall. Other handicap parking is available in the lower parking lot.

Grant reported on events she had attended as the council representative for the Flint Hills Regional Council. She talked about the new ATA Bussing transportation company that will provide public transportation for \$2.00 one way to area locations, and \$4.00 one way to Manhattan. She reminded everyone that the Harley Davidson "Run for the Wall" will be Sunday May 23rd.

Chief Clark stated that the Grandview School thanked everyone who attended the USD 475 meeting in support of the remodeling of the school. The renovation plans include at least 3 more classrooms. He reported an increase in police calls. He will begin working on the 2012 budget. His fuel budget needs to increase, and a 2% wage increase for his officers will be included. He has several cost cutting measures he is working on. He requests to hire Jay Rector for the vacant budgeted position for the Police Department. Rector has agreed not to participate in the medical and dental insurance programs until he graduates from KLETC. He will attend KLETC in October, and should graduate in February 2012. Sacher moved to hire Rector full time July 1st @ \$16.25 an hour, seconded by Edison. Rodney voted yes, Rider voted no. Motion carried. Officer Young read an acknowledgment letter to the council regarding Officer Rivera and his accomplishments to the department. Rivera is presently the K-9 officer for the police department. Clark discussed switching cleaning services to Pam Anders @ \$20.00 an hour with a maximum of 2 hours a week. Rider moved to approve Ms Anders to provide the cleaning service for the police department effective June 1, 2011, seconded by Sacher. Unanimous.

Sacher moved to approve the April expenditures, seconded by Edison. Unanimous. Sacher moved to approve the April financial reports; seconded by Edison. Unanimous.

Edison moved to appoint Allan Rothlisburg as the city's representative for the Economic Development Commission; Seconded by Sacher. Unanimous.

Mayor Hall presented Pastor Hagemeister with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Plaque for his 20 plus service as a city council member. Hagemeister thanked the council, and stated that he enjoyed his service to the city. Rider moved to amend section D-4 (I) of the GVP Employee Handbook to allow employees to sell 80 hours of unused vacation a year, if requested, changing from 40 hours, to be effective immediately. Motion was seconded by Edison. Unanimous.

Rider moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM, seconded by Rodney. Unanimous. Shirley Bowers, City Clerk