

## Grandview Plaza City Council

Met in Regular Session December 17, 2013 at 6:30 PM

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm, by Mayor Rick Geike. Present were council members Grant, Rider, Edison, and Rodney. Also present was Shirley Bowers, Janet Young, Roger Unruh, Jerome Thomas, Chief Peirano, Jordan Chase, Betty Crutchfield, and Pamela Hamilton.

Mayor Geike led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Honey Grant led the Invocation.

Marvin Edison made a motion to approve the November 19 minutes, with a correction of paragraph 11 to reflect that Gary Sacher seconded the motion to allow Chief Peirano to start the hiring process. The motion was seconded by Honey Grant. Motion carried vote unanimous.

Betty Crutchfield was concerned about the cat problem within the City of Grandview Plaza. Ms. Crutchfield was given several suggestions by council members. Betty also was concerned about yards in the City of Grandview Plaza, she was advised by council to write down addresses and give them to Jerome Thomas for follow up. Betty had a question about the zoning laws and was advised to come and speak to Jerome Thomas.

Jerome Thomas reported on his departments to include meeting with KDOT about the Interstate 70, 299 off ramp, the south lane on West Flinthills becoming a turn right only lane, and widening West Flinthills into a 4 lane road in front of Stacy's. Jerome Thomas reported that KDOT took photographs and would be making a decision sometime after April 1, 2014. Jerome Thomas reported that Operation Thanksgiving went well and that the city provided food to 4 families and the church provided food to 9-10 families. Jerome Thomas reported that on December 19<sup>th</sup>, Santa would be going to school at 2:00 pm and would be delivering gifts to the children on December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm. Jerome Thomas invited all council members to a Christmas luncheon at the city building on December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 pm. Jerome Thomas reported that his sewer machine broke down and is 16 years old. Jerome Thomas reported that the sewer machine had been repaired. Jerome Thomas told the council that it may be time to think about purchasing a new machine, estimated cost \$53,000 to \$55,000. Jerome Thomas told the council that he had spoken to Dan about the budget and trying to determine if this was possible.

Chief Peirano distributed his monthly reports. Chief Peirano reported that he purchased the weapons and lights for \$4593.95. Chief Peirano reported that he was able to get the light bar for the Impala for free and only had to pay for Ka-Com to place it on the vehicle. Chief Peirano provided the council with receipts for both.

Chief Peirano requested permission to replace the Crown Victoria police vehicle. Chief Peirano provided council with an estimate for a 2013 Dodge Ram 4X4 truck for \$23,600. Chief Peirano reported that it would cost approximately \$30,000 after the vehicle is outfitted with police gear. Rodney made motion to allow Chief Peirano to purchase the vehicle; the motion was seconded by Rider. Motion carried, vote unanimous.

Chief Peirano requested that the council reconsider providing insurance for new employees. Chief Peirano provided a breakdown of costs effectiveness to the council. Motion to reinstate full family insurance coverage for full time employees, made by Robert Rodney and seconded by Marvin Edison. Motion passed 3-1. Rodney, Grant, and Edison voted yes. Rider voted no.

Rider moved to approve the November expenditures, seconded by Edison. Motion carried, vote unanimous.

Rodney moved to approve the November financial statement, seconded by Grant. Motion carried, vote unanimous.

Pamela Hamilton voiced concerns about the building permit to demolish the Sunset Motel. Pamela Hamilton was advised to get a licensed contractor and a way to remove the debris. Pamela Hamilton was advised that she had until the January 2014 meeting to have the building demolished or the council would hire a contractor. Two bids for cost to the City of Grandview Plaza were opened by Mayor Geike. Bid one from Mark Pierson was \$9500.00, bid two from Harold Glessner was \$9750.00, not including asbestos.

Alan Rothlisberg addressed the council about the Geary County North Central Destination Casino and requested the council pass a resolution stating that the City of Grandview Plaza was in favor of the casino. Edison moved to approve a resolution, seconded by Grant. Motion carried, vote unanimous. Roger Unruh was asked to type the resolution.

Grant suggested a 2% cost of living raise for city employees. Motion made by Rodney to approve, seconded by Rider. Motion carried, vote unanimous.

Grant suggested that each full time employee receive a \$150.00 Christmas bonus and each part time employee receive a \$50.00 Christmas bonus. Motion made by Rodney to approve, seconded by Rider. Motion carried, vote unanimous.

Council members are to turn in their votes for the winning Christmas lights contestants by Friday December 20, 2013. This year's winner to be announced at January's meeting.

Motion made by Rider to approve this year's game licenses. Rodney seconded. Motion carried, vote unanimous.

Grant requested \$300.00 to attend the Chamber of Commerce retreat. Motion made to approve by Edison, seconded by Rodney. Motion carried, vote unanimous.

Grant advised council of the Cohen's Chicken sign that the Cohen family has. The matter was tabled until the January meeting. Members request that Jerry Bielefeld obtain more information and provide it to the council then.

Roger Unruh presented Resolution 13-03 for Mayor Geike to sign. Rider made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Edison. Motion carried, vote unanimous.

Edison made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:30 pm, seconded by Rodney. Motion carried, vote unanimous.