

Grandview Plaza City Council

Met in Regular Session March 19, 2013 at 6:30 PM

Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present was Council members Grant, Rider, Edison, and Rodney. Sacher was absent. Also present was Shirley Bowers, Mike McKone, Jerome Thomas, Chief Peirano, Gerry Bielefeld, Leonard Hume, Carl and Dee Corey, and Michelle Custer.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Grant.

Rider wished to amend the February minutes to include his motion to allow Jerome to complete his 2013 goal list in the priority as he saw fit and as it worked in the budget. Rider had made the motion and Rodney seconded it. Unanimous. **Rider then moved to approve the amended minutes as corrected; seconded by Rodney. Unanimous.**

Jerome reported on his departments. Konza overlaid Castle Street yesterday and E Grandview Drive will be done on Wednesday. He used some extra fill to fill in various holes around the city. He has sent out 20 blight letters so far, with 55 more to go. He requested permission to bring the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus to town, September 8, 2013 as a fund raiser for the Fire Department. It would cost \$290 up front, but has the possibility of earning up to \$1900 profit. The event will be held in the city park and will present 2 shows. The fire department will sell the tickets and provide parking assistance. Several questions were asked from the council. **Rodney moved to allow the Fire Department to bring the circus to town, and designated Jerome Thomas to enter into the contract for the city's behalf. Motion was seconded by Rider. Unanimous.** There will not be a fireworks stand this year, as the building used in the past has been rented, and no longer available. The Easter Egg hunt was canceled this year. This brought several comments from the council. Since it was too late to plan one, it was decided that there will be one next year. Grant wanted to know why the MDA Boot drive was cancelled. Jerome stated that where they held it, was on a State Highway and Highway Patrol told him he could potentially get into trouble having it there. Since the highway is also the city's "Main Street", there is no other main street in town for the firefighters to collect from. Additionally, firefighters all have small children and wanted to be free to spend the holiday with their families. They have done it every Labor Day holiday for 8 years, and wanted a change. Other discussion on activities for the kids were discussed. Chief Peirano stated that several things had been tried, but there is no interest, and a very minimum of kids show up, parent involvement was non-existent. But they would keep trying to think of events. Jerome commented that other than a couple of council members and the Mayor, the council usually didn't participate in these events either.

Jerome and Shirley want to do some landscaping in front of the city hall. The grass is dead from traffic walking across it. Jerome wants to put down visqueen and gravel to the south of the front sidewalk, then plant some shrubs to beautify the area. **Rider moved to allow the improvement, with expenses not to exceed \$500. Motion seconded by Rodney. Unanimous.**

Chief Peirano distributed his monthly activity reports. He hired Micah Haden as a police officer @\$16.25 an hour, plus differential pay. He started March 19, 2013 and will fill the Drug operation position, to be used as patrolman if needed. He is KLETC Certified with several years experience as a police officer. Pierano has 4 possible applications to fill Sherilyn Brown's part time job, but has not made a decision yet.

Mayor Hall thanked the Jerome and the police department for their help during his medical crisis Monday afternoon. He was taken by ambulance to the hospital and released today.

Grant moved to approve the February bills; seconded by Rodney. Unanimous. Edison moved to approve the February Financial statement; seconded by Rider. Unanimous.

Under old business, the 50th Anniversary celebration for the city was discussed. At the last meeting the council decided to use Holy Smoke Barbeque for \$5.40 per person for 750 people. Jerome will meet with them for arrangements and plans to have the event sometime in June.

Michelle Custer introduced herself to the council. She is a candidate for the school board. She talked about her goals and things she wanted to accomplish if elected.

Shirley Bowers discussed the CentryLink Upgrade needed for the city's phone system. The council had been given a cost proposal to study. Total cost for the upgrade was \$6148.74, and will accommodate up to 9 lines, with new phones. The old system is outdated and parts or replacement telephones are unavailable. **Rider moved to approve the new phone system, seconded by Rodney. Unanimous.**

Rider moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM, seconded by Rodney. Unanimous.

Shirley Bowers, City Clerk