

## Grandview Plaza City Council

Met in Regular Session September 16, 2014 at 6:30 PM

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm, by Mayor Rick Geike. Present were council members Grant, Rider, Edison, Sacher and Rodney. Also present was Roger Unruh, Janet Young, Jerome Thomas, Chief Peirano, Linda Costello, Kayln Curtis, and Rick Dykstra.

Mayor Geike led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Honey Grant led the Invocation.

Robert Rodney made a motion to approve the August 18, 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded by Honey Grant. Motion carried vote unanimous.

Jerome Thomas reported on his departments: 1)Advised counsel of mistake in quote by Bayer Construction should have been \$36,186.50. 2)provided a letter to counsel from Stuart Porter on sewer ponds, 3)advised that new lift station went on line 9/11/2014 and is 95% completed. Old lift station needs to be torn down and concrete/asphalt laid. Alerts set up to come straight to cell phone when problem at the lift station, 4) advised that ordered 50 tons of salt, 25 tons delivered. Currently have 75 tons of salt and are waiting on snow plow parts to be delivered, 5) provided counsel with bid from Dave's Electric for Community Center generator for \$39,980. Advised that the city would dig ditch for electric line from pole to generator and pour concrete for the generator to sit on. Marvin Edison made a motion to accept the bid for \$39,980 and have the generator installed. The motion was seconded by Gary Sacher. Motion carried, vote unanimous., 6) Requested permission to add Terrance Walker and Jeremy Bramwell to the volunteer fire department. Jack Rider made motion to allow the two new firefighters. The motion was seconded by Robert Rodney. Motion carried, vote unanimous, 7) Requested permission to purchase new mower from Country Clipper for \$10,096.00, will use the old one to cut blight properties. Gary Sacher made a motion to allow Jerome to purchase the new lawn mower for \$10,096.00. The motion was seconded by Robert Rodney. Motion carried vote unanimous., 8) Items have been purchased to hand out on Halloween and the new Emergency Snow Route-No Parking signs will be in shortly.9) purchased cross wire extension for the water cannons, which will them to turn the cannon without hitting fire truck.

Marvin Edison inquired about the new city employee process. Jerome advised that he had 8 applications turned in, 1 of which is already with the volunteer fire department and is trained on running the equipment. Jerome advised that that applicant could not even consider the position unless we are able to pay \$14.00 hourly. Marvin Edison made a motion to start new city employee at \$14.00 hr. Gary Sacher seconded the motion. Motion carried, vote unanimous.

There was discussion about raising Greg Quidachay's hourly rate. It was tabled until December and would be addressed in a special meeting with department heads.

Honey Grant complimented Jerome on the show of support on September 11, 2014 with the fire trucks.

Chief Peirano distributed his monthly reports: 1) Chief Peirano reported that the police department had responded to 317 incidents in the last month, 2) Chief Peirano provided the bid for a new garage door from "The Garage Door Place" for \$1582.00. Honey Grant made a motion to purchase the new garage for \$1582.00; the motion was seconded by Gary Sacher. Motion carried, vote unanimous. , 3) Chief Peirano asked to purchase cold weather coats and wet weather gear for 7 officers. Cost would be approximately \$3000.00 for set. Honey Grant made a motion to purchase the gear. Jack Rider seconded the motion. Motion carried, vote unanimous. Chief Peirano requested permission to purchase Class A uniforms (pants, shirt, coats, shoes, duty belt, hat, holster, gloves) for approximately \$500.00 set. Robert Rodney made a motion to allow Chief Peirano to purchase 3 sets of Class A uniforms. Gary Sacher seconded the motion. Motion carried vote unanimous. 4) Chief Peirano advised that he had 3 good candidates for the 7<sup>th</sup> police officer position; however none of them are certified. Chief Peirano advised that he has up to one year to send them to the police academy, and that they would receive some field training here prior to going to the academy. Chief Peirano advised that he would be requesting a two year commitment from them, and would start them at \$16.00 hr until graduation from the Law Enforcement Academy. Robert Rodney made motion to allow the hiring of a none certified officer. Jack Rider seconded the motion. Motion carried, vote unanimous. 5) Police department now certified and carrying the Taser X2. Honey Grant asked about the flow of traffic at J Hill, Chief Peirano advised that the extra lane has seemed to not only improve the flow of traffic, and there are less traffic infractions being committed there.

Janet Young reported that the cost of the new court supplies was \$387.00, not the \$1500.00. Janet Young requested permission to attend the City Clerk certification course from Nov. 3-7, 2014. Cost for early registration is \$460.00, plus \$98.00 a night for hotel accommodations. There would be the added cost for dinner, since it is not being served. Robert Rodney made a motion to allow Janet to attend the course. Honey Grant seconded the motion. Motion carried, vote unanimous.

Honey Grant moved to approve the August expenditures, seconded by Robert Rodney. Motion carried, vote unanimous.

Jack Rider moved to approve the August financial statement, seconded by Marvin Edison. Motion carried, vote unanimous.

Rick Dykstra gave a presentation on the Milford Lake and blue green algae situation. Mr. Dykstra stated that this has had a large impact on the economy in the area.

Roger Unruh presented advised the counsel that the court has ordered appraisers to appraise land for sewer pond and that they should be out within the next two weeks. Roger stated that after that, it would be a matter of writing a check for the appraised amount and we would be finished with that part.

Roger Unruh advised the counsel that there was an incident where a subject was arrested and taken to the Geary County Detention Center, and after approximately 2 hours at the detention center the subject attempted to hang himself with his shoes laces. Roger advised that the medical bills were originally

turned over to the Geary County Sheriff's Department, which in turned was turned over to the Geary County Attorney's office. Roger advised that the assistant county attorney Lloyd Graham stated that they were not paying the bill, and that if the City of Grandview Plaza pursues this then the county will no longer allow the city to house prisoners in their detention center.

Roger Unruh advised the counsel that if this had been a pre-existing condition, then the City of Grandview Plaza would be responsible for the medical bills.

Roger advised that the medical bills for Geary Community Hospital and Mercy Health Center totaled over \$22,000.00.

Roger advised the counsel that at this point he needed the counsel to decide on whether the City of Grandview Plaza will pay the bills or not. Roger advised that the hospitals will eventually sue the city and that the Geary County Sheriff's Department would be brought in as a co-defendant.

Roger advised the counsel that he needed them to decide whether to pay the bills or not. After much discussion Honey Grant made a motion not to pay the medical bills. Gary Sacher seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1. Rodney, Rider, Sacher, Grant voted yes. Marvin Edison voted no.

Jack Rider made a motion to adjourn. Gary Sacher seconded the motion. Motion carried, vote unanimous.