

REGULAR MEETING:

The La Cygne City Council met on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 for a regularly scheduled meeting at La Cygne City Hall. Council Members present were: Jake Fleming; Linda Meisel; Travis Robbins; and Esther Shields. Absent: Robert Sullivan.

Others in attendance included, but not limited to: City Clerk Gary Mahon; City Attorney John Sutherland; Police Chief Paul Filla; Public Works Superintendent Jim Johnson; Fire Chief Dan Nasalroad; Police Officer Tate West; Judy Kinder; Brad Barrett; Robert Turpen; Le Roy Turpen; Fred Meisel; Charlene Sims; Allen Huggins; and Amy West.

Mayor Weitman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. by asking Brad Barrett to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Weitman commended Mr. Barrett on the first-rate job and was optimistic that the City Clerk would grasp the insightfulness, reflectiveness, and intensity of Mr. Barrett's narration.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- ❖ Recognized Police Officer Jim Hogue on first year anniversary with City
 - Jim was not present and certificate will be presented to him by Police Chief Filla
- ❖ Presented Dan Nasalroad with Certificate of Appreciation for his contributions to the City

CONSENT AGENDA:

City Clerk Mahon noted that the last payment for the Police Departments 2008 Chevy pick-up will be made next Monday.

✓ **Motion to Approve Consent Agenda**

Council Member Robbins moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of:

Minutes of January 04, 2012 regular city council meeting;
Check Register: January 05 through January 18, 2012;
Budget Report: December 2011;
Treasurer Report: December 2011;
Annual Financial Statement 2011;

Motion seconded by Council Member Fleming, voted on, passed 4-0. Time: 7:02 p.m.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR:

None.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF PAUL FILLA

- ❖ Reported that one of the police cars needed new tires
 - Very bare and bald
 - Have been waiting for new budget year to purchase
 - Will obtain prices from different vendors before purchasing

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – SUPERINTENDENT JIM JOHNSON

- ❖ Water Plant Computer needs upgraded
 - Computer needed to record Hach monitoring equipment information
 - The present Hach equipment requires that computer have Windows XP
 - Different version of Windows would require replacing Hach monitoring equipment
 - ◆ Cost to replace Hach = approximately \$5000
 - The cheapest option is to purchase new computer and have Windows XP installed
 - Supt. Johnson estimated the cost to be less than \$1000
 - ◆ Estimate based on computer search and short-lived purchase a few months ago
 - ◆ No new estimates had been obtained

✓ *Motion To Authorize Water Plant Computer Purchase*

Council Member Robbins moved to authorize up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to replace the computer at water plant. Motion seconded by Council Member Meisel, voted on, passed 4-0. Time: 7:08 p.m.

- ❖ Supt. Johnson reported that he is currently in talks with Hach about new ways to mix soda ash
 - Considering switching from powder to liquid
 - Eliminate handling heavy bags
 - Eliminate dust (inhalation and residue)
 - Was reporting to Council to determine if it was O.K. to pursue switching
 - Mayor Weitman noted that decision would be left to Supt. Johnson's best judgment
- ❖ Annual Sewer System Treatment
 - Chemical treatment performed annually
 - Special on chemicals if ordered early
 - Chemicals have been ordered
 - ◆ Saved approximately \$2750
 - ◆ Will treat sewers in approximately 2 months
- ❖ Recently replace fire hydrant
 - Ordered two new hydrants to have in stock
- ❖ Recently sold scrap metal
 - \$308 received
 - Sale documented by pictures and scrap tickets
- ❖ Street Barn Holding Tank
 - City Clerk Mahon reported that must hook on to sewer if within 140 ft
 - City Council's decision whether or not to allow septic tank or holding tank in lieu of hooking to sewer main if over 140 ft.
 - Holding tanks and septic systems must comply with minimum state standards/regulations
 - ◆ City Attorney concurred with Mahon
 - ◆ Distance to city main from street barn is over 140 ft.

✓ *Motion To Authorize Sewage Holding Tank at Street Barn*

Council Member Fleming moved to authorize a sewage holding tank to serve the city's street barn. Motion seconded by Council Member Meisel, voted on, passed 4-0. Time: 7:14 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNITY BUILDING

- ❖ Council Member Shields reported that she had received a quote to repair holes in the community building ceilings from Larry Owens.
 - Cost = \$200

✓ *Motion To Repair Community Building Restroom Ceilings*

Council Member Shields moved to allow up to two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for repairs by Larry Owens to the community building restroom ceilings. Motion seconded by Council Member Meisel, voted on, passed 4-0.

PARK

- ❖ Council Member Robbins inquired about status of lights at Bittiker Park basketball court
 - Lights had been repaired and back in operation earlier this week
- ❖ Mayor Weitman reported that Chamber of Commerce was developing a "Thayer Park" committee
 - Purpose was to develop plans for land to be donated by Thayer family for park use
 - Location: Northwest Corner of intersection of Market (K-152) and Broadway
 - C of C requested that someone from City be a member of the committee
 - Council Member Shields volunteered

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

DIVERSIFIED SEWER LAGOON PAYMENT

- ❖ Council had been presented with a contract change order that was accepted by Diversified
 - Contract Change Order Date: 12/28/11
 - Job No.: 378-207094-2
 - Revised Contract Amount = \$92,433.20

✓ *Motion To Approve Payment to Diversified Contracting*

Council Member Fleming moved to approve payment to Diversified Contracting in the amount of ninety-two thousand four hundred thirty-three and 20/100 dollars (\$92,433.20) as per contract change order dated 12/28/11. Motion seconded by Council Member Meisel, voted on, passed 4-0. Time: 7:19 p.m.

ADVANCED AQUATICS

Tabled till next meeting.

STREET BARN SEWER CONNECTIONS

Addressed during "Reports of City Officers" – Public Works Department

NEW BUSINESS:

DOUGLAS PUMP PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

- ❖ Annual maintenance program
- ❖ Per Supt. Jim Johnson: Good program, recommend approving
- ❖ Cost = \$230 per pump
 - 6 pumps. Total = \$1380
- ❖ City has utilized the program in past years

✓ *Motion To Approve Douglas Pump Preventive Maintenance*

Council Member Robbins moved to approve the preventative maintenance proposal from Douglas Pump in the amount of one thousand three hundred eighty dollars (\$1380.00). Motion seconded by Council Member Fleming, voted on, passed 4-0. Time: 7:22 p.m.

KANSAS RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE MAR 27-29

- ❖ Supt. Johnson noted that there would not be any employees available from public works to attend this year.
- ❖ City Attorney Sutherland requested permission to attend the Attorney Forum on March 27

✓ *Motion To Accept Public Building Commission Appointments*

Council Member Robbins moved to send Attorney Sutherland to the attorney forum portion of the rural water association conference on March 27th. Motion seconded by Council Member Shields, voted on, passed 4-0. Time: 7:24 p.m.

WAIVER OF COMMUNITY BUILDING RENT

- ❖ Iota Tau sorority requested waiver of community building rent January 29th
 - Fund raiser for Jason & Chelsie (Kettler) Stainbrook
 - Lost nearly everything in a fire on November 21st

✓ *Motion To Waive Community Building Rent*

Council Member Shields moved to waive community building rental fees for the Jason/Chelsie Stainbrook fund raiser January 29th. Motion seconded by Council Member Fleming, voted on, passed 4-0. Time: 7:25 p.m.

REMINDER OF UPCOMING CONDEMNATION PUBLIC HEARINGS

- ❖ Mayor Weitman reminded Council of the continuance of condemnation public hearings next meeting
- ❖ Noted that Council Member Shields had tried to help one of the families
 - Had spent time identifying possible solutions and help for the family
 - Family kept turning down the offer to help
 - ◆ Mayor Weitman assumes that the family has developed a plan of their own to be presented at the continued hearing next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

✓ *Motion To Go Into Executive Session*

Council Member Fleming moved to go into executive session for legal and personnel for up to fifty-five (55) minutes following a ten (10) minute break. Motion seconded by Council Member Meisel, voted on, passed 4-0. Time: 7:27 p.m.

Executive Session Extended

✓ *Motion To Extend Executive Session*

Council Member Fleming moved to extend the executive session for up to fifteen (15) minutes for personnel. Motion seconded by Council Member Robbins, voted on, passed 4-0. Time: 8:33 p.m.

Executive Session Extended

✓ *Motion To Extend Executive Session*

Council Member Fleming moved to extend the executive session for up to twenty (20) minutes for personnel. Motion seconded by Council Member Robbins, voted on, passed 4-0. Time: 8:48 p.m.

Open Session Resumed at 9:05 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS:

CLARIFICATION OF CONDEMNATION PUBLIC HEARINGS CONTINUANCE

- ❖ Mayor Weitman clarified a statement he made earlier in the meeting
- ❖ The continuance of the condemnation public hearings will be February 01, 2012
 - He may have originally said March 01, 2012

AUTHORIZATION TO SEND ALLEN HUGGINS TO KANSAS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

✓ *Motion To Send Allen Huggins to KLETC*

Council Member Robbins moved to send Allen Huggins to Kansas Law Enforcement Training commencing March 12, 2012. Motion seconded by Council Member Fleming, voted on, passed 3-1. (Opposed: Meisel) Time: 9:06 p.m.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Verbal: None

Written: None

NOTES AND COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:

- a] Public Hearing Notice: Zoning Regulations Parking Variance – Dollar General Stores
- b] League of Kansas Municipalities Ethics Course Announcement

ADJOURNMENT:

✓ *Motion to Adjourn Meeting*

There being no further business, **Council Member Shields moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Meisel, voted on, Passed 4-0.** The Regular meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

I, _____ LaCygne City Clerk, do hereby declare the
(Gary D. Mahon) above to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and do hereby subscribe my name this 18th day of January 2012.