

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 7, 1972

COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION, MAYOR MURRAY PRESIDING.

COUNCILMEN PRESENT:

ANDERSON      BANKSON      BROWN      CANTRELL      COBLE      HANSBRAUGH  
KAEHLER      WASHOM      WILLIAMS

COUNCILMEN ABSENT:

BAILEY

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 17, 1972 WERE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL. MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COBLE THAT THE MINUTES BE APPROVED AND PLACED ON FILE. MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCILMAN CANTRELL DISCUSSED THE NEED FOR A SUMP PUMP FOR THE LIFT STATION. COUNCILMAN CANTRELL STATED THAT THE COST FOR A SUMP PUMP WOULD BE \$125.00. MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HANSBRAUGH THAT THE CITY PURCHASE THE SUMP PUMP. MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS DISCUSSED THE NEED FOR A TRUCK FOR THE CEMETERY SEXTON. WILLIAMS STATED THAT THE PRESENT TRUCK BEING USED WAS BROKE DOWN AND TO OLD TO SPEND THE MONEY FOR REPAIRS. HE CHECKED AROUND AND FOUND A 1968 CHEVROLET TRUCK AT BOB CARRS USED CAR LOT FOR \$825.00 PLUS TRADE IN. MR. CARR SAID HE WOULD PAINT THE TRUCK YELLOW AND PUT TWO TIRES ON THE BACK. WILLIAMS STATED THAT THE TRADE IN WOULD BE THE OLD TRUCK AT THE CEMETERY AND ONE OLD TRUCK THAT WAS SITTING AT THE PUMP STATION. MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HANSBRAUGH THAT THE CITY PURCHASE THIS TRUCK. MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS DISCUSSED THE REMOVAL OF TWO DEAD TREES LOCATED AT THE SCHEMERHORN PARK. HE HAD CONTACTED ONE MAN (MR. O. C. TASH) WHO SAID HE WOULD CUT AND HAUL OFF THE BULK OF THE TREES FOR THE PRICE OF \$165.00. MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BANKSON THAT THE TREES BE REMOVED FOR \$165.00. MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCILMAN HANSBRAUGH DISCUSSED ABOUT DIRT BEING TAKEN FROM THE HOUSING UNIT FOR THE FOOTBALL FIELD. THIS WAS TABLED UNTIL A LATER DATE.

COUNCILMAN HANSBRAUGH DISCUSSED THE INCREASE IN GAS PRICES BY MARTIN OIL CO. AND HE SUGGESTED THAT THE CITY TAKE NEW BIDS ON A CONTRACT FOR GAS. MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN HANSBRAUGH AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS THAT THIS BE DONE. MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCILMAN BANKSON DISCUSSED THE POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF A NEW POLICE CAR SINCE THE PONTIAC HAD BEEN TOTALED OUT IN A RECENT ACCIDENT. COUNCILMAN BANKSON PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL THE FOLLOWING BIDS HE HAD RECEIVED:

PRICE FORD-----	\$3720.00
DAN STANLEY-----	\$3648.00
R & S CHEVROLET-----	\$3614.00
FRANK SCOTT-----	\$3511.60
FRED REID-----	\$3492.87

COUNCILMAN BANKSON SUGGESTED THAT WE HAVE THE TWO NEW POLICE CARS EXACTLY ALIKE. AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS THE REPORT OF THE ACCIDENT INVOLVING THE POLICE CAR. MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BROWN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COBLE THAT THE CITY PURCHASE THE SECOND POLICE CAR WITH THE BILLING TO BE AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BANKSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CANTRELL TO PURCHASE A RADIO FOR THE NEW POLICE CAR AT A COST OF \$590.00. MOTION CARRIED.

THE MAYOR DISCUSSED THE FACT THAT FRANK FRY HAS BEEN OFF SICK AND THAT THE REGULAR POLICE FORCE HAD BEEN FILLING IN FOR HIM. HE SUGGESTED THAT BILL W. LYERLA BE HIRED TO REPLACE FRANK FRY. MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BROWN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WASHOM THAT THIS APPOINTMENT BE CONFIRMED. MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCILMAN WASHOM DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE EMPLOYEES GETTING ONE DAY EXTRA WITH PAY FOR THANKSGIVING. MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN WASHOM AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COBLE THAT THE CITY EMPLOYEES BE GRANTED THE EXTRA DAY FOR THANKSGIVING. MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCILMAN WASHOM AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CANTRELL THAT THE WATER  
12 NEW WATER METERS (9-1½x7½ model 15 and 3-3/4x7½ model 15). MOTION

WEEKS VACATION FOR CINDY JORDAN WAS PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL. MOTION  
MAN WASHOM AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HANSBRAUGH THAT THIS BE GRANTED.  
ON CARRIED.

COUNCILMAN HANSBRAUGH REPORTED THAT HE HAD REVIEWED THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND THAT THERE  
WOULD BE A NEED FOR SOME TRANSFERS, BUT OTHERWISE, EVERYTHING WAS IN GOOD ORDER.

THE MAYOR PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING NAMES FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD:

FRED BRAUN UNTIL MARCH 1974  
MRS. EDTHE ABBEY UNTIL MARCH 1975  
MRS. BERYL POWELL UNTIL MARCH 1976

ALONG WITH THESE APPOINTMENTS THE MAYOR ASKED THAT THE RESIGNATION OF MRS. ETTA BROWNE  
BE ACCEPTED. MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN HANSBRAUGH AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ANDERSON  
THAT THE APPOINTMENTS BE CONFIRMED AND THE RESIGNATION BE ACCEPTED. MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCILMAN BANKSON PRESENTED THE POLICE JUDGE REPORT AND THE STOCK MARSHALL REPORT FOR  
THE MONTH OF OCTOBER. THE POLICE JUDGE REPORT WAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1555.00 AND THE STOCK  
MARSHALL REPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7.00. THE STOCK MARSHALL HAD PICKED UP 58 DOGS AND 6 CATS  
AND HAD DESTROYED 45 DOGS. MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN HANSBRAUGH AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL-  
MAN BROWN THAT THE POLICE JUDGE REPORT AND STOCK MARSHALL REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON  
FILE. MOTION CARRIED.

ORD. #685 WAS PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BROWN  
AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BANKSON THAT ORD. #685 BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT. MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCILMAN WASHOM INFORMED COUNCIL THAT THE CITIZENS OF EMPIRE HAD MET AND PRESENTED HIM  
WITH A PETITION TO HAVE THE LOCATION OF THE DOG POUND MOVED. AT THE REQUEST OF THE CITIZENS  
COUNCILMAN WASHOM AND WILLIAMS ATTENDED THE MEETING. COUNCILMAN WASHOM ASKED THAT THE MAYOR  
APPOINT A COMMITTEE OF COUNCILMAN HANSBRAUGH, WILLIAMS AND HIMSELF TO LOOK FOR A NEW LOCATION  
THE MAYOR APPOINTED THE ABOVE NAMED COUNCILMAN TO INVESTIGATE FOR A NEW LOCATION FOR THE  
DOG POUND.

THE MAYOR CALLED FOR AN ADJOURNMENT AT THIS TIME WITH THE COUNCIL TO MEET BACK IN THE COUNCIL  
ROOM IN 10 MINUTES FOR THE HEARING OF POLICE CHIEF W. W. KARR.

THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 8P.M. FOR THE HEARING OF WILLIAM KARR FOR REMOVAL OF OFFICE. AT  
THIS TIME THE MAYOR READ ORD. #820 PERTAINING TO THE STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN THE REMOVAL OF  
AN EMPLOYEE FROM OFFICE. THE MAYOR ASKED AT THIS TIME WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR CALLING THE  
HEARING AND THE CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST WILLIAM KARR. COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS ANSWERED THAT  
HE WAS RESPONSIBLE.

AT THIS TIME COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS READ TO MR. KARR AND TO THE COUNCIL THE CHARGES HE WAS  
BRINGING AGAINST MR. KARR FOR HIS REMOVAL FROM OFFICE. MR. WILLIAMS STATED THAT HIS CHARGES  
STEMMED DIRECTLY FROM THE TRIAL THAT WAS RECENTLY HELD IN COLUMBUS AGAINST HIMSELF. A COPY OF  
MR. WILLIAMS CHARGES ARE ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERKS OFFICE ALONG WITH THESE MINUTES. THE  
HEARING CONTINUED WITH DANNY WILLIAMS ASKING MR. KARR CERTAIN QUESTIONS CONCERNING HIS DUTY  
AS A POLICE OFFICER. DANNY WILLIAMS QUESTION WERE LARGELY THE FACT THAT MR. KARR HAD NOT  
DONE A THROUGH INVESTIGATION OF A CRIME THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE IN EMPIRE AND THAT MR. KARR  
HAD FASELY ACCUSED HIM OF THE CRIME. AFTER MR. WILLIAMS PRESENTED HIS SIDE OF THE CASE  
MR. KARR HAD A CHANCE TO PRESENT HIS SIDE OF THE STORY. MR. KARR PRESENTED ON HIS BEHALF  
THE RECORDS OF HIS INVESTIGATION INTO THE CRIME, AND ALSO THAT HE HAD CALLED THE MAYOR AND  
THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL ADVISE INTO THE STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN THE INVESTIGATION.

AFTER HEARING FROM BOTH SIDES THE MAYOR ASKED FOR ANY STATEMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL IN BEHALF  
OF EITHER PARTY. THERE WAS NONE. THE MAYOR AT THIS TIME POINTED OUT TO COUNCIL THAT IT  
TAKES A MAJORITY VOTE PLUS THE MAYOR VOTE TO REMOVE A PERSON FROM OFFICE. THE MAYOR CALLED  
FOR A SECRET BALLOT. SLIPS OF PAPER WERE PASSED OUT TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL TO CAST THERE  
VOTE ON. BEFORE THE COUNCIL CAST THERE VOTE THE MAYOR READ TO THEM THE SEVEN REASONS TO  
WARRANT REMOVAL OF OFFICE AS STATED IN THE KANSAS LAW. UPON COMPLETION OF THE VOTING  
IT WAS AS FOLLOWS: 3 YES AND 6 NO FOR THE REMOVAL OF MR. KARR FROM OFFICE. THE MOTION FOR  
REMOVAL FROM OFFICE DID NOT PASS. MR. KARR THANKED THE COUNCIL AND MAYOR.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

JACK N. MURRAY, MAYOR

*Jack N. Murray*

MARY ANN BULLARD  
CITY CLERK