

**August 1, 2011
City Council Meeting
Regular Council Meeting**

The regular council meeting for the City of Cimarron convened August 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the regular meeting place and was called to order by Mayor Gilbert Benton. The following councilmembers were present: Darrell Dupree, Alan Riney, Sandy Pickle, Tammy Richardson and Judy Hilker. Employees present: Patty Duncan, Randall Cummins, and Jeff Acton. Guests that were present were Candi Hemel, Beverly Benton, Tim Gleason, Rocky Fairbank, Jeff Monical, Rex Beemer, Pat Friess, Joel Krosschell and Mike Renick.

Jeff Monical addressed the council concerning his resignation as fire chief and the appointment of Rex Beemer, as the new fire chief. Motion was made by councilmember Alan Riney and seconded by councilmember Judy Hilker to accept the resignation of Jeff Monical as fire chief. All in favor. Motion carried.

Rex Beemer presented a new roster for the fire department.

Pat Friess, auditor for the city, discussed the audit report. The topics were expenses, fund balances, revenue and accounting policies.

Motion was made by councilmember Sandy Pickle and seconded by councilmember Darrell Dupree to publish the 2012 budget in the local newspaper. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by councilmember Alan Riney and seconded by councilmember Sandy Pickle to approve the audit report presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by councilmember Sandy Pickle and seconded by councilmember Darrell Dupree to approve the engagement letters from Kennedy McKee and Company LLP. All in favor. Motion carried.

Joel Krosschell discussed the airport and answered questions by the council.

Motion was made to go into executive session with the people from the golf course at 7:04 p.m. for 15 minutes by councilmember Sandy Pickle and seconded by councilmember Tammy Richardson. Meeting reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

Motion was made by councilmember Alan Riney and seconded by councilmember Sandy Pickle to hire Jake Payne at \$17.60 an hour as a full time city employee. Vote was taken Alan Riney, Sandy Pickle and Darrell Dupree in favor. Tammy Richardson and Judy Hilker opposed. Motion carried.

Mike Renick discussed the water reductions.

Randall Cummins discussed the water rights on the Butch Burl property. They are in the cities name at the courthouse and are water right number 14. It can only be used in an emergency.

Randall Cummins discussed the alley between 1st street and 5th street. The repairs are done and the cost to do them was \$565.00. The electric department also is in need of poles before winter. The cost for the poles will be around \$11,000.00. Randall also discussed repairs needed on the hydraulics on the loader.

Alan Riney discussed the water restrictions and maybe changing the hours. After hearing from the City Superintendent it was decided to keep the hours as originally planned.

Celeste Lacy and Amie Schilling enter.

Randall Cummins discussed the need for another baler for the recycle center. The city is trying to sell a chipper to help pay for the baler.

Motion was made by councilmember Darrell Dupree and seconded by councilmember Tammy Richardson to buy a refurbished baler with the amount not to exceed \$8,500.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

A city handbook committee was formed which consists of councilmember Sandy Pickle, councilmember Tammy Richardson, Jeff Acton, Randall Cummins and Patty Duncan.

Discussion was held on the swimming pool. The estimate for a new pool was 2.3 million. Kyle from Larkin Aquatics will come out and give details about the pool and a public meeting will be planned. Patty Duncan is to contact Mark Detter about what needs to be done to get bonds and also inquire about a sales tax to pay for the project.

Councilmember Sandy Pickle will be on the Golf Course committee and councilmember Judy Hilker will be on the airport committee.

The agreement on trash fees between Gray County and the city was tabled. More information is needed before signing.

The paying of bills was discussed and Mayor Benton will come in during the month and review the bills that need to be paid before the next council meeting.

Mayor Benton asked about the need to have the utility fees of the city analyzed.

Motion was made by councilmember Sandy Pickle and seconded by councilmember Judy Hilker to approve the warrant ordinances for the month of July. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by councilmember Darrell Dupree and seconded by councilmember Alan Riney to approve the minutes submitted. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Darrell Dupree had a concern about the open meetings violation and wanted it clarified that neither he nor Alan Riney were involved in the incident.

Motion was made by councilmember Sandy Pickle and seconded by councilmember Tammy Richardson to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 8:25 p.m. for 20 minutes. All in favor. Motion carried. Reconvened at 8:37 p.m.

Motion was made by councilmember Sandy Pickle and seconded by councilmember Tammy Richardson to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 8:38 p.m. for 20 minutes. All in favor. Motion carried. Reconvened at 9:55 p.m.

Motion was made by councilmember Alan Riney and seconded by councilmember Darrell Dupree to go into executive session to discuss the accounts receivable at 9:57 p.m. for 10 minutes. All in favor. Motion carried. Reconvened at 10:13 p.m.

Motion was made by councilmember Sandy Pickle and seconded by councilmember Judy Hilker to not sign the contract with BNSF. All in favor. Motion carried.

Randall Cummins discussed the sewer ponds and discharge. Alternatives were contacting nearby ground owners to see if they would be interested.

Mayor
Gilbert Benton

ATTEST:

Patty Duncan City Clerk