

**October 3, 2011  
City Council Meeting  
Regular Council Meeting**

The regular council meeting for the City of Cimarron convened September 6, 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, Judy Hilker, and Tammy Richardson. Employees present: Patty Duncan, Jeff Acton, Rickie Schiffner, Lance Lacy, John Gleason, David Nicolet, Shannon Hoskinson, Candi Hemel, Jim Petersen, Mike Doll and Randall Cummins. Guests that were present were Rex Beemer, Beverly Benton, Earlene Dupree, Chris Beery, Harmony Beery, Sierra Dunn, Molly Cummins, Rocky Fairbank, Debbie Calhoun, Kirk Anderson, Troy Presley, Joey Duncan, Jeff Sharp, Mary Jenkins, Todd English, Brian McGrew, Jake Payne, Jeremy Koehn, and Dean Perkins.

Councilmember Darrell Dupree presented a plaque to Chris Beery for her work at the veteran memorial at the park. Tom Claar was not present but was recognized for his work at the park shelter house and bathrooms. The city is grateful for their hard work and effort to make the park a nicer place for families.

Candi Hemel discussed the Rotary's parade of lights they are putting together. The parade would not cross any major highways and would end up at the football field for live music. The date they are planning is December 14, 2011.

Candi Hemel discussed comp time and being exempt and non-exempt. The library is open 52 hours a week. They work their schedule to where the full time employee does not get over time unless it's a special occasion and preapproved. Candi presented what she would like for the council to add to the city's handbook. The matter is taken under advisement. Candi also extend an invitation for a councilmember to be on the library board.

Jeff Acton was spokes person for the electric, water, sewer and parks city employees. The employees concerns about comp time and holiday pay were discussed. Jeff had numbers on how many hours that were taken this year and the amount of money the city would not be paying out in overtime. Jeff explained the rotation of weekends for employees when on call. The council will take the matter under advisement.

Rocky Fairbank discussed the golf course. They are paid for their overtime and do not use comp time.

Troy Presley requested the support of the council to permanently close the road north of the elevator for safety reasons. He stated that since it's been closed for the demolition this would be a good time to close it off permanently. They would put gates up to close it off. Rex Beemer had concerns about the EMS and Fire Department being able to respond in a timely manner with the gates. The council stated they did not have any objections with the road being closed but would like Pride Ag to meet with Rex Beemer on his concerns.

Mayor Benton discussed the feedback from the swimming pool meeting. The majority of feedback was positive. Repairing the pool was discussed but it is still a 40 year old pool. Location is not yet determined at this time. There will be more public meetings in the future

to keep the public aware of the decisions made concerning the pool.

Motion was made by councilmember Darrell Dupree and seconded by councilmember Alan Riney to proceed with the election process for a new pool which will include 1.25% sales tax to pay for the pool. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Alan Riney discussed the law enforcement contract. Alan met with Attorney Curtis Campbell and commissioner Mark Busch. They discussed what would happen if the city did not sign the contract for the 2012 year. The city council discussed the hiring of an officer to enforce the city's ordinances and municipal traffic offenses. Any felony charges would go through the district court as is done at this time. Dispatching would have to be worked out with the county. The City of Cimarron has made the county coverage better but it was stated that the other cities do not pay for any services. Councilmember Alan Riney, councilmember Judy Hilker and Mayor Benton will meet with the county commissioners at the next commissioners meeting.

Rex Beemer discussed the need for the city council and key city employees to take training for disasters and the chain of command needed and the process that would take place should that occur. The training will take place locally beginning next month.

Motion was made by councilmember Sandy Pickle and seconded by councilmember Judy Hilker to adopt Resolution 277 Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan. All in favor. Motion carried.

Rex Beemer discussed the equipment on the city's fire truck and handed out a list of equipment needed. Rex is to bring a bid and present it at the next council meeting.

Attorney Mike Doll discussed Neighborhood Revitalization and the process required. Councilmember Alan Riney and councilmember Darrell Dupree will work with Attorney Mike Doll on defining the process.

Motion was made by councilmember Judy Hilker and seconded by councilmember Tammy Richardson to ratify the applications for Neighborhood Revitalization that were already approved at prior meetings which include Curt Adams, Rodger Davis, Cimarron Estates LLC, and Doug Althouse. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Darrell Dupree discussed the need for housing and the tools presented to the cities by the state. He stated that Dodge City and Garden City were using RHID to acquire housing.

Attorney Mike Doll updated the council on the easement from John Wagner.

City Superintendent Randall Cummins requested a leak detector be purchased for \$3,985.00.

Motion was made by councilmember Darrell Dupree and seconded by councilmember Alan Riney to purchase a leak detector. All in favor. Motion carried.

Randall Cummins stated that it was too late in the season to do any more chip and sealing of the streets.

Councilmember Alan Riney talked with Larry Thompson from the state department to try and find a way to fix highway 50 west. Councilmember Alan Riney will talk with EBH about a klink program. The council will try several avenues to get the highway fixed.

Randall Cummins gave an update on buying the baler for the recycle center. The people buying the chipper from the city want to see it before they purchase it.

Mayor Benton discussed the audit done by KMEA and that the city had improved financially in 2010.

Leroy Addison offered the city the option to purchase the property across the street from the library.

Mayor Benton discussed making the intersection at 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> into a 4 way stop. The council agreed it was dangerous. The intersection is to be made into a 4 way stop.

Motion was made by councilmember Alan Riney and seconded by councilmember Sandy Pickle to go into executive session with Attorney Michael Doll at 9:10 p.m. for 15 minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reconvened at 9:25 p.m. No decision made.

Councilmember Darrell Dupree updated the council on the Butch Burl water rights. The rights are in reserves until 2019. Darrell Dupree and Tammy Richardson will meet with Butch Burl and report back to the council next month.

Motion was made by councilmember Alan Riney and seconded by councilmember Judy Hilker to go into execution session to discuss personnel at 9:34 p.m. for 30 minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reconvened at 9:55 p.m. No decision made.

Motion was made by councilmember Alan Riney and seconded by councilmember Sandy Pickle to go into execution session to discuss personnel at 10:00 p.m. for 15 minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reconvened at 10:15 p.m. No decision made.

Motion was made by councilmember Sandy Pickle and seconded by councilmember Tammy Richardson to go into execution session to discuss personnel at 10:23 p.m. for 30 minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reconvened at 10:45 p.m. No decision made.

**Councilmember Judy Hilker will be on the library board.**

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**Mayor  
Gilbert Benton**

**ATTEST:**

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**Patty Duncan City Clerk**