

Special Council Meeting
July 18, 2011
6:30 P.M.

The Special Council Meeting for the City of Cimarron convened July 18, 2011, at 6:32 p.m. at the regular meeting place and was called to order by Mayor Gilbert Benton. The following councilmembers were present: Alan Riney, Sandy Pickle, Darrell Dupree, Judy Hilker and Tammy Richardson. Employees present were Patty Duncan, Randall Cummins, Jeff Acton, Shannon Hoskinson, and Mike Doll. Guests present were Beverly Benton, Ivan Wilson, Kirk Anderson and Joel Krosschell.

Discussion was held on the repairs for West Highway 50. A bid from APAC for the repairs needed was \$11,904.00. EBH will keep trying to get the city added to a KLINK program, but at this time have not been able to do so.

Motion was made by councilmember Judy Hilker and seconded by councilmember Sandy Pickle to accept the contract from APAC for \$11,904.00 to repair West Highway 50. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on water rationing. The golf course has already begun to reduce their usage. Three plans were presented by Randall Cummins, City Superintendent.

Motion was made by councilmember Alan Riney and seconded by councilmember Darrell Dupree to approve plan A (Customers can water every other day based on their address. Even street numbers can water on even days of the month and odd street numbers on odd days of the month). All in favor. Motion carried.

Darrell Dupree discussed water right acquisitions. Randall Cummins is to contact Mike Ramsey on the water rights for Butch Burl. This matter will be on the August 1, 2011 meeting for review after information is received.

The public hearing for the walking path at the park was held. Ivan Wilson expressed his dislike of the idea and the fact that money would be better spent elsewhere. The council discussed the fact that even if we were to get the grant we would not have to go ahead with it if it wasn't feasible to do so.

Motion was made by councilmember Sandy Pickle and seconded by councilmember Judy Hilker to cancel the grant application for the walking path. Vote was taken Councilmembers Sandy Pickle, Judy Hilker, and Alan Riney voting YES, councilmembers Darrell Dupree and Tammy Richardson voting NAY. Motion carried.

Warrants at the city were discussed. It was decided that the bills would only be paid one time a month. They will be vouchered for and the council will approve them at the meetings. Checks will go out within the next day or two after the meeting.

The airport grass runway was discussed. The work is done. Patty Duncan is to talk to Darin Neufeld on when the money the city is holding needs to be paid.

Discussion was held on the swimming pool and the repairs needed. Larkin Aquatics gave a bid to repair and to make the pool meet the ADA regulations, which will be required by March of 2012. The total amount they quoted was \$399,410.00. A town hall meeting will be set up in the future after all the information needed is acquired which includes quotes for a new pool and how the city would like to pay for a new pool and / or the repairs on the old pool.

Mike Doll discussed a letter from Attorney Curtis Campbell concerning a violation of the Kansas open meetings. An investigation was done concerning three of the councilmembers. Attorney Campbell concluded that a violation had occurred but the meeting itself lacked intent, or reckless disregard to do wrong. The Gray County Attorney's office has recommended further education.

Motion was made by councilmember Darrell Dupree and seconded by councilmember Tammy Richardson to go into executive session at 8:06 p.m. for 30 minutes to discuss personnel. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

Motion was made by councilmember Sandy Pickle and seconded by councilmember Tammy Richardson to give Rick Schiffner a \$.50 cent an hour raise beginning July 23, 2011. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Gilbert Benton

ATTEST:

Patty Duncan
City Clerk