



Minutes

Basehor City Council Meeting

Basehor City Hall, December 20, 2010

1. Roll Call

Mayor Terry Hill called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Members Present: Mayor Terry Hill, Council President Jim Washington, David Breuer, Iris Dysart, Bill Moyer, Dennis Mertz

Staff Present: Mark Loughry, Lloyd Martley, Gene Myracle, Mitch Pleak, Corey Swisher and Patrick Reavey

Media Present: None

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve November 15, 2010 Minutes
- b. Approve Treasurer's Report
- c. Approve Casey's General Store Cereal Malt Beverage License
- d. Theno Estates Boundary Resolution No. 2010-12
- e. Letter of support for the Leavenworth County Council on Aging

Washington moved to approve the Consent Agenda with Moyer seconding. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

3. Call to Public

Ed Bush expressed concern about the proposed sewer and solid waste fee increases.

4. Unfinished Business

There was none.

5. New Business

6. External Audit Services - Auditor Contract

In October the City of Basehor issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to secure external audit services for a two-year period to begin with fiscal year 2010 with the option to extend the agreement for three additional one year periods. On December 6, 2010 the Basehor City Council directed staff to prepare a contract for services with Lowenthal, Webb & Oderman to perform the City's annual audit. Washington moved to approve Lowenthal, Webb & Odermann, P.A., as the City's external and independent auditors with Breuer seconding. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

7. Solid Waste Collection Services Contract

In October the City of Basehor issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to several regional solid waste collection service providers. On December 6, 2010 after reviewing the two received proposals Council directed staff to prepare a contract for consideration by the Council to include:

- Carted Curbside Solid Waste Collection with Single Stream Recycling with a per residence cost to the City of \$11.45.

Staff explained the total residential bill for solid waste collection would be \$14.03 after adding the \$2.58 administrative fee. Basehor's \$14.03 solid waste collection and curbside recycling fee will continue to represent the best value for similar services in the region. Moyer stressed that it would be irresponsible for the City to not pursue recycling.

8. *Solid Waste Collection and Recycling Fee - Ordinance No. 579*

Washington moved to approve Ordinance 579 establishing the monthly residential solid waste and curbside recycling fee at \$14.03 with Moyer seconding. The motion passed 4-1, with Dysart opposed.

9. *Sewer Connection Fees*

In early 2008 the Basehor City Council established that the sewer connection fee would be set at \$2,950 and then increased by \$250 annually (Ord. 524). The current fee is \$3,450 which represented one of the highest sewer connection rates in the region. On December 6, 2010 Council directed staff to return with an ordinance amending Ordinance 524. The purpose of the Ordinance would be to eliminate the mandated increase and leave the connection fee at \$3,450. Staff recommended approving Ordinance No. 580 subsequently amending Ordinance No. 524.

10. *Sewer Rate Increase*

On December 6, 2010 the Basehor City Council was informed the total budgeted expenditures in the Sewer Fund were required to be raised in 2011 due to an increase in debt service obligations. Without a very significant and improbable increase in new sewer customers over the next several years annual sewer rate increases would be required to maintain the Sewer Funds solvency.

Council agreed to increase sewer fees to \$10.61 per 1,000 gallons effective January 1, 2011 and establish an ongoing annual increase of 2.5%. Dysart expressed concern that the increase may place an undue burden on some users. Breuer stressed the importance of maintaining the City's critical infrastructure.

11. *Sewer Services Ordinance No. 580*

Mertz moved to approve the Ordinance establishing a \$10.61 per 1,000 gallon sewage rate beginning on January 1, 2011 with ongoing annual increases of 2.5% effective January 1 of each year with Breuer seconding. The minimum base rate will continue to be the 1.5x the base rate for 1,000 gallons. The Ordinance also established the sewer connection fee will remain at \$3,450. The motion passed 4-1, with Dysart opposed.

12. Resolution No. 2010-11 Pride showing Governing Body support

Washington moved to approve the Resolution with Mertz seconding. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

13. Probation Services Agreement

Washington moved to approve the agreement with Mertz seconding. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

14. 2010 BLAS Contribution for \$1000.00

Washington moved to approve the contribution request with Moyer seconding. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

15. City Administrator's Report

- a. Care Council Donation Distribution list

Council clarified the Leavenworth County Humane Society had not applied for funding.

- b. Pavement Management Plan Follow-up

Loughry explained the plan would be brought before Council in February.

16. Mayor's Report

Hill wished everyone in attendance a very Merry Christmas.

17. Council Members Report

Mertz asked for an update on the status of finding a programming provider for the Field of Dreams athletic facility.

18. Executive Session

There was none.

19. Adjournment

Mertz moved to adjourn with Dysart seconding. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Terry Hill, Mayor

Attest:

Corey Swisher, City Clerk