
MINUTES

BASEHOR CITY COUNCIL

July 16, 2001

7:00 PM

Basehor City Hall

OFFICIAL PRESIDING: Mayor William Hooker

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Pres. Joseph Scherer, Joseph Odle, Chris Garcia,
Burl Gratny, and Julian Espinoza**

**Staff Present: Mary Mogle, John Thompson, Gene Myracle, Mike Hooper, Baron
Powell and Vince Weston**

The monthly meeting of the Basehor City Council was called to order by Mayor William Hooker at 7:00 p.m. with all members present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Scherer requested a fifteen minute executive session to discuss personnel issues. The motion was seconded by C. Garcia. All aye. Motion carried 5-0. (7:01 pm)

At 7:16 p.m., the council reconvened with Mayor Hooker calling the meeting back to order.

MINUTES

A motion was made by J. Espinoza and seconded by B. Gratny to approve the Minutes of June 18, 2001 as printed. All aye. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by J. Espinoza and seconded by C. Garcia to approve the Telephone Poll of June 25, 2001 as printed. All aye. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by J. Espinoza and seconded by J. Scherer to approve the Minutes of July 9, 2001 as printed. All aye. Motion carried 5-0.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

Treasurer's Report & Supplement - A motion was made by B. Gratny and seconded by J. Espinoza to approve the June 2001 Treasurer's Report and July 16, 2001 Supplement as presented. All aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Investments - A motion was made by C. Garcia and seconded by J. Odle to approve the city treasurer's report and recommendations as presented. All aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Amendment to 2001 Budget for Sewer Related Funds - A motion was made by J. Espinoza and seconded by B. Gratny to approve a transfer of \$12,424.20 from the Sewer Fund to the Sewer Maintenance Reserve Fund, and a transfer of \$33,970.00 from the Sewer Fund to the Sewer Capital Improvement Fund that appears on the 2001 Budget be cancelled. All aye. Motion carried 5-0.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief of Police

Increase of Court Fines and Bonds - Chief Weston gave a brief report regarding the need for increase in court fines and bonds. Documentation from others cities was provided to assist in comparing area assessments. Chief Weston noted the increase was not to generate revenue, but to slow drivers down.

Council directed the Chief to provide a spreadsheet comparing the proposed fine schedule to area cities.

Race Day - Chief Weston reported Kansas Speedway Race Day went very well without incident.

City Superintendent

Update on Wastewater Facility - City Superintendent Gene Myracle reported Miles Excavating would start the process on Wednesday, July 18, to take the lagoons off line. The plant has been experiencing some electrical problems and is being addressed at this time.

Code Administrator

Update on Cabinet Shop Demolition- Code Administrator Mike Hooper reported he has been in contact with the property and their insurance company regarding the demolition of the cabinet shop which burned two months prior. He noted the usual insurance proceeds funds were not paid out to the city, because a mortgage remained on the property. However, the intent of the property owner, is to pay off the remaining debts and tear down the building with the insurance proceeds he will receive from their insurance company for contents. Mr. Hooper noted he gave the property owner 30 days to demolish the property or the city would take necessary measures to clean up the property. The cost to demolish and hauling of debris will be approximately \$40,000.

Highview Industrial Park - Mr. Hooper reported he received a letter from developer, David Scott requesting a clarification as to the additional \$500 being charged for engineering services. Mr. Scott does not feel that he should pay the fees since the ordinance was enacted after he started the development process.

Council member noted that Mr. Scott has not complied with previous orders to pay owed parkland fees and other requests. Mr. Hooper reported this would be the fourth time the plat has been reviewed by the city engineer.

A motion was made by J. Scherer to charge Mr. Scott the additional \$500.00 review fee. C. Garcia seconded the motion. After further discussion, Council members Scherer and Garcia withdrew their motions stating the fees are incorporated in the regulations and enforceable by law; therefore, council action was not necessary.

City Attorney

Kaiser/Knoche Easement Agreements - City attorney John Thompson explained a chain of events that caused an alteration in the sewer easements located on the Kaiser and Knoche properties. Mr. Thompson noted he has been in contact with the property owner's attorney and is in the process of resolving the matter.

A motion was made by J. Odle and seconded by B. Gratny to direct the Mayor to negotiate with Mr. Knoche regarding the cost and release agreement and bring the findings back to the city council at the August meeting. All aye. Motion carried 5-0.

CITIZENS AND PETITIONS

Brian Collins - Not able to attend this month and asked to be rescheduled to the August meeting.

Citizen Comments Regarding Agenda Items - Mayor Hooker opened the floor to anyone from the public to comment regarding agenda items. No one came forward; therefore, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

ACTION ITEMS

Item #1. Approval of Contractor Payments for Wastewater Treatment Facility

The city clerk reported information was not available at this time and reserved the right to poll council at a later time.

Item #2. Approval to Send KDHE Laboratory Equipment List

A motion was made by C. Garcia and seconded by B. Gratny to authorize the city superintendent to send a laboratory equipment list to Kansas Dept. of Health & Environment for approval. All aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Item #3. Schedule Public Hearing for 2002 Budget (August 13, 2001, 7 PM)

A motion was made by J. Espinoza and seconded by B. Gratny to schedule the 2002 Budget Public Hearing for August 13, 2001 at 7:00 pm). All aye. Motion carried 5-0.

(Councilmember Gratny reported he would not be in attendance due to prior commitments)

Item #4. Approve Design Engineer for 24-40 Hwy Interceptor Line

A motion was made by J. Scherer and seconded by B. Gratny to authorize the Mayor and code administrator to negotiate engineering fees with Ponzer-Youngquist for the 24-40 Highway Interceptor project. All aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Odle asked that the record indicate he did not feel the city should pay for the sewer line to be installed under 24-40 Highway.

Item #5. Approve Falcon Lakes Benefit District, Plan Approval and Bid Acceptance.

A bidders tabulation sheet for the Falcon Lakes improvements was submitted but failed to be acted upon at this time (refer to telephone poll of July 24, 2001).

Item #6. Approval of RFQ for City Engineer.

A motion was made by B. Gratny and seconded by J. Espinoza to approve the RFQ, with the stipulation that insurance requirements be added, and then distribute final copy to interested engineering firms. All aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Item #7. Approve Hiring Nichols Wolfe Bond Counsel and Piper Jaffray as Financial Advisors for the Issuance of Falcon Lakes Temporary Notes and Bonds.

A motion was made by J. Scherer and seconded by J. Odle to hire firms, Nichols Wolfe and Piper Jaffray to administer the issuance of Falcon Lakes Temporary Notes and Bonds. All council members voted aye except J. Espinoza. Motion carried 4-1.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Revitalization Plan – Mayor Hooker reported Leavenworth Area Development has submitted for council consideration a plan for “Neighborhood Revitalization”. The Mayor noted he felt it was a “win win” situation for both the city and it’s residents.

Councilman Garcia requested the code administrator to obtain responses from other municipalities who currently have Revitalization Programs.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Pres. Joseph Scherer

Microphone System – Pres. Scherer reported he received requests from meeting attendees that a microphone system be installed in the council chambers. After researching the costs, Pres. Scherer reported he felt it was too costly at this time and thought changing the seating arrangements may help those who might have problems hearing.

City Administrator – Pres. Scherer reported the hiring of a city administrator has been on his agenda for some time (even when he ran for office). He feels an administrator would assist with reducing the workload for the Mayor and department supervisors. The administrator’s salary could be paid for by reducing the mayor’s salary, and by transferring some of the capital improvement money to the general fund.

Council discussed the pros and cons of hiring an administrator. Council members Garcia and Scherer volunteered to research the duties and requirements of hiring a city administrator or manager and report back at a later date.

Chris Garcia

Chief of Police – Councilmember Garcia commended Chief Weston for the job he and his staff perform for the City of Basehor. Councilmember Gratny concurred with Mr. Garcia.

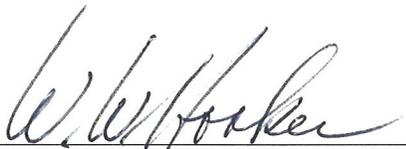
Julian Espinoza

Greater Kansas City Conference – Councilmember Espinoza reported he will be representing the City of Basehor at the Greater Kansas City Conference on October 8. Pres. Scherer stated he will be in attendance as well.

ADJOURNMENT

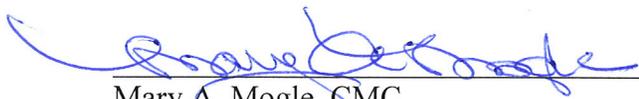
There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by J. Espinoza and seconded by J. Odle to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Submitted for Council approval with/without corrections this 20th day of August, 2001.



William Hooker, Mayor

Attest:



Mary A. Mogle, CMC