

1 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

2
3 March 13, 2002

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6 Attended: Leonard Wolf, Mayor
7 Karen Jacobs, Councilor
8 Marvin Casebeer, Councilor
9 Roger McKinley, Councilor
10 Lance Delgado, Councilor
11 Anna Bass, Councilor
12 Mort Rennels, Councilor
13 Diane Clingman, City Recorder
14 Bob Titus, Public Works Director
15 Joe Hitz
16 Sarolta Sperry
17 Mindy Voigt
18 Gavin Chrisler
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20 Mayor Wolf called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The roll was called, all members
21 being present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.
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23 The minutes of the February 27, 2002 regular meeting were considered for approval.

24 **MSP: To approve the minutes of the February 27, 2002 meeting as written, Marvin**
25 **Casebeer/Roger McKinley.**

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27 Mayor Wolf recognized Mindy Voigt and Gavin Chrisler of the 4-H Swine Club who
28 addressed the Council regarding volunteer services. Mindy said the club has
29 approximately 20 students ranging from 4th to 7th grade who have volunteered to help
30 clean out the flower beds on Front Street. Mayor Wolf said Peggy Anderson had done
31 the work last year and would probably welcome the help. Mindy said the students would
32 be available Friday afternoons and Saturdays. Mayor Wolf said the City would try to
33 come up with some projects for the club.
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35 Mayor Wolf recognized Sarolta Sperry who has volunteered to fill a vacancy on the
36 Budget Committee. **MSP: To appoint Sarolta Sperry to the Budget Committee for a**
37 **3-year term, Anna Bass/Marvin Casebeer.** Mayor Wolf thanked Ms. Sperry for her
38 interest in becoming involved.
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40 Eric Walstrom, Economic Development Coordinator for Grant County addressed the
41 Council regarding a resolution to attach an electronic commerce designation to the Grant
42 County Enterprise Zone. He explained that the designation would be an additional
43 incentive to attract electronic commerce businesses to the area. Currently it is a pilot
44 project with only four designations allowed in the state. He said a resolution is needed
45 from all of the original sponsors (the cities) of the Grant County Enterprise Zone in order

1 to process the application. Discussion followed on whether or not the designation would
2 apply to home based businesses, but Mr. Walstrom said it probably did not. **Mort**
3 **Rennels moved to adopt the resolution to sponsor an electronic commerce zone**
4 **designation to be added to the existing Grant County Enterprise Zone. Anna Bass**
5 **seconded the motion.** Karen Jacobs said she thought the wording should be changed in
6 the last paragraph of the first page to add the wording “businesses such as” and the
7 Council agreed. **The motion was amended to reflect the change, Mort Rennels/Karen**
8 **Jacobs; the council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.**

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10 Planning: No Report

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12 Public Safety: No Report

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14 6:35 p.m. Public Works: Bob Titus said the wastewater project is progressing well and
15 that the (Becker) crews are working 4 ten hour days (off on Fridays) at this time. He was
16 asked if the track machine does damage to the streets but it was noted that it has street
17 pads in place.

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19 Landfill: Bruce Lumper of the DEQ said he had performed a surprise inspection of the
20 landfill earlier in the day. He said the site looked very good and noted only two issues;
21 that of a tear in one of the tarps and that a small amount of waste around the edges is still
22 being picked at by birds. He said a modest amount of cat work should correct the
23 problem and that he had discussed with Bob what needs to be done when the weather gets
24 better. He noted the wind fence is up and in good condition. He asked that the methane
25 monitoring results (currently in the Public Works files) be filed with the City Recorder’s
26 landfill records and that he and the Recorder would soon begin minor revisions to the
27 Operations and Site Development Plans. The Council was urged to visit the site
28 periodically and to continue with a regular monitoring program. He said he would
29 provide Bob with a checklist inspection form to be filled out and turned in to the Council
30 and noted that Recycling Brochures should be made available at City Hall and the
31 Recycle Center. Discussion followed regarding the slick condition of the access road and
32 it was determined that the operator is responsible for its upkeep. Bruce reminded Bob
33 Titus that the performance report on the use of tarps is due August 1, 2002. He also
34 reminded the Council that the landfill operator is required to be trained and certified as a
35 Manager of Landfill Operations Course (MOLO) through the Solid Waste Association of
36 North America (SWANA) certification program per the contract for operations and the
37 Landfill Operations Plan. He recommended Bob also attend the training. He noted the
38 closest training sessions available are in April (Las Vegas) and another in September
39 (Denver) and that the operator was supposed to have completed it within the first year of
40 implementing the Operations Plan. In closing, he noted the good progress the City has
41 made on obtaining contracts for control of the operations pertaining to the landfill and its
42 efforts to purchase the site. Discussion then followed on the projected life of the trenches
43 based on the current filling manner. It was noted that now the loads are all being
44 weighed, much more waste is being deposited than was ever recorded in the past. Bruce
45 felt the current trench would last another five years at the current rate and that with the
46 development of the next four trenches, the life of the landfill would be approximately 25

1 years. The suggestion was made that the City should consider not accepting construction
2 debris and reserve the landfill for residential waste in order to prolong trench life. In
3 other landfill business, the Council noted the landfill operator had finally provided proof
4 of insurance as required by the contracts, but asked the City Recorder to obtain a copy of
5 the actual Workers' Comp Policy.

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7 **7:00 Accounts Payable:** The bill from Marciel Well Drilling was questioned due to the
8 amount billed for rental of a generator (\$2,675). Roger McKinley said he would call
9 Marciel the following day to check it out. Joe Hitz addressed the Council regarding the
10 change order in the amount of \$3,700.47 for the 4th Street Waterline Project. He
11 explained each of the changes/additions in detail as listed on the order. **MSP: To pay**
12 **the bills with the exception of the Marciel bill until Roger McKinley verifies the**
13 **amount to be paid, Lance Delgado/Anna Bass.**

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15 The subject of the tennis court was brought up with regard to why the City is still paying
16 the electric bill. Mayor Wolf suggested the meter be disconnected or removed. Anna
17 Bass said she would contact the school regarding the lease agreement. Bob Titus said he
18 would contact the electric company about disconnecting the meter.

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20 Mort Rennels asked if the land sale to DR Johnson had ever gone through. The Recorder
21 said the documents have been at Land Title for some time, but that Johnson's attorney
22 wanted the City to sign an agreement that held the City responsible if hazardous materials
23 are discovered on the property – a move not recommended by the City attorney. It was
24 suggested that a letter be sent to Johnson giving him a timeline in which to complete the
25 purchase. The City Recorder said she would contact Nancy Trueblood (Johnson's
26 secretary) and see what was going on.

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28 Karen Jacobs brought up the question of how many hours the Recorder works and
29 expressed concern that the Council should (during budget) make sure employees are
30 being appropriately compensated for their time.

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32 There was a brief discussion of road projects to be considered. It was decided that Bob
33 Titus and Roger McKinley would obtain last year's engineering information from
34 Ferguson Engineering and that they should meet prior to the next Council meeting to go
35 over the estimates.

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37 **7:30 p.m. MSP: To adjourn the meeting, Anna Bass/Marvin Casebeer.**

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40 Respectfully submitted:

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43 Diane Clingman, City Recorder

Approved this Date: _____

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46 Leonard Wolf, Mayor