

**CITY OF STILWELL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
January 22, 2008**

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**Roll Call:** Mayor Collins called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and asked Councilman Isaacs to open the meeting with prayer. Mayor Collins asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll: **Jim Hummingbird – present, Dean Thomas – present, Norman Isaacs – present, John Sharp – present, Jim Spray – present, Mayor Collins – present, City Attorney Joe Adair – NOT PRESENT and City Clerk-Treasurer Shelldon Miggetto – present.** Also in attendance were 10 guests.

## PUBLIC HEARING TRAIL GRANT

### Agenda

1. **Discussion with possible action concerning Public Hearing for "Trail Grant" application from the State of Oklahoma to construct a walking trail around the new planned public park as presented by Architect Mike Martin. James Collins** Architect Mike Martin addressed the council on the application for a grant to construct a walking trail. The grant is available from the State Department of Tourism & Recreation. The maximum award is \$160,000 and would require a match of \$40,000 from the city in the form of cash or in-kind services or materials. Specifications for the trail would be 8' wide, 8,000 feet or 1.52 miles in length, constructed from asphalt. Distance markers, benches, and lighting would complete the park. Citizen Grace Ferris asked if there would be trees for shade around the area. Mr. Martin replied that it could certainly be incorporated with the plan very easily. The Street Superintendent Pete Long said his department could do quite a lot of this construction in preparation for the asphalt as well as pour the pedestals for the lights. There was no other discussion. A motion was made by John Sharp seconded by Norman Isaacs to make application for the grant encumbering \$10,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund and to perform \$30,000 of in-kind labor with city employees. *Jim H. –yes, Dean – yes, Norman – yes, John – yes, Jim S. – yes*
2. **Discussion with possible action regarding information received by Karin Ketcher from the State concerning qualifications for Director of EMS.-Karin Ketcher.** Councilman John Sharp said he contacted the Oklahoma State Department of Health and was told there are no certification requirements needed to fill the position of Ambulance Director. Councilman Hummingbird said his son is an Ambulance Director and only has to be certified in CPR in New Mexico. He also said according to his son the vast majority of EMS are operated by Fire Chiefs. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**
3. **Discussion with possible action regarding amnesty program for delinquent fines and outstanding warrants.** Mayor Collins said a letter from City Judge Rex Earl Starr concerning fines & warrants was in the council packet. Currently the delinquent fines and warrants is about \$316,000. Police Chief Dan Abbott said that other cities have had an amnesty program to allow a reduced fee and no time in jail to collect outstanding fines with much success. A motion was made by John Sharp seconded by Norman Isaacs to adopt this amnesty program for outstanding police fines & warrants from January 30 – April 4, 2008 and to advertise such in the local paper. *Jim H. –yes, Dean – yes, Norman – yes, John – yes, Jim S. – yes*
4. **Discussion with possible action approving minutes from January 2, 9 & 25, 2007.** City Clerk-Treasurer Miggetto said that an apparent error was made omitting the minutes from these three (3) meetings from the permanent minutes book in January 2007. City Attorney Joe Adair had said last week that the minutes could be approved and inserted into the book in chronological order on plain unnumbered paper. A motion was made by John Sharp seconded by Jim Hummingbird to approve the minutes and insert them in the book according to Mr. Adair's recommendation. *Jim H. –yes, Dean – yes, Norman –abstain, John – yes, Jim S. – yes*
5. **Discussion with possible action amending the minutes from January 30, 2007 special meeting.** City Clerk-Treasurer Miggetto said that in addition to the previous minutes that the council had approved the minutes from a January 30, 2007 meeting that had "\$1,300.00" per month salary for the clerk-treasurer but that the minutes book reflected "\$1,500.00" per month. After listening to the recorded meeting the minutes printed in the minutes book is correct.

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A motion was made by Jim Hummingbird seconded by Jim Spray to amend and approve the minutes as printed in the permanent record book. *Jim H. - yes, Dean - yes, Norman - abstain, John - yes, Jim S. - yes*

6. **Discussion with possible action regarding source, budget for and approval of funds for payment of expenses and costs for the design, plans and construction of Municipal Police Department.** Councilman Isaacs said that in about 21 days the bids will be ready to advertise for the new police station. Councilman Hummingbird asked if this would hinder the grant for the trails or our pending loan application from USDA on the proposed parks project. Bill Langley said that USDA would come do a site visit and verify the information the city submitted in the loan application. Part of that was the commitment of \$500,000 from the capital improvement fund. Mike Doublehead said that bids for the utility office would be about March 1, 2008 and would advertise for 21 days. Cost savings would be by both the city and utility department if both contracts were let at the same time. Chief Abbott said the Mayor called the local banks for loan rates. Mayor Collins said that Arvest Bank was the cheapest at 4.5% or maybe less. It was concluded that until we hear something on the USDA loan for the park no decision would be made.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

7. **Discussion with possible action to approve or disapprove of Amendment to Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #169 to amend Article 21 to replace current provision: "The City shall also furnish each commissioned officer with a Second Chance Threat Level II or IIA bullet resistant vest that will be designed to contour to the assigned officer's body," and substituting the following provision: "The City shall also furnish each commissioned officer with a Viper Level II LFT bullet resistant vest that will be designed to contour to the assigned officer's body." and authorize the Mayor to execute said amendment.** Chief Abbott said that this was only a change in language in the current agreement and that no terms had changed other than the use of a vest other than 'Second Chance'. The second chance vests are hard to find and therefore are getting more expensive. The local FOP lodge president will sign an amendment along with the Mayor. A motion was made by John Sharp seconded by Norman Isaacs to approve the change in language. *Jim H. - yes, Dean - yes, Norman - yes, John - yes, Jim S. - yes.*

\*\*\*\*A motion was made by Jim Hummingbird seconded by Norman Isaacs to go into executive session at 7:18p.m after a 10 minute break\*\*\*\* *Jim H. - yes, Dean - yes, Norman - yes, John - yes, Jim S. - yes.*

\*\*\*A motion was made by Jim Hummingbird seconded by Norman Isaacs to come out of executive session at 7:49p.m\*\*\*\* *Jim H. - yes, Dean - yes, Norman - yes, John - yes, Jim S. -*

8. **Discussion with possible decision regarding part time cemetery employees (possible executive session, 12 OS, 307, B1.)** A motion was made by John Sharp seconded by Jim Spray to authorize Street Superintendent Pete Long to schedule or lay-off part-time employees within his department at his discretion. *Jim H. - yes, Dean - yes, Norman - yes, John - yes, Jim S. - yes.*

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Norman Isaacs seconded by Jim Hummingbird to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. *Jim H. - yes, Dean - yes, Norman - yes, John - yes, Jim S. - yes*



Sheldon L. Miggletto, City Clerk-Treasurer





James Collins, Mayor