

Council met in special session with the following persons present: Mayor Richard Zink, Safety-Service Director Ralph Holt, Law Director Fred Beery, Auditor Gary Lewis and Clerk Beverly Brown.

President Richard Donley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Young offered prayer for the session and Mayor Dick Zink led the assembly in the "Pledge of Allegiance".

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Kevin Chambers, Mr. Lee Koogler, Mr. John Levo, Mrs. Bonnie Parr, Mr. Charles Walker, Mr. Tim Young.

Absent: Mr. David Shoemaker

President Donley explained that Mr. Shoemaker had had some surgery and was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Koogler made a motion to excuse Mr. Shoemaker and Mr. Levo seconded the motion with all members present voting yea.

The meeting was called for the specific purpose of making a determination on accepting a health insurance bid; seeking Council permission to hire a resident inspector for Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements; legislation to set a minimum sewer rate increase fee, and give the Mayor permission to enter into agreement with Highland County to provide counsel to indigent defendants.

The first item was acceptance of the Health Insurance bid. Mr. Levo explained the process they had been through in coming to their recommendation for health coverage. They recommended that Doug Wagoner's bid be accepted and Mr. Levo said that it came down to two policies: United Healthcare CUAWRX/H9 or CUAWRX/K4. He said that they did believe that the Health Savings Plan should be addressed later in the year with the possibility of adding it as an employee option for coverage for the 2008 year.

Mr. Levo explained the difference in the two policies and gave the total numbers for savings over the current policy. Mr. Wagoner was present and explained that the co-pay would be the same but there would be some difference in the prescription cost.

Mr. Koogler made a motion and recommended that they accept the greatest cost-savings and advocated the RX/H9 plan. Mr. Chambers seconded the motion and all council members present voted yea. Recommendation accepted.

There was some discussion about how to improve the process next year that would allow for the bid to be early enough so the employees would have their new cards by the end of the year.

The next item concerned the resident inspector for the Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements. Mr. Chambers gave the report for Mr. Shoemaker and said this was for the upgrades and construction for the Sewer Plant. He said that they have two choices. Either the City would have the engineer in the project hire the resident inspector or project manager if you want to call him that. If the engineer hires him they would tack on a 10% add-on to the fee that they charge. He said that if the City hires on its own, they save the 10% plus the person would remain more neutral. They could be the neutral third party in between us and the engineer if a question arises.

Mr. Koogler asked what would be the cost in hiring and Mr. Chambers said that they did not know at this point. He said what they were doing now would be advertising for qualifications and then they would go into negotiations. He said that typically it is a percentage of the contract. He said doing it on our own we would save the 10% and the inspector would be a little more neutral.

Mayor Zink said that the bottom line is it would be most economical for the City for us to hire our own and we've got more stings to pull with that person than if they're working for the engineer because then they pull the strings. That's what it boils down to.

Mr. Chambers said that what they were looking for at this time was for Council's approval to have Administration advertise for qualifications for this resident inspector and then we would go from there as far as dollars. Mr. Koogler made a motion to advertise for qualifications and Mr. Walker seconded the motion and all members present voted yea. Approval granted.

ORD. 2006-16 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SCHEDULE OF SEWER CHARGES-
The clerk read this ordinance in full for a first reading.

RES. 06-55 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN
AGREEMENT WITH HIGHLAND COUNTY TO PROVIDE COUNSEL TO INDIGENT
DEFENDANTS- The clerk read the resolution in full for a first reading. Mr. Walker made a
motion to accept the resolution and Mrs. Parr seconded the motion. All members present voted
yea except Mr. Koogler who abstained. Resolution passed.

Mr. Chambers asked to go into executive session to discuss possible property purchase. Mrs.
Parr seconded the motion and Council entered into executive session at 6:55 p.m. Council
returned from executive session at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Koogler made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Chambers seconded the motion. Meeting
adjourned.

Richard Donley, President of Council

Beverly Brown, Secretary