

**Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of July 23, 2007**

Call to Order

- President Manning called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Roll Call

- Village Clerk, Cynthia Kramer, called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Steve Gudgel, Phillip Thompson, Tom Bowen, Terry Woodcock, Jeff Thomas and Bill Miller
- Trustees absent: None
- Also in attendance: Chief Bowsher, Treasurer Glenn Smith, John Robinson, San Terra Mobile Home Village

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- John Robison, San Terra Mobile Home Village, made several complaints and requested help in getting a San Terra property owner to come into compliance with village ordinances regarding weeds and mowing as well as upkeep of property. Mayor Manning assured Mr. Robison he would personally speak to non-compliant property owner and would get the situation rectified as quickly as possible.

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of July 9, 2007 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Thompson to approve the minutes of July 9, 2007 as presented.
Second by Trustee Gudgel
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)

Budget Comparison & Investment Report: Village Treasurer, Glenn Smith

- The May 2007 Budget Comparison Report and Investment Report were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve the Budget Comparison and Investment Report as presented.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)
- Treasurer Smith reported the village received the first installment of real estate tax monies, approximately \$180,000 of which \$60,000 will go to the Pawnee Public Library.

Gas and Water Committee Report

- Ordinance 07-03 reviewed for approval by trustees
Motion made by Trustee Thomas to approve as presented Ordinance 07-03, approving a Contract for an Automated Meter Reading System.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)
- The village sent out forty-four (44) red letters for the month
- Gas increased by three cents per therm from the July cost of 1.07 to 1.11.4 for August.
- The village received a number of complaints regarding a foul odor as employees tested for gas leaks.
- The Water Hydraulic Study is 80% complete.

- A number of Pawnee residents will be receiving letters from Greene and Bradford, requesting permission to take water samples from different faucets in their homes. The samples are tested for lead and copper due to associated health risks. The village must also show that public water is not corrosive to plumbing.

Park Committee Report

- Trustee Woodcock spoke with Swank Motion Pictures in regards to the Jumbo Movie in the Park scheduled for dusk Aug. 3 clarifying advertisement issues. Concessions of popcorn and soda will be available for the movie with proceeds going to the Pawnee Education Foundation.
- Mayor Manning spoke briefly with Pawnee Chamber Co-Vice President Patty Williams and he noted that the Chamber selected Friday, August 31, 2007 as the date for the circus. He added that the village would spot the Chamber \$300 to move forward with the event. If a profit were shown, the village would be reimbursed. A maximum of \$224 is to be spent for advertising and the Chamber has the option to choose advertising venues as well as ticket outlets. Manning also noted from this point forward the Chamber would work with Park Committee Chairman Woodcock regarding the circus event.

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve Bills Payable as presented for Friday, July 20, 2007 as presented.

Second by Trustee Thompson

Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes

Motion Carried (6-0)

- Chairman Bowen brought up the topic of supplemental life insurance for village employees stating a representative from R.W. Troxell Insurance had contacted him. Following a brief discussion and with the information from Treasurer Glenn Smith that the village had supplemental coverage,

Streets, Alleys and Sidewalk Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

- Chairman Bowen contacted several concrete contractors, as he would like to get the sidewalk/concrete work done on the south side of the village square by mid August. The sidewalk along the south edge of the square and leading to the water fountain as well as the water fountain will come out. He is looking at possibly installing stamped concrete walkways along the south edge, then returning north to where the water fountain is currently located. We already have an obelisk and may offer an opportunity for either the Pawnee Area Chamber of Commerce or The Pawnee Prairie Days Association to sell perimeter bricks denoting family date of arrival in village.
- IDOT signs go up next week noting weight restriction of 15 tons total, not per axel, for the Route 104 Horse Creek Bridge. Even though the signs go up next week, work will not begin on the bridge until spring. Since semi-trucks will not be allowed, trustees foresee heavy use of Washington Street as trucks must have an east-west route to circumvent the bridge.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller

- Chairman Bill Miller noted that the Police Committee would meet at 6:30 p.m. August 8 to look at the current police garage and to discuss the several proposals for a new garage. Miller stated there is a need for a building such as the police garage, for minor maintenance and cleaning of police vehicles and for the storage of large items.
- Chief Bowsher stated the Law Enforcement Motorcycle Ride was very successful with over 75 motorcycles and 85 riders participating. She added the event had great weather, everyone had a good time, and we raised some money for Law Enforcement sponsored charities.

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- The village repaired some items, including one of the boilers. The village still has yet to hear anything from the IEPA regarding the permit for operation of its wastewater treatment plant.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business/Correspondence

- None

New Business/Correspondence

- None

Mayor's Comments

- The Mayor requested that Michelle (village office) send a sympathy card to Mr. Garth King.
- The Mayor read a thank you card from Daily Bread thanking the village for its generosity in support of the local Daily Bread program for Pawnee Senior Citizens.
- He also read a thank you note from the Pawnee Homemakers Extension commenting on how beautiful and well-maintained Schultz Park was and how much the group enjoyed their outing there.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to adjourn the meeting

Second by Trustee Woodcock

Voice Vote Taken: Six ayes, 0 nays

Motion Carried (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. on Monday, July 23, 2007. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, August 13, 2007 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer
Village Clerk