

SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2013

At the February 11, City Council meeting, Mayor Steve Stanton requested that Planning and Zoning committee hold a special meeting.

The purpose of this meeting was to start work on a burn ordinance and policy. [At the December 2012 City Council meeting Bill Parker of 111 Leisure Lane requested that he be allowed to burn his yard refuse. Ozawkie has had a no burn ordinance since 2007. Councilman Mark Larsen made the motion to allow Mr. Parker to burn. The motion carried.

The committee met February 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present were Lynn Drown, Arnold Leek, and Sandi Goetz. Mr. Bill Parker was present.

Mr. Parker made his presentation of what he would like to burn.

Lynn Drown made the motion to amend ordinance 7-104 to allow the burning of leaves, branches, grass and garden debris. Arnold Leek seconded the motion.

**AYES: LYNN DROWN
ARNOLD LEEK**

NAYS: SANDI GOETZ

ABSTENTIONS: 0

I made a presentation of recommendations, starting with a vote on the April ballot. Bill said no because it would be too expensive. He suggested a survey. It was agreed that a survey would be the better idea.

The committee started review of possible regulations. These included distances from structures, size of burn site, hours burning would be allowed. A burn permit application with all information would be submitted to City Office along with a \$50 permit fee. The application would then be forwarded to the Jefferson County District #7, Ozawkie Township Fire Department. The Fire Chief or his designated representative would inspect the burn site. Burning would be allowed during certain hours of the day and during certain period during spring and fall seasons. A responsible adult must be present at all times and have a hose, under pressure, with a nozzle.

Handouts were given containing ordinances from other cities and K.A.R.'s (Kansas Association of Regulations) concerning open burning.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40p.m. It will be continued at a later date.