

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

Mayor Rock Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all present. Roll call was taken, and all members of the City Council were present. The minutes from the previous meetings were presented to the City Council. Rob Lessen made the motion to accept the minutes to the August 17th meeting. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Rob Lessen then made the motion to accept the minutes from the August 24th meeting. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved. The Mayor presented the evenings agenda. Under New Business Item B) Craw-Kan video camera and Item C) AC Unit in the meeting room were both added to the agenda. Travis Wood made the motion to accept the revised agenda. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Appropriation Ordinance #8 was presented to the City Council. Mary Lou Peace had a question on the payment to the Department of Agriculture. Bette Lessen explained the yearly fee required for the City's dog pound. Travis Wood made the motion to approve for payment Appropriation Ordinance #8. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CITY ATTORNEY APPLICATION

Mr. Tom Hayes with Wallace Saunders Chartered law firm was present to address his application for the open City Attorney's position with the City. Mary Lou Peace made the motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes with the City Council and Mr. Hayes on Non-Elected Personnel matters. 6:37 p.m. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Ken Harryman made the motion to go back into regular session at 6:52 p.m. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Rob Lessen made the motion to hire Mr. Tom Hayes with Wallace Saunders Chartered law firm with a monthly salary of \$1,500.00 for 8 hours of service and any extra time worked will be paid at a rate of \$200.00 an hour per City Council's approval. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

COPLIN PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED

Rob Lessen made the motion to approve the improvements on the property and to close this Public Hearing. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

4-WAY STOP SIGN, E. PERRY

Shawn McGregor addressed the City Council on several points that he had found through State regulations and requirements for roads, pedestrian crosswalks, and traffic speed which Mr. McGregor did not think that the City Council was meeting. Rock Anderson addressed Mr. McGregor's concerns and stated that the City Council has the right to install or remove this 4-way stop on E. Perry. Dick Cleland made the motion to remove

the 4-way stop and to install 20 mile an hour speed signs on Perry Street, east to west. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

VANESSA KENT; UPDATE ON UTILITY BILLS

Vanessa Kent reported that the Postmaster, Todd has chosen to keep all the Arma bills at this post office and he sent out of course the out of town bills which Vanessa stated that she taped each one to insure their arrival. Todd also told Vanessa that he will do this again next month.

BALOH NUISANCE CONTINUED

Mary Lou Peace made the motion to continue the nuisance to allow the City Attorney time to review. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

LESSA RHODES

COVID GRANT MONIES/ RURAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Lessa Rhodes reported on the Rural Housing Development incentive and that Bob North is now in charge of this program. Under the COVID grant funds Lessa stated that a third round under Back to Business will have funds available later this month. The SPARK grant will be finalized September 15th with funds awarded to approved organization/businesses. Lessa reminded all to get their census information sent in, this is beneficial for funding for our community.

CRAW-KAN VIDEO CAMERA

Dick Cleland would like to get information from Craw-Kan on installing a camera to video City Council meetings. Mary Lou Peace stated that she would contact Debbie about the Face Book page, Eye on Arma. Dick Cleland made the motion to get a quote on installing a camera into the meeting room. Mary Lou Peace seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

AC UNIT IN MEETING ROOM

Mary Lou Peace addressed the current situation of the air conditioner since there are 2 different companies that have worked on this problem. Bette Lessen and Vanessa Kent reported to the City Council on the work that has been completed and that according to Vinardi Heating and Air the freon problem has been corrected.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Howard Camp reported on the cross over on Highway 69 to Dollar General. Dick Cleland made the motion to have the Police Department, at their discretion work the highway. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Howard also reported on the video cameras are still not working correctly and he will make contact with Craw-Kan about the cameras.

Tom Hayes stated that he will be contacting some of the City Employees so he may catch up of past issues that are being addressed at City Council meetings.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

No comments were made.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications were brought forward.

PURCHASE REQUEST

Dick Cleland made the motion to allow the purchase of the tires and the pressure washer.

Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Ken Harryman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Bette Lessen, City Clerk