

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

NOVEMBER 2, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President of the Council Rob Lessen at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all present. Roll call was taken and the Mayor Rock Anderson was absent. The minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Ken Harryman made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Rob Lessen presented the evenings agenda. Under New Business Item C) Firing Weapons at the City's Industrial Park was added. Travis Wood made the motion to approve the revised agenda. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Appropriation Ordinance #10 was presented to the City Council for their approval. Travis Wood made the motion to approve for payment Appropriation Ordinance #10. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

KDOT GRANT PROJECT

Representatives from P.E.C. and Earls Engineering were present to answer any questions the City Council members might have with the upcoming N. West Street grant project that will begin sometime in 2022. Mary Lou Peace questioned why the street will be narrowed. A representative from Earl's Engineering stated that the amount of money in this grant will not take the new road to the City limits and that removing basically 500' from each side of the road would help extend the street past Palmer. Between the sidewalk and the street there will be a grass strip that will finish out the appearance. The representative did say that this discussion could continue later, that tonight the City Council needs to choose an engineer company for this project. Travis Wood made the motion to hire P.E.C. as the engineer company. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Leesa Rhodes was not present to report.

EVANS GARAGE

City Attorney Tom Hayes stated that he had reviewed the paperwork and that an advertisement can be submitted to get bids on the demolition and clean-up of the property.

VIDEO CAMERA

Mary Lou Peace reported that she had found 2 different tablets. One that has 32 gigs for \$150.00 or a 10" tablet for \$200.00. Mary Lou stated that she had not gotten a price for the tripod and she can get that cost and report back. Travis Wood made the motion to

table this issue until the next meeting. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

CITY HEALTH INSURANCE

Rob Lessen reported to the City Council that he and the City Clerk have been working on quotes and will have a presentation for the next meeting in November.

ORDINANCE 629

Ordinance 629 that was adopted by the City Council this past May still allowing the City Council to increase the electricity charge by 2.5% in January. Bette Lessen asked the City Council if they want to increase the electricity or hold off for 2021? Following discussion Travis Wood made the motion to not increase the electricity charge in 2021 2.5%. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

FIRING WEAPONS AT THE INDUSTRIAL PARK

Mary Lou Peace stated that she had a Arma citizen ask her about the sound of gun shots in the City's Industrial Park this past Saturday morning around 10:00 am. Mary Lou then read aloud from the City Code manual and the Employee manual about carrying and shooting a weapon in the City limits. Mary Lou stated that the Police Officer reported back to this citizen who called in, that it was one of the City Employees. Mary Lou requested that the Mayor write a letter and hand it out to all City Employees plus give a copy of this letter to the City Council members so that the Employees are put on notice. City Attorney Tom Hayes felt that putting up a "No Shooting" sign would take care of the problem. Dick Cleland agreed with the City Attorney. Dick Cleland made the motion to have a sign installed prohibiting any shooting at the City Industrial Park. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Howard Camp was not present, but he had submitted his monthly report to all members of the City Council.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Tom Hayes reported that the Joe Anderson issue was addressed in the City Court today and Mr. Anderson has been working on removing items but was also fined by the City Judge.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications were presented.

PURCHASE REQUEST

No purchase request was received.

Ken Harryman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Bette Lessen, City Clerk