

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

JULY 6, 2021

The mayor 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. Minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Rob Lessen made the motion to approve and Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved. The mayor presented the evenings agenda. Under Unfinished Business Item H) Economic Development was added and under reports, Tom Gorman was added. Rob Lessen made the motion to accept the revised agenda and Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Appropriation Ordinance #6 was presented to the City Council. Ken Harryman made the motion to approve the Ordinance for payment. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TAX ABATEMENT PAPERWORK

Tom Hayes explained to the City Council what they need to do to approve and enact Resolution No. 2021-0102 for future Tax Abatements. Rob Lessen made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-0102 policy. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

CROSSPOINT CHURCH; MARY LOU PEACE

Mary Lou opened discussion on this property. Travis Wood reported on the handling of paperwork to take ownership. Following discussion Dickie Cleland made the motion to turn down the proposal to take ownership of the church and property. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. Mary Lou Peace abstained from the vote. The motion was approved with the remaining members.

A.C. BIDS

Tom Gorman presented on bid that was received from Crozier Heating and Air. The 1 ½ ton unit in the Police Office would be \$5,976.00 and the 4 ton in the meeting room and Mayor's Office was \$4,221.00. Dickie Cleland made the motion to accept the bid as presented. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

DUI ORDINANCE #633

Tom Hayes reported on the revisions made on the original Ordinance #624 to allow the City Court system to handle DUI cases. Rob Lessen made the motion to approve Ordinance #633. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

SALT/SAND SHED, TOM GORMAN

Tom reported to the City Council that the city is required to have a surface where the salt and sand will be stored. The Council discussed the options. Rob Lessen made the motion

to allow Tom Gorman to spend up to \$15,000.00 on building the shed with a black top surface. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

HEALTH PLEDGE

Bette Lessen stated that the City Council would need to “Pledge” and affirm the City’s commitment to providing greater access to healthy living options which will be a partnership with Living Well and Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Rob Lessen made the motion to pledge the Cities commitment. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

111 W. MADISON

Bette Lessen addressed the inspection sheet that Mike McLeod had written about Sabrina Nemmers house located at 111 W. Madison, which caught fire in January. Rob Lessen made the motion to move forward with the Dangerous Structure Ordinance with the property. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Leesa Rhodes was present to give a report to the Council on her recent activities. Which Leese stated that she had addressed the County Commissioners about billboards to help slow down traffic on 69 highway. Also, Leesa asked the Council if The Jefferson Highway Friday in the Park event could be held at the City Park on Friday July 30th and then again on Friday October 29th. There will be vendors, plus an international students booth and a band that will perform. The event will be from 6 to 9 p.m. No one will be charged to setup this is to get folks out and help some sell their merchandise. Also, there will be food trucks and antique vehicles present. Rob Lessen made the motion to approve the use of the City Park. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

JOE ENGLAND REQUEST TO USE THE WIFI PARK

Joe England was present to request the use of the City Wi-Fi Park for a free concert on July 17th from 6 to 10 p.m. Travis Wood stated that the Council should consider allowing Brenda Banks to handle who uses the park from this point. Dickie Cleland made the motion to allow Joe to hold his concert and to have the street blocked off from 4th to 3rd. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Craig Farnsworth handed out his monthly report to the City Council. Craig discussed lowering the speed limit on 69 highway to 45. Rob Lessen made the motion to allow Craig his request around Arma. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Also, with the issue of residents calling the old number Craig said he was working on a sign for the front door informing folks what number to dial. Travis Wood made the motion to have the sign made. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Craig also felt that it would be better to have the Sheriff’s Office set off the city storm sirens. The police and firemen will still have access but having the Sheriff’s office will be a good set up. Travis Wood made the motion to allow the

Sheriff's office to set off the city storm sirens. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT

Tom Gorman handed out his monthly report to the City Council and went over his report. Sidewalks at McDonald Park is in the works with Earl's Engineering firm. The water tower was inspected and the tower behind City Hall needs some work.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

No comments made.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications presented.

PURCHASE REQUEST

No request made.

Rob Lessen made the motion to hold an executive session with the Council, Mayor, Attorney, Police Chief and Clerk for 10 minutes on non-elected personnel matters. Rock Anderson questioned where the Council needed to go into executive session to discuss salaries and in such denied the request for an executive session. This topic can be discussed in regular business.

Craig Farnsworth addressed the issue of low salaries in his department. Craig handed out a sheet with his officers, full and part-time and what they are being paid and what they should be paid. Rob Lessen made the motion to raise the following salaries beginning July 17th. Part-time Officers from 13.50 to 14.50-15.00; Officer Roberts from 15.00 to 15.50 and then when said officer comes back from the academy salary will be adjusted to 16.00. Officer Clark from 15.00 to 17.00 and Officer Strong from 16.00 to 17.00. Primary Part-time will start at 15.00 and Full-time officer with certification will start at 16.00 and up depending on experience. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Ken Harryman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Bette Lessen, City Clerk