

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

JULY 19, 2021

Mayor Rock Anderson opened the business meeting 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 agenda was presented to the City Council. Under Unfinished Business the following two topics were added. E) Salary Adjustments and F) Tom Hayes on Tax Abatement policy. Travis Wood made the motion to accept the revised agenda. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A.C. BID; TOM GORMAN

Tom Gorman presented the bid again to the City Council from Crozier Heating and Cooling since the heating unit bid was not discussed at the last meeting. Mary Lou Peace made the motion to accept the bid with Rheem's equipment replacing the Armstrong furnace. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

MIKE SCHMADERER, KMEA-MID-STATES

Mike Schmaderer was present to update the City Council on the electric sub-station. Also, Mike stated that the project should be completed by the end of August and then when the power is switched over the city will have a 1-to-2-hour outage. Gerry Bieker with KMEA was also present and stated that he and his company are looking into ways to divert the power problem that occurred in February and Gerry will return with information for the City Council soon.

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT; BETTE LESSEN

Bette Lessen reported to the City Council that the banks sell C.D.'s on a 6-month, 12-month, 24-month etc. and the city if the Council determines can purchase a 100,00.00 C.D. for 6 months in September to get the city back on track with our 3 certificates. Rob Lessen made the motion to have the City Clerk get bids on a 6-month C.D. in September. Ken Harryman seconds the motion.

216 E. PERRY, GREG POE

Bette Lessen reported that the City Council determined in May that this property would be re-evaluated the first meeting in July however this topic was not on the agenda but it this evening. As far as Bette is aware, no work has been accomplished. She did see the Poe's at the house following the May meeting but nothing since plus the city has cut the yard once so far. Rob Lessen made the motion to begin the action under the Dangerous Structure ordinance. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

SALARY ADJUSTMENT; ROCK ANDERSON

Rock Anderson suggested that a performance review of the department heads should be completed by the City Council. The mayor stated that he would get the paperwork setup and forwarded to the Council members then a special meeting should be setup with City Council only. Rob Lessen made the motion to hold a Special Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday July 26 to talk about evaluating the department heads. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Bette Lessen addressed Tom Gorman's 90-day probation period was July 2nd and should be recognized by the City Council. Dickie Cleland made the motion to give Tom a .50 cent salary increase. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

TAX ABATEMENT POLICY, TOM HAYES

Tom Hayes stated that he had a conversation with Nate Stahl about the city's new tax abatement policy. Tom suggested inviting Nate to the city meeting on August 16th. The invitation will be extended.

NEW BUSINESS

TERRY SERCER; 2022 BUDGET

Terry Sercer was present to go over work he has completed for the City Council's consideration. Terry also explained to the Council what and how they must proceed with the new requirements with the Revenue Neutral Rate. If the Council wants to exceed the RNR they will need to submit signed paperwork tomorrow (which was completed) to the County Clerk which Terry recommended that the City Council do. Rob Lessen made the motion to raise the mil levy above the RNR. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. Motion was approved. The Public hearing will be set for September 7th.

SPOUSE INSURANCE; DICKIE CLELAND

Dickie Cleland brought up the city's payment dealing with the employee's dependents. Dickie did not feel that the city should be covering the full cost of the dependents insurance. Travis Wood stated that the City Council should keep an eye on the Insurance and the budget. Ken Harryman stated that this money could be used for expenses with equipment replacement. Mary Lou Peace read aloud from the Employee Manual on the employee benefits of health insurance. Mary Lou also volunteered to review the policy and present it to the Council. Tom Hayes said that after Mary Lou works with the policy that she should submit it to him dealing with compliance issues.

PARK DONATION; ROB LESSEN

Rob Lessen reported that the Board would like to donate a handicap swing to the city park. Discussion was held on accessibility to the swing for handicap children as well as the soft ground cover. Dickie Cleland made the motion to accept the donation plus have the city take care of the access to the swing. Mary Lou Peace seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

SCHOOL SIDEWALKS; GREG GORMAN

Greg Gorman was not present.

LAMAMA BERE RESTAURANT; UTILITY INCENTIVE.

Bette Lessen explained the request since no members of the restaurant were present. Dickie Cleland made the motion to allow the incentive. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

FIRECHIEF REPORT

Mike McLeod was present to discuss the need for a full-time employee at the station, per the 2022 budget. Mike also brought up the aerial ladder that they had found in Parsons for 10,000.00. Mike also installed Justin Turner as the Assistant Fire Chief.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Rock Anderson reported on the Bone Creek meeting and that at the past meeting Rock was installed as the recording secretary.

Mary Lou Peace asked Rob about the KMIT health insurance coverage.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ken Harryman made the motion to accept all communications and to keep them on file. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

PURCHASE REQUEST

Dickie Cleland made the motion to allow the purchase request. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Ken Harryman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Bette Lessen, City Clerk