

## Common Council Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2015

*Approved*

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Stanek

Roll Call.

Klipstein – here  
Lindemann - here  
Garvin – here  
Huber – here  
Pfof – here  
Stanek – here

Also in attendance: Carole Brown – Deputy Treasurer, William Jefferson - Attorney, Rodney Knuth – EAFA, Ed Brown - EAFA, Steve Shaw – Amb. President, Tyler Brown – Officer, Bob Schroeder.

Pledge of Allegiance

Klipstein/Pfof motion to approve minutes. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment:

None

Communications:

No comments, communication, or recommendations from the Mayor.

Council communication: Pfof commented that the street light at the triangle isn't pointed toward the flag. Rinderer will be notified.

Administrator communications: Steward absent, however he provided correspondence from the DNR regarding the flood plain grant.

Agenda:

Discussion about Elroy Ambulance Service. Garvin asked members from the Elroy Area Fire & Ambulance Association and the Ambulance Service to update the Council regarding recent changes, where they are at, and where they are headed. Steve Shaw, Ambulance president, stated that in 2014 they tried to be a full time service without raising assessments to municipalities and using funds from the ambulance service to make up financial difference. The ambulance service has gone back to strictly volunteer service as of January 1, 2015. Shaw felt that they tried to do too many things all at once. There are currently 5 EMT's that volunteer from their homes. There is a hole in coverage during weekdays from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Training is expensive and time consuming which makes it difficult for people to become EMT's. Shaw will be placing a notice in the paper to recruit members. The Association will help pay for training if the member commits to putting in a certain amount of hours and time. Shaw will also approach business to see if they have employees that would be interested to become EMT's or if any already employed. Garvin asked about mutual aid with other communities. Shaw stated that if there is not enough people available to take calls that he contacts Juneau County to state that the ambulance service is unable to respond. Juneau County then dispatches another agency to respond to call. They are also considering adding first responders. Knuth stated that both ambulances were out of service due to mechanical issues last week. One is still out but the other is back in service. Brown stated that maybe the

City should make becoming an EMT part of their employees job duties. Brown also commented that one of the ambulances is 11-12 years old and a new one is about \$150,000. Some funds that had been set aside for a new ambulance have been used of operating expenses.

Introduction to annex lands from Town of Plymouth:

RBJ Development, LLC petitioned the City of Elroy to annex 12 acres for future expansion.

Discussion and possible on RBJ Developers Agreement:

A new agreement was drafted to include the 12 acre annexation property and current city property.

Garvin/Huber motion to approve RBJ Development, LLC Developers Agreement. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on Resolution 976 to raze 110 S. Main St.

Garvin/Pfost motion to approve Resolution 976. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried

Discussion and possible action on Resolution 977 to raze 209 Academy St.

Garvin/Pfost motion to approve Resolution 977. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried

Discussion and possible action on offer to purchase City property on Tilmar St.

The Council authorized Jefferson and Steward to continue with negotiations. Jefferson to add language to allow the City to take back property if no building is built and a new developer would want the property. Jefferson to change time frame for building from three years to two.

Citation/housing inspection update.

Officer Brown stated that citations will be issued for 1416 & 1421 Academy Street, and 306 2<sup>nd</sup> Main Street. Klipstein would like to have 114-116 Third Street looked at as well.

Review summary of 2014 key activities.

Garvin commented that grants the City has received over the last three years have accounted for 77% of funding for projects. Full summary included in packets.

Review 2015 Council goals.

Garvin asked Council to review these goals as they become Stewards goals as well. Garvin stated three areas of focus: Housing, Business, and Financial.

Pfost commented on the reality of razing four homes in 2015.

Discussion and possible action on Revenue Bond through Royal Bank.

Postponed until next meeting for more information.

Discussion and possible action on Petition for County Highway Aid.

Garvin/Huber motion to approve petition. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on Expenditures.

Klipstein/Garvin motion to approve expenditures. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Reports:

Citation and housing were already discussed earlier and also at Ordinance Committee meeting.

Community Development Update:

Garvin reported that Bardo is making progress. Garvin stated that the negotiations regarding the Koenecke and Strelow properties have been called off. He would like the City to move ahead with installing the alley as weather permits. He would like Steward to follow up on this issue.

Streets update:

Huber stated that they will need to get estimates from someone else to do tree cutting. Will be working on head stones in the spring. Sidewalk repair letters should be going out in February. Most things on the Street Department to do list are tabled until spring. They would like to look at a leaf vacuum truck and bring information back to Council.

Finance update:

Garvin indicated finances were on budget for 2014 year end and would know more once the audit is complete. He would like to work on debt reduction. He recommend the Council to stay on top of shared revenue discussions at the state level and get local representatives involved.

Ordinance update:

Klipstein reported that they are updating the ordinance book and mentioned a few areas that need correcting. They will continue reviewing the ordinances. She would like the citation spreadsheet monitored and updated. Next meeting February 10, 2015.

Parks update:

Huber brought Lindemann up to date from last meeting regarding park improvements done by all community groups that use the park.

Long Range Planning update:

Pfost stated that he will be gone for two weeks in February, but isn't sure of exact dates yet.

Tourism update:

Garvin reported that a meeting was held at the Library with the County, Omaha, DNR, 400 Trail and the Elroy Sparta Trail representatives. They will be planning activities for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Elroy Sparta Trail. They discussed signage and trail improvements as well. The Council will need to discuss the Commons and how they want it to function, what to sell, and participation in the trail anniversary.

The Council did not convene in to closed session as the Administrator evaluation was postponed until February,

Next meeting date is February 10, 2015

Bob Schroeder commented that it is nice to see the City trying to make things look nice and clean up, however they need to look in their own back yard. He commented on the area by the barns at the park that seem to be an area that needs to be cleaned up.

Pfost/Garvin motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Carole Brown  
Deputy Treasurer/Utility Clerk