

Common Council Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2012

Approved

Call to order at 7:05 pm by Mayor Stanek

Garvin/Myhre to approve minutes of meetings. Helgerson wanted name change on page one to Geri Rigney. Krueger mentioned that the police officer was not dispatched to Adams County, but to Norway Road.

Public Comment:

Brenda Steinmetz would like to see backyard chickens on the next meeting agenda.

Bob Retzlaff commented about rental code meeting that it is a good idea. Retzlaff would like to see more information on website. Steward mentioned that the minutes and agendas are on the website.

Consent Agenda:

Myhre/Mendum to approve operator's license for Sobeck and Bender. All ayes. Carried.

Garvin/Helgerson to approve operator's license for Francis Sugdun. All ayes. Carried.

Myhre/Garvin to approve temporary class B license for Elroy Fire Department for Hunter's Night Out August 18. All ayes. Carried.

Garvin/Helgerson To approve temporary class B license for Elroy Fire Department for Apple Dumpling Days September 8 – 9. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion on kennel license for Cindy Gymrek. Myhre/Mendum to not consider the kennel license for Cindy Gymrek. All ayes. Carried. Reasons for denial – Myhre – neighbors concerned, complaints from neighbors and these were expressed during the public hearing last month, comments on Facebook were not appropriate. Krueger feels there are too many kennel licenses and would like the City to go back to the original 5.

Discussion on Community Development Authority. Garvin gave an update and would like to put forth a resolution to create the CDA. Garvin/Helgerson motion to approve resolution to create the City of Elroy Community Development Authority. Roll Call. 4 ayes, and 1 nay (Krueger). Carried.

Update on Rental Property Inspection Code. Garvin spoke on the meeting held earlier today at the Royall Middle School. Approximately 30 people and mostly landlords were in attendance. Getting inside to do inspections was not received well, but enforcing the outsides of homes may be a priority. Focus on the outside inspections of homes and all buildings in Elroy, including commercial and industrial. Get a handle on the outside of homes before moving to the inside of people's homes.

Discussion on City owned land. The Council discussed properties on the north side of the City and properties on West Elroy Street, across and next to the Cemetery. For the Cemetery property, recommend getting a fair market value of what the property is worth and bring back to Council. The cemetery property could be split with 20 acres in the south with access off of West Elroy Street along the western edge of the cemetery, and the northern part could be split into 3 or 4 lots. Advertise 3 lots up in TID5. The Council authorized the City Administrator to advertise the properties for sale in the newspaper and search out the fair market value of the land next to the Cemetery.

Motion by Garvin/Mendum to have the City Administrator advertise 7 parcels – 101 Kimball, 114 Kimball, Tilmar Street property and 4 lots on West Elroy Street (CTH O). All ayes. Carried.

Discussion on CDBG Planning grant for downtown and the interview and selection of consultant to work with the City on a downtown plan. Consultant will come back with a contract, and submit grant request to the State then when grant is awarded start the redevelopment plan.

Garvin/Mendum motion to select Vierbicher Associates to complete grant application and upon approval start the downtown redevelopment plan. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion on Western Avenue construction. Culvert has a hole in it and needs the culvert replaced and needs new road, in addition to new sanitary sewer. Garvin/Myhre to proceed with the MSA contract and proposal for work on Western Avenue from HWY 71 to Cedar and an alternate bid from Cedar to Nassau and to authorize City Administrator to secure funds from Royal Bank.

Garvin/Helgerson authorize the City Administrator to pursue proposal #1 for the Assessor proposal. Roll Call. All ayes. Carried.

City Administrator had to depart to go to the polls to count ballots from the primary election.

Discussion on the cemetery survey was postponed.

Jamie Ladwig updated the Council on the cemetery tree cutting, and informed them that the project has been completed, but more work needs to be done at the cemetery with the trees.

Discussion and possible action on the park exclusive use permit for the Elroy Lions to hold the Apple Dumpling Days September 8, 2012. Helgerson/Krueger to approve. All ayes. Carried.

Budget discussion was postponed to the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion by Myhre/Mendum to approve expenditures. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Motion by Garvin/Mendum to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 19.85 (1)(g). Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Motion by Myhre/Helgerson to reconvene into open session. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Motion to adjourn by Garvin/Helgerson at 8:30pm. All ayes. Carried.