

Council Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2013

Approved

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Stanek

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Garvin/Krueger to approve minutes from April 9 and 16. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment:

Richard Murphy, 526 Franklin St. – Wondering why nothing is being done about 523 Franklin Street. Read State Statute as interpreted by the Supreme Court about terroristic threatening. He does not feel the reports are being followed up by the Police. Would like the people causing the problem removed from the City. He feels fear. Wants the City to do something before something drastic happens.

Chad Slater, 531 Franklin Street. – Wants to see something done about 523 Franklin Street. He is afraid to let his 3 kids play outside.

Pat Shaw, 527 Franklin Street. – Has a young daughter and doesn't want her playing outside and growing up in this area.

Ed Mendum, 524 Franklin Street. – This is not the way the City wants to promote itself. It is time to do something.

Nicholas Gauf, 526 Franklin Street. – Is back in the neighborhood. Heard threats and it is getting unsafe and he carries a concealed weapon. He asked if someone will get hurt before the City takes action.

Craig Johnson, 530 Franklin Street. – Felt threatened last week and looked like a war zone. This has to stop. It was a nice neighborhood, now he fears for his family.

Patricia Johnson, 530 Franklin Street. – Very upset for how long this has gone on. It has been going on for 2 years. The behavior in the neighborhood is not safe and not safe for kids. They called the police several times that night and it took 45 minutes for the police to get there. She is ashamed that the City has let this go on for so long. She doesn't understand why these things are allowed.

Communications:

Mayor needs to appoint to Library Board but will wait to confirm next month.

Mayor to appoint Jim Mossholder to CDA. Garvin/Mendum to reappoint Jim to CDA. All ayes. Carried.

Mayor to appoint Jim Garvin and Mark Pfof to CDA. Mendum/Klipstein to reappoint Garvin and Pfof to CDA. All ayes with Garvin and Pfof abstaining

PUBLIC HEARING:

Consideration of Conditional Use Permit for John Warner at 201 Main Street for second and third floor residential.

Jon Warner, son of owners, presented the proposal. First floor will be office space and second and third floors will be residential. Looking at \$600,000 in improvements and one year to complete and open. Tuck pointing, facade improvements, new windows, new roof, etc. It will remain brick but will be repaired.

Wanda Doggs is worried about the bricks on the side and the glass out front is dangerous.

Garvin/Mendum motion to approve the CUP for 201 Main Street. Roll Call. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion on refinancing of City debt. Jim Mann in attendance from Ehlers & Associates to present our current and future finances and discuss how to refinance.

There are several options the City can pursue. Jim handed out a financing plan for review. Council will continue the discussion at further meetings.

Discussion on cemetery mowing. Only one bid from New Leaf Landscaping, aka Greg's Landscaping LLC. They have done the cemetery the last 2 years.

Garvin/Mendum Motion to approve New Leaf Landscaping for the cemetery contract at \$6,300 per year for 3 years (2013, 2014, 2015). Roll Call. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion on Olson House bids. Steward presented the bids.

Garvin/Pfof motion to approve bids as presented. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion on property next to cemetery.

Garvin presented that the 40 acres relatively unusable for major development. Steward is going to work with County Forester to see if there is timber value before we sell. There is tillable acreage and hunting land, but hunting is not allowed in the City. Maybe bid out the property at some point.

Discussion on burn permits for Doug Jackson and Jackie Schumann.

Garvin/Krueger motion to approve both burn permits. All ayes. Carried.

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

Garvin presented on the selling of city owned property on CTH O — 8 acres of residential land. All set to go once the County approves the driveways.

Committee updates:

Garvin updated on the CDA. Reviewed areas for future development and talked about the Warner proposal.

Garvin updated on Finance and Personnel. Jim Mann covered all we talked about.

Klipstein updated on Ordinance. Reviewed spring clean-up and junk vehicle ordinance.

Pfost update on Parks. The 400 trail celebration on June 8. Numerous activities are planned. Will run from 11am til 4. Also looked at a fee schedule and rules of the park.

Krueger update on Streets. Still looking at a loader or upgrading the tractor with loader. Streets Dept has a lot on their plate for projects and are busy.

Krueger update on Utilities. Well house to be finished this spring with blacktop and fencing.

Jefferson updated raze orders. All have been served on the owners. July everything should be ready to go.

Steward updated on website and wifi.

Garvin/Mendum motion to go into closed session. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Garvin/Pfost to reconvene into open session.

Krueger/Garvin motion to adjourn at 9:40 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Mark Steward
City Administrator