

Common Council Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2020

Approved

Call to Order @7:00 pm

Roll Call.

Lindemann, Schroeder, Peterson- Present. Huber and Madden-Absent- Also in attendance Mayor Karen Sparling, Police Chief Green, and Clerk Lynn Thorson. Carole Brown, Administrator/Treasurer phoned in.

Pledge of Allegiance

Schroeder/Peterson motion to approve the minutes from October 13 & 27, 2020. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment – Peterson said he had questions from Rich Brown about golf cart operation on state highways. Chief Green explained that the golf carts are only allowed to cross the highway and can only operate on city streets. No signs yet for UTV trail.

Mayor Communication- thanked everyone who donated candy for the Halloween celebration at the park. There was a good turnout. Would like to see it done again next year.

Council Communication- None

Discussion of snow removal from new sidewalk along Hwy 80/82. Mark Gruen said he did not feel the sidewalk was needed in front of the school and thinks the city should be responsible for snow removal. Nalani Bever felt it was an arbitrary decision by the state to put in the sidewalk, however she does feel that it is a benefit to many people, but should it be considered an extension of the business district? Lindemann not in favor of city shoveling more sidewalk. Tabled until December when hopefully full council will be in attendance.

Lindemann/Schroeder motion to approve Resolution #1095 – 2020 Budget adjustments. All ayes. Carried.

Lindemann/Peterson motion to authorize Chief Green to apply for a CESF Grant. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Peterson/Lindemann motion to authorize MSA file intent to apply for CDBG CV, which is a 100% fully funded grant program. There will be a public hearing for this on November 19th at 6pm. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Lindeman/Peterson motion to approve the 2021-2023 city assessor's contract with Holloway Appraisals. All ayes. Carried.

Carole discussed map options for the Schultz Park trail. We will need to have a park committee meeting with Raine from MSA sometime after Thanksgiving.

Council was given one more chance to look at the proposed 2021 Budget before the public hearing on November 19th.

Property update- blown down shed on 2nd Main Street, property owner coming with a trailer to remove it and haul it away. Still working with property owners on Third Street. Academy Street property looking better. Someone reported a hole in the roof of the old nursing home.

Lindemann/Schroeder motion to approve the expenditures. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Reports:

City Administrator report -Was presented on paper to council for them to read.

Police Chief Report- Drug Take Back Event was successful. 45lbs of prescription drugs were taken to Madison for proper disposal. Someone bought and donated 100 Back the Badge signs for the Police Department to distribute. The lights at the school crosswalk are not working. Tony has been working traffic control for walker's Stainless as they try to get large tanks through the construction zone. Bullet proof vest grant approved for one new vest.

CDA- None

Finance and Personnel-None

Ordinance-None

Parks-None

Streets- None

Utility- Met this evening. Sludge hauling contract discussed and phosphorus removal project.

Fire and Ambulance-Nothing new.

Library- None

Police Commission-Met and mostly discussed Covid.

Upcoming Meetings:

November 19, 2020- Public Hearing and Budget Hearing

December 8, 2020- Regular Council Meeting

Schroeder/Lindemann to adjourn at 8:00 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Lynn Thorson, Clerk