

Common Council Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2020

Approved

Call to Order @ 7:00 pm

Roll Call: Present: Lindemann, Peterson, Madden, Schroeder. Absent: Huber. Also in attendance Mayor Karen Sparling, Carole Brown, and Tony Green.

Pledge of Allegiance

Madden/Peterson to approve minutes from November 10 & 19, 2020. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment – Peterson received questions regarding tax increase. Brown to supply info so city hall staff can explain to residents as they come in and email to council members. Peterson inquired about status of garbage tag elimination. Brown working with contractor. 2021 will be last year of current contract. Once tags are no longer in use expect to see increase in volume and property count that was used for current contract. Policy and ordinance need to be defined as well. Brown will continue process.

Mayor Communication-None

Council Communication-None

Discussion of snow removal from new sidewalk along Hwy 80/82. Adam North read letter and displayed photos of property, that was sent to council members before the meeting. North felt there is a safety issue and places an undue burden on him. Options were discussed and ultimately it was agreed to contact Yard Effects as they are contracted for maintenance of Towns Edge Apartments and see if he is willing to clear snow for Schroeder and North. City would be billed, and fees would be placed as special assessment on property taxes due to the safety issue that exists for those property owners. This is a short-term fix and will look for better long term solution.

Jim Garvin from the CDA presented options for Ackerman Road property and potential residential and industrial site options. Recommendation to move forward with public hearing, rezoning, easement, and grant/financing possibilities.

Jim Garvin also discussed TID#3 and opportunities that may happen with future development. Discussion regarding alley improvements, water/sewer improvements, and retaining wall. TID#3 expenditure period ends in September 2021. Recommendation to continue talks with potential developer, Franklin Street abandonment, site development costs, and grant/financing possibilities.

Lindemann/Peterson to approve engagement letter with Johnson Block for 2020 audit. All ayes. Carried.

Green updated status of property issues. Osgood issued citation that remains unpaid so will issue warrant but there will be costs incurred. Jackson making minimal progress. Will continue to monitor and address issues.

Madden/Peterson to approve expenditures as presented. Roll Call. All ayes. Carried.

Reports: Administrator provided written report that was included in packet. Chief provided verbal update regarding calls, grant, etc.

CDA-Garvin presented info at meeting.

Finance/Personnel-None

Ordinance-None

Parks-Need to meet in January to discuss Stewardship/Schultz project

Streets-None

Utility-Sprinkman lift station generator replacement

Fire/Ambulance-Monthly finance meeting

Library-None, Kari on FMLA

Police-None

Upcoming meeting: January 12, 2021

Madden/Peterson to adjourn at 8:40 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Carole Brown, Administrator