

## Common Council Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2017

*Approved*

Call to order at 7:10 pm by Mayor Stanek

Oath of Office

Steward administered oath of office to Garvin

Roll Call.

All here.

Also in attendance: Steward, Jefferson

Pledge of allegiance

Garvin/Madden motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment (5 minute limit, no action to be taken, items not on agenda)

None

Council Communications:

Mayor – None

Council – nothing

Administrator – Cigarette and tobacco retailer license letter from the state. Need to do an LED Tariff to recoup money for replacement of LED decorative lights along Main Street. This will help the Electric Utility budget.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor called a public hearing to order to hear a rezoning request by Darrell Becker. Mr. Becker wants 2 or 3 bedroom apartment on the lower level. Retail is tough and there is a need for more apartments. Has 2 apartments upstairs. There is only on street parking.

Steward suggested that he come back to the City with a request for a Conditional Use Permit and leave the property as Business zoning. Also he needs to pay the personal property tax.

Discussion on the solar project.

Organic Valley will buy the renewable energy credits from OneEnergy. OneEnergy will put up 1.5mW on property by well #4 and will produce 13% of the City's power. Site is good. At least 9 other UMMEG Communities considering this. Power sale for 25 years and it coincides with the warranty/life span of the panels. OneEnergy has met with 12 communities already. Looking at 10 or more communities to participate.

Look at details and support UMMEG's approach.

Need to do a Public Hearing with the residents of Weger and Ackerman Roads and the public.

Gary Price was in attendance and he presented on the costs of energy for the project.

Discussion and possible action on Street Use Permit for Stacy Smith family.

They need just the alley.

Lindemann/Huber motion to approve. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion and possible action on Operator's Licenses for April Lehr and Stephanie Hamburg.

Garvin/Huber motion to approve contingent upon police reports. All ayes. Carried.

Academy Street project.

Steward gave an update. Working with Rob from MSA on the project and Jim Mann from Ehlers on the financing.

Chip Sealing of Streets

Huber stated that the Streets Committee is defining the streets that need the chip sealing and regrind – Center, Spring and Plymouth.

Old City Hall

Steward updated that it is on the market. Only one viewing so far.

Raze orders – 201 Main Street and 103 S. Brooklyn

201 Main St the owners are attempting to fix, Council issuing raze order.

103 S. Brooklyn – Bill will start the process now. We will provide information on relocation and other entities that may assist them, but we will not be responsible for their move.

Expenditures.

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

Admin report – Steward reported on MFCG and the survey should be done by the end of May beginning of June. Inspection for 205 Spring St has been authorized and will set up inspection date. Tailor Made update – no assessment yet to share with them.

Attorney – nothing new. Need to contact attorney for one of the properties that we razed last year about paying the city back.

Garvin – would like to get rid of small parcels of land that the City mows. Would like Jefferson to vacate these properties.

CDA – Met on April 28. There is a meeting with St. Joseph's on May 19. Possibility of assisted living at 1510 Academy. And offer to purchase from Dollar General

Finance – none

Ordinance – none.

Parks – none.

Streets – Chip sealing discussed. Obtaining bids for regrind and repave. Discussed the Academy Street project. Discussed no parking on alley by Royall School ball fields and track.

Tourism – none.

Fire and Ambulance – no report.

Library – Good staff, summer program about to start. Open house in September or October

Police – no meeting.

Klipstein/Garvin motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Next meeting May 16 at 5:30 pm

Mark Steward  
City Administrator