

Common Council Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2020

Approved

Call to Order @7:00 pm

Roll Call.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Peterson\Schroeder motion to approve the minutes from August 18. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment – Richarda thanked Chief Green for taking care of her problems on Nassau St.

Mayor Communication- Jared Johns is having a vendor fair this weekend between 9am-1pm. There will be 14 vendors present. The event is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and all Council members is encouraged to attend. Mayor also mentioned Halloween celebration at City Park.

Council Communication- Randi Johns thanked the city for the \$1500 Covid-19 relief fund.

Lindemann/Peterson motion to approve Burn Permit. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Schroeder /Madden motion to pass Ordinance #434 Amendment to Regulation of Firearms.

Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Zoning Code Amendment back to Ria to change accessory building size allowance to include CUP language with no limit on size. Will present again at the meeting in October.

2021 Budget Assumptions were discussed. Streets- \$15,000 chip sealing, John Deere lease agreement on equipment\mower, culvert work on Lincoln St, and trees that need to be removed at park. Police Co- \$5000 for radar and training. Cemetery- \$10,000 GIS mapping Ordinance book update Sewer update Website updated with Covid-19 funds \$6000 Finance update with Ehlers \$20,000 house raze. Discussion on health insurance and supplement.

Property update- Issues discussed

Madden/Huber motion to approve the expenditures. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Reports:

City Administrator report -PSC did not lift restriction on application of late fees or disconnects. Resulting in higher than normal amounts of past due utility balances being transferred to property tax roll. MSA and NCRPC moving forward with preliminary information for our EDA Disaster Grant application. PCS process on substation purchase moving forward as well as the water rate case. New handheld meter reading software and hardware needed. Approximate cost \$20,000- free software if done in 2020. Gasser has Second and Juneau St left to pave. Will return end of September to complete job. Back-up date is in October. Alley project may have to wait until May 2021 but will try to complete this year. City Planning Commission will meet September 30th with NCRPC. Waiting for approval from HMGP or MFCC- tentatively awarded fund for our portion of project- priority 1 project only. Scheduled meeting on Tuesday at 3:30 with Ehlers to finalize our TID reports so we can have our annual Joint Review Board.

Police Chief Report- UTV/ATV signs need to be approved by DOT before they can be put up and before roads can open. Body cameras and gas masks arrived. Ordered new pistols and ammunition with gov rates- good deal. Phase 2 circuit court reopening, 2 municipal dates are scheduled. October 24 is set for the 'Drug Take Back' event.

CDA- MSA proposals for the Ackerman Rd project were presented. Leaning toward residential development and purchasing land from Brunner on Terri Lane. \$5000 per lot- same deal as Cty O lots.

Finance and Personnel-None

Ordinance-Met and discussed zoning

Parks-None

Streets- Met tonight update on 2020 street projects. Huston St. Still up in air Paint curb and repair signs

Utility- met this evening, Power updates to serve Tailor Made better.

Fire and Ambulance-Will meet tomorrow. Looking for more ambulance involvement. EMT class- will need 12 people

Library-Budget discussed. Library is quieter. Getting phone calls, less children- school not coming every month. Regular hours are 10-6 and closed on Saturdays.

Police-None

Upcoming Meetings: October 13, 2020

Madden/Huber to adjourn at 9:20 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Lynn Thorson, Clerk