

Council Meeting 06/17/2024

Minutes taken by Emily Bessette, City Clerk

Meeting: Time: 7:00 PM

Presiding Officer: Mayor Anthony DaPrato

Council Present: Ball, Seals, Lister, Moore, Moeller

Council Absent: N/A

Attorney Vignery: Present

Employees: Shannon Seals, Emily Bessette, Dustin Bretsnyder

Visitors: Per Registry

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Anthony DaPrato.

Darrel Kinney - Lespedeza

Darrel was not present. Discussion on lespedeza at the water plant. Maintenance is treating it.

Anna Smith

Smith coordinates the Phun Walk and is here asking permission to continue to use City Hall at no cost. She explained it is all volunteer and she has been doing it for nine years. She will use City Hall every Tuesday and Thursday from September to May in the evenings. Motion by K. Seals to allow Smith to rent City Hall from September to May on Tuesdays and Thursdays at no cost for Phun Walk, 2nd by Lister, Motion carried. Smith will need to complete forms and pick up a key in September and return it by the end of May.

Kayaks on East Lake (Strowbridge Reservoir)

K. Seals purposed the new ordinance. There was discussion about allowing recreational kayaks on East Lake. A community member was concerned about boats making wakes and flying around corners. Discussion on no wake. East Lakes technical name is Strowbridge Reservoir. Motion by K. Seals to allow kayakers on the lake and except Chapter XII Public Property Article 1 City Parks and Lakes with corrections of occupants under the age 13 must wear water saving equipment and to add (B) Strowbridge Reservoir is designated as a no wake lake. All previous rules and regulations will fall in order. 2nd by Lister, motion carried.

City Attorney

Discussion about Tom Barnes. Barnes office currently is who Vignery has been working with on annexation. Motion by Ball to hire Tom Barnes with Stumbo Hanson, LLP as the new city attorney, 2nd by Lister, motion carried.

Library

Heather Garrison gave a quarterly report. She has submitted her budget. There are 180 kids in the Summer Reading Program. They have a lot of neat prizes this year. They have a pool party planned for July 14, 2024. They are still on the list to have the roof repaired; she will increase her calls to them checking on status.

City Park

Discussion on where we are at with updating the park will move to the 2nd meeting in July. Kelli Moore was present for the park committee but others were unable to make it due to prior commitments.

It was mentioned the pad the old pavilion is on has cracked and causing a trip hazard. Bretsnyder will go look at and take appropriate safety measures such as cones or caution tape.

Also mentioned that the women's restroom in the south building locked someone in the bathroom. Bretsnyder will look at the lock on the door.

Maintenance

Bretsnyder is present for maintenance.

He will need to get a new bid for the streets.

The water plant is doing okay.

His truck is in need on new airbags. Carbondale Tire and Auto gave a quote for approximately \$585. Bretsnyder will get a new quote and Mayor DaPrato can approve the maintenance needed for the truck. Moore made a motion to spend up to \$800 on airbags for Bretsnyder's water truck, 2nd by Ball, motion carried.

The hydraulics are leaking on the skid loader.

The tractor will not go into gear.

Hand dryer in the park bathroom was fixed.

Electricity was shut off to the outlets at the park and cover plates will be placed.

They are trying to keep up on the obnoxious weeds at the water plant. They just sprayed them again.

Dock update – Friday June 21, 2024 concrete will be set. It has to cure for two weeks before the dock can be attached. The quickest this process would take is three weeks. Weather has been an issue. To extend the boat ramp it would be best to push the current pad down and add on to the top. The bottom of the ramp is made up of smaller pieces that can shift.

Police

They had a successful brush cleanup day on June 8, 2024. Chief Seals wanted to thank the Lions Club for making breakfast before the volunteers headed out in the morning.

Chief Seals presented slides from Axon's proposal. The proposal included six body cams, and three vehicles. Current camera system is obsolete and the software to run their current cameras is no longer supported. Axon includes different safety features such as real time GPS location, live streaming and two-way communication for bodycams. Evidence can be digitally shared. It has the capabilities for ALPR which is a license plate reader that scans tags against a hot list. Axon does the installation and provides on-site training. Ball had additional questions on payment and wanted to reach out to the representative. Chief tried to reach AXON rep but it went to voicemail. Questions on budget. Discount and payment plan questions put topic on hold.

Mariah Shultz is at academy for 17 weeks, two of those weeks are holiday.

Other Business

City Hall has extra office chairs that had been donated at one time. Discussion on chairs and it was agreed the chairs can be set out for free or donated to another facility.

Questions on what licenses food trucks and food tents need to have to operate in the city. Currently there is no ordinance on food trucks and tents. The concern with having food trucks get a business license, solicitors permit or anything similar is who all would need one. Another concern is if they are already on the schedule to be here, it wouldn't be fair to now charge them. An additional question was if the farmers market or Amish would follow the same rules. Clerk will reach out to surrounding cities.

Electrical Inspector

The city currently does not have an electrical inspector. Ad will be placed in the paper.

Extension Request

Motion by K. Seals to approve all extension request, 2nd by Lister, motion carried.

Bills, Notes, FYI

Motion by K. Seals that they looked at bills, 2nd by Ball, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:40pm by Lister, 2nd by Seals, motion carried.