

## **Council Meeting 6/17/19**

Minutes taken by Paula Tryon, City Clerk

**Meeting:** Time: 7:00 pm Presiding officer: Council Pres John Ryan

Council present: Ryan, Shreve, Hinck, Sitz & Lister

Council Absent: Fulton

Employees: Reynolds, Seals, Scott, DeVoe & Tryon

Visitors: Kandy Hinck, Kevin Seals, Gary Rush (OCHC), Geoff McIntyre, Mike MacDonald and Laura DeBaun (NEKLS), Elisha Benham, William Randal.

### **Minutes**

The minutes for the meeting held on 6/3/19 were read for council approval.

👍 Motion by Hinck to approve the minutes as read, Lister 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

The minutes for the Special Council Meeting on 6/6/19 were read for council approval.

👍 Motion by Hinck to approve as read, Lister 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried. Sitz abstained since she wasn't in attendance.

Rick Ensz had requested a date to meet with the City council to discuss cost estimates for the debt service for the Library. Council decided on July 1 council meeting to meet with him.

Mike McDonald and Laura DeBaun from NEKLS were in attendance for any questions from the council.

- NEKLS currently provides a grant of \$16,892.00, 2020 would be \$17,400.00
- Accreditation1 now, suggest they apply for level 2, could get about \$6,000.00 more
- With grants, co payments for currier, media sharing and other benefits the Library receives about \$23, 607.00 in benefits from NEKLS.
- They will also help with any attorney fees needed, & tech support
- 65% for budget expense should be salaries, benefits & contract labor- includes gross wages, employer taxes, unemployment taxes, workman's comp & outside contractors
- If the Library is not able to meet the 65% salary suggestion then they can go to a waiver procedure, with a promise to strive to meet the goals.
- The Bond and Interest levy would have to be above the 6.5 mill levy
- 12% of the Library budget expense would be earmarked for books, DVDs – anything that can be loaned out.
- The Library works under the Cash basis law
- Library will use their current Budget form and give to City Hall to include in the City's budget reporting.
- The Library Board is their governing body

If the Library became a department of the City:

- The Library would lose the NEKLS grant
- The Library mill levy would count against the City tax lid
- The Library employees would become City employees with the City pay scale and benefits.

**Geoff McIntyre** requested a change in the ordinance regarding chickens, he asked that the ordinance be changed so that chickens are not banned. Many local communities allow chickens, most do not allow roosters. He took a Facebook poll received 57 responses only one against.

👉 Motion by Shreve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hinck to stop all further progress until the council meeting on 7/1/19, motion carried.

**William Randal-** A neighbor has installed a culvert that he says is causing water to drain into his garage and basement. Not sure if this is on private property or city easement. Dustin will look it over on Tuesday, the city may need to make a ditch.

### **Police**

Officer Seals reported

Chief is on vacation

Training is going well with Alan, he is now certified to use the Tazer.

### **Maintenance**

Dustin Bretsnyder was in attendance.

The proposed ditch ordinance was discussed

The City will excavate when needed and the owner will mow and maintain

The “new” information on the front page will be added and remove 8-803 and 8-804. To be ready for the 7/1/19 meeting.

A Chartered Ordinance for Library Governance was presented for proposal only.

### **Other**

Chris Cunningham sent optional dates to meet with the interior decorator

👉 Motion by Hinck, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shreve to have them come to the Aug 5<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Motion carried.

Ray and Dorian Whittaker requested permission to shoot fireworks for their July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration on July 6<sup>th</sup>

👉 Motion by Sitz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shreve to approve the request, motion carried.

A budget work session will need to set up in July.

### **Extension Requests**

👉 Motion by Sitz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lister to approve all extension requests. Motion carried.

### **Motion for paying approved bills**

▲ Motion by Sitz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lister to pay all approved bills. Motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

▲ Motion by Sitz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lister to adjourn @ 8:23pm. Motion carried.