

Council Meeting 05/16/2022

Minutes taken by Trisha Breese, City Treasurer

Meeting: Time: 7:00 pm Presiding officer: Mayor John Ryan

Council present: Lister, Moore, Ryan, Seals, Shreve and Sitz

Atty Vignery: Present

Employees: D. Bretsnyder, S. Seals, A. Shreve and T. Breese

Visitors: Kelli Moore, Heather Garrison, Bruce Overturf, Gary Rush

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order @ 7:00pm by Mayor John Ryan.

Reading of Minutes

The minutes for the council meeting on 05/02/2022 were read for council approval.

☞ Motion to approve minutes with corrections by Seals, 2nd by Lister, motion carried. Shreve and Sitz abstained.

Ray Whittaker-Dustin has already spoken to Ray Whittaker. Mr. Whittaker did not attend council.

Bruce Overturf-Mr. Overturf thanked the council for allowing Abate District 4 use the fairground bathrooms on Mother's Day. He advised the group would like to donate money or labor to assist with bathroom and park upkeep. The Mayor advised once the repair bids for the bathrooms are received, donations would be greatly appreciated.

Annexation-Attorney Vignery presented information on the process of annexation for multiple properties. Different issues were considered and reviewed. Attorney Vignery recommended properties to move forward with annexation. ☞ Motion to proceed with annexation by Lister, 2nd by Moore, motion carried.

Library Lease-Attorney Vignery reviewed the lease and spoke with city auditor, John Welch. After considering information provided to council, Mayor Ryan recommended to incorporate an amendment to the current library lease. Motion to accept amendment to library lease agreement striking paragraph 3 mentioning base rent and any other mention of base rent by Seals, 2nd by Shreve, Sitz opposed, motion carried.

Library Insurance-Heather Garrison reported for the library and stated they are looking for a new insurance company due to issues with the current policy. A quote from Bolz Insurance, the current insurance provider for the city, would cut the cost in half if the library were able to piggyback off of the city's current policy. Concerns were discussed. ☞ Motion to allow the library to piggyback off the city insurance policy with the library paying the city directly for their insurance premium by Shreve, 2nd by Moore, motion carried.

Floodplain Plan-Motion to recess the council meeting to open a public hearing for the Floodplain Plan by Shreve, 2nd by Moore, motion carried. Council meeting recessed at 7:58pm. No objections or comments from the public. Closed the public hearing at 7:59pm. ☞ Motion to approve the 2022 Floodplain Plan by Shreve, 2nd by Seals, motion carried.

City Park Mulch-The council considered different options for mulch at the city park and if dirt would need to be hauled in first. Dustin advised the mulch areas could be regraded using dirt the city already has available. Funding for the mulch was reviewed since there is not enough in the park budget. The city has so far collected \$106,000 in covid funding, of which \$89,000 is allotted for the new sidewalks and \$21,000 for police radios. Another \$106,000 is to be sent to the city. Autumn will check to see if covid money may be used for this project since it is a safety issue. She will also get updated pricing to include any delivery fees.

Old Police Station-The council discussed the options of selling the building or demolishing it.

☞ Motion to survey the lot in order to section the old police building off from the maintenance building at the fence line by Shreve, 2nd by Lister, motion carried. City Clerk will gather 3 quotes for survey service.

Police

Chief Seals reported for the Police Department.

Service Weapon Request-The Chief presented options for a new service weapon for Officer Garner as her current weapon is too large. ☞ Motion to approve Glock 48 Slimline gun for \$358.00 from GT Distributors by Sitz, 2nd by Shreve, motion carried.

Cats-Chief is still researching and reviewing options for a program to help with the cat population in town. No procedures in place at this time.

Maintenance

Dustin Bretsnyder reported for the Maintenance Department.

AMR bids-An updated bid from Schulte Supply for new AMR meters and included installation fees was presented to council for review. Autumn advised the Improvement Reserve currently has \$414,379.28, Atrazine funds on hand of \$156,384.96 and the Equipment Reserve funds of \$144,276.69. ☞ Motion to accept Schulte Supply bid for new AMR meters with installation totaling \$184,793.55 to be paid out of the Atrazine funds and the Improvement Reserve by Shreve, 2nd by Moore, opposed by Lister and Sitz, motion carried.

Street Signs-Street signs are still being replaced as some are stuck on the poles and may need new hardware. The old city park signs are all down and have been removed. The no parking zone by Midtown Market is handled by the county.

KDHE-Helen Holm with KDHE coordinated with the maintenance department and reviewed water tests throughout the city and the water plant. The water is safe to drink and has passed all Federal and State requirements. Helen offered some advice to mitigate the color. Dustin advised over 88,000 gallons has been flushed through the system to alleviate the issues. Mayor Ryan advised he was interviewed by Channel 27 news on May 16th, 2022 to discuss city water.

City Pool-Dustin advised they are repairing some water lines and finishing up patchwork and clean-up of the pool. He stated they are hoping so start filling the pool this week.

Other Departments

Advantage Computer Jayhawk Software-Seals inquired if the yearly renewals could be grouped together in the future to allow payments to be made at one time. Autumn will get this set up.

☞ Motion to renew the contract with Advantage Computer Jayhawk Software for \$650.00 by Sitz, 2nd by Lister, motion carried.

Refuse Ordinance- ☯ Motion to approve ordinance 531-2022 for a refuse service charge of \$15.75 and to allow resolutions be used in the future to update the service fee by Sitz, 2nd by Seals, motion carried.

Developers-Mayor Ryan attended a meeting with the developers, Amanda Kohlman, Heather Kuder and City Clerk, Autumn Shreve. Recent legislation has passed the state congress which could make more grants and programs available for the project. Ross Vogel hopes to have paperwork ready for council review on the RHID program in late June or early July, with groundbreaking tentatively in February of 2023.

Demo Bid-Bid received from Dutchman's Handyman Service for demolition and removal of property at 122 Ridgeway totaling \$15,000. Council did not accept the bid. The City Maintenance Department is looking in to performing the work instead.

☯ Motion to grant all extension requests by Sitz, 2nd by Lister, motion carried.

There was discussion on the bills. ☯ Motion to pay all approved bills by Sitz, 2nd by Lister, motion carried.

☯ Motion to adjourn at 9:14pm by Sitz, 2nd by Lister, motion carried.