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Bob Dane

Jesse Dennis

Michael Nichols

Pete Todd

Kelsey Washburn

Jerome Williams

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY FEBRUARY 5TH, 2018 6:00 P.M

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday February 5th, 2018; beginning at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Nik Groothuis presided and called the Meeting to Order and led the Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Present: Alderman Dane
Alderman Dennis
Alderman Nichols
Alderman Todd
Alderman Washburn
Alderman Williams

Absent: None

A quorum was declared.

Public Forum: Julie Tutewiler was present and talked to the Council about her concerns with getting rid of curbside recycling.

Dipen Patel recently bought the Days Inn Hotel and he has some concerns with snow removal on the road going back to the hotel and also lights down the road. Mayor Groothuis asked Superintendent Biggs to check into the light situation, if they are City owned or Hotel Owned lights. Superintendent Biggs said he would look at the situation tomorrow.

Community Affairs:

None

Before moving onto the Meeting Minutes Alderman Nichols asked for the floor for a few minutes. Mayor Groothuis turned it over to Alderman Nichols. Alderman Nichols apologized to the Council and to Alderman Todd for his comments at the last meeting.

Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the Minutes of the January 15th, 2018 Council Meeting.



Alderman Dane motioned approval of the February 5th, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Alderman Dennis. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Officers Reports

Clerk Mumford requested approval of the January 2018 Bills Paid.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval of the January 2018 Bills Paid totaling \$1,282,533.43, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Treasurer Lorton presented the January 2018 Treasurer’s Collection Deposit Report for approval.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval of the January 2018 Treasurer’s Collection Deposit Report in the amount of \$677,728.14, seconded by Alderman Williams. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Mayor Groothuis looked for a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of possible acquisition of property.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval to go into Executive Session for discussion of possible acquisition of property, seconded by Alderman Washburn. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Executive Session began at 6:10 p.m.

Alderman Dane motioned approval to resume the regular meeting, seconded by Alderman Washburn. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Regular Session resumed at 6:41 p.m.

Attorney Shoaff reported that we need to re-approve the purchase of property that was approved at the last meeting. She stated the wrong address at the last meeting; the correct address is 603 S Central, not 503 S Central.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval of purchase of property at 603 S Central (PIN: 03-11-19-20-402-014), seconded by Alderman Dennis. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Attorney Shoaff would like to have a committee look over a new cannabis ordinance. Currently cannabis possession and use is a civil matter and up to the municipal to enforce, and currently the City does not have an ordinances that addresses this issue. Mayor Groothuis recommended the Finance and Ordinance Committee meet to discuss this issue.

Chief Jenkins reported that Austin Glidewell was in his 3rd week of police academy. His date to graduate is April 26th.

Economic Development Director Clark reported on what she and Intern Thomas have been working on the past few weeks; from Grants to working with new businesses and trying to organize a coffee with colleagues meeting.

New Business:

Public Utility Chairman Dane reported on the 2 meetings that were held on January 18th and January 29th. They met about the Collector's Office water leak policy. Currently if a customer has a water leak, the City will adjust for half of the excess water and the entire excess sewer. The committee would like to change this to just adjust for the entire excess sewer amount. The customer would be responsible for the full water amount due.

Alderman Dane motioned approval to change the water leak policy for the Collector's Office to just adjust off the excess sewer amount if they have a leak, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Alderman Dane then mentioned that they also talked about the trash and recycling contract we currently have with republic. Our current contract goes through the end of 2018, and republic is wanting to make some changes to the contract. If the City wants to continue offering curbside recycling rates will have to go up drastically. One option would be to continue curbside trash pickup, but then also have a recycling dumpster located behind City Hall if people want to bring their recycling to. If we do this option there will be a price reduction. After some discussion of the different options, Attorney Shoaff is going to come up with a contract proposal for the Council to vote on at the next meeting.

Mayor Groothuis called for a recess starting at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Groothuis called the meeting back to order at 7:35 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

Salary and License Chairman Todd brought up the proposal from Bruce Sloat from Down the Street Too about having a pool tournament on Sunday's. Currently the ordinance does not allow his type of liquor license to be open for other business on Sunday's. Alderman Todd said the Council has 4 options, deny the request, allow for the pool tournament with full liquor sales, allow for the pool tournament with BYOB, or allow for the pool tournament with no alcohol consumption on premises. Alderman Todd made the following motion:

Approval of a change to Liquor License Ordinance to allow Down the Street Too to be open for a pool tournament on Sundays with no alcohol consumption, seconded by Alderman Dane.

Mayor Groothuis then opened it for discussion. After some discussion Alderman Williams called the question. Mayor Groothuis repeated the motion and called for a vote. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 2 – Dane and Todd

Nays: 4 – Dennis, Nichols, Washburn and Williams

Motion failed

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Dennis reported that he has received some emails and he has taken them to Superintendent Biggs and he has taken care of the issues.

Alderman Todd had some concerns with a bunch of trash at a residence in his Ward. Collector Hickox will get in touch with landlord and Republic to see what the issue is.

Mayor Reports:

Mayor Groothuis wanted to remind the Council that the next regular scheduled meeting is Wednesday February 21st, 2018.

He would like for the Finance Committee to get together soon to talk about funding for the 4th of July. Alderman Nichols would like to have the finance meeting on Monday February 12th, 2018 at 6:15 p.m. Mayor Groothuis has met with the Shriners and a committee about the fourth of July.

City Hall needs some updates to the restrooms to make them handicap accessible as City Hall may be a drop off point for tour busses this spring, with March 28th, being the first date for a tour bus drop off.

There was no further Business of the City Council for the February 5th, 2018 Meeting.

Adjournment:

Alderman Dennis motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Adjournment of the City Council was at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk