

M I N U T E S
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 1, 2021
5:30 PM
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Paul Fischer, Rebecca Waller, Joyce Poshusta, Jason Baskin, Michael Postma, Oballa Oballa and Council Member-at-Large Jeff Austin

MEMBERS APPEARING ELECTRONICALLY: Mayor King

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Craig Clark, Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert and Police Chief David McKichan and Lt. Hartman

STAFF APPEARING ELECTRONICALLY: Public Works Director Steven Lang, Fire Chief Jim McCoy, Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace, Human Resources Director Trish Wiechmann, Park and Rec Director Kevin Nelson, Library Director Julie Clinefelter and City Clerk Ann Kasel

OTHERS APPEARING ELECTRONICALLY: Austin Daily Herald, Honorary Council Member Teresa Lugo, Bill Spitzer, Danielle Nesvold, Public

Mayor King called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Added to the Agenda:

(mot) 4. Licenses:
Massage Therapist: Melissa Offner, 305 NE Grove Street, Brownsdale

Event Applications:
Shamrockin' Run on April 10, 2021
Farmer's Market – Mondays & Thursdays from May 17 to October 28, 2021

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Baskin, approving the agenda as amended. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Poshusta, seconded by Council Member Postma, approving Council minutes from February 16, 2021. Carried.

RECOGNITIONS

Police Chief McKichan recognized the promotion of Officer Hartman to Lieutenant.

Bill Spitzer with the Austin Positive Action Coalition presented the Coalition's progress over the last year. He stated the group's goal is to present a positive message against drug and alcohol use for the youth.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Waller, approving the consent agenda as follows:

Licenses:

- Exempt Gambling (raffle): United Catholic Schools Foundation on April 17, 2021
- Food: Dollar Tree Stores, Inc., 1610 17th Street NW
- Mobile Business: Cookie Dough Bliss, Savage
- Temporary Liquor: Austin Area Commission for the Arts at the Paramount on March 12-13, 2021
- Tree Service: Conradt Tree Service, 18776 St. Hwy 56
- Massage Therapist: Melissa Offner, 305 NE Grove Street, Brownsdale

Claims:

- a. Pre-list of bills
- b. Credit Card and Financial Reports.

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Carried.

BID OPENINGS AND AWARDS

Public Works Director Steven Lang stated the City received the following bids for the seasonal supply of asphalt:

Bidder	Base Bid	Mileage	Total
Ulland Bros. Inc.	\$229,500	\$35,820	\$265,320
Rochester Sand & Gravel	\$247,500	\$50,400	\$297,900

Mr. Lang recommended awarding the bid to Ulland Bros, Inc.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Oballa, awarding the bid for the seasonal supply of asphalt to Ulland Bros, Inc. Carried 7-0.

Public Works Director Steven Lang stated the City received the following bid for biosolids removal:

Bidder	Bid
Oyer Trucking & Pumping, LLC	\$698,400 for 2 years

Mr. Lang stated the bid would be for two years of hauling biosolids in the spring and fall of 2021 and 2022. He recommended awarding the bid to Oyer Trucking & Pumping, LLC.

Moved by Council Member Poshusta, seconded by Council Member Postma, awarding the bid for biosolids removal to Oyer Trucking & Pumping, LLC. Carried 7-0.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

Human Resources Director Trish Wiechmann stated Greg Yocum is recovering from a recent surgery and has exhausted his time off. The City has a policy where employees can donate up to 16 hours per employee to other employees, up to 160 hours at the approval of the City Council.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Waller, approving a request for the donation of employee sick leave for Greg Yocum. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Baskin, adopting a resolution accepting donations to the City of Austin. Carried 7-0.

Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert requested the Council approve budget carryovers for items that were not expended in 2020.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Austin, seconded by Council Member Poshusta, adopting a resolution approving 2020 budget carry overs – budget amendment number 1. Carried 7-0.

Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert requested the Council approve budget amendment number two which would amend the City's budget in specific areas including allowing for the Hormel Foundation grants, improvements in the Council Chambers and for the Grow Austin Program.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Austin, seconded by Council Member Waller, adopting a resolution approving budget amendment number 2. Carried 7-0.

Public Works Director Steven Lang requested the Council approve a contract with WHKS for phase four of the City's inflow and infiltration reduction program. He stated the northeast sector of town is planned for 2021 and WHKS has provided a proposal in the amount of \$137,000. He stated that this contract doesn't include sump pump inspections. The City will need to go back to

the SW sector to complete the sump pump inspections in 2020 due to COVID-19.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Waller, adopting a resolution approving consulting services with WHKS for phase 4 of the I & I program. Carried 7-0.

Public Works Director Steven Lang stated there are siphons under the Cedar River that were constructed in 1921 and in need of replacement or repair. He stated WHKS provided a proposal in the amount of \$10,000 for the evaluation of the siphons. He recommended awarding the contract to WHKS.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Waller, adopting a resolution approving consulting services with WHKS for the evaluation of the Cedar River siphons. Carried 7-0.

Public Works Director Steven Lang presented a proposed airport lease agreement with Hormel Foods Corporate Services, LLC. The lease is for ten years and includes a three percent increase after year five of the lease. Mr. Lang requested approval of the lease.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Waller, adopting a resolution approving an airport hangar lease with Hormel Foods Corporate Services, LLC. Carried 6-0 with Council Member Baskin abstaining.

City Administrator Craig Clark stated Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert's contract calls for exceptional performance pay. Mr. Clark recommended awarding this based on Mr. Dankert's 2020 job performance.

Moved by Council Member Baskin, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Austin, adopting a resolution approving exceptional performance pay in the amount of 3% for the Director of Administrative Services. Carried 7-0.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace requested the Council approve a lot consolidation for Hal Henderson to allow the construction of a new home.

Moved by Council Member Postma, seconded by Council Member Baskin, adopting a resolution approving a lot consolidation for Hal Henderson. Carried 7-0.

Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Nelson stated the City Council may want to consider an adjustment to the Bruins' lease due to their COVID pandemic losses. Mr. Nelson stated the team has had restricted ice usage and capacity limits at their games. He requested a \$21,197.25 adjustment to the amount due.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Austin, seconded by Council Member Fischer, approving a COVID adjustment to Bruins rent. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Poshusta, adopting a resolution authorizing the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the

removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 408 2nd Street SE, Hernandez Property.
Carried.

REPORTS

Honorary Council Member Teresa Lugo stated she visited the different departments and learned a lot about the City.

City Administrator Craig Clark stated Senator Dornink co-authored a housing bill.

Library Director Julie Clinefelter shared some of the upcoming events at the Austin Public Library.

Council Member Poshusta congratulated Lt. Hartman on the promotion and Lt. Mueller's retirement. She thanked Julie for all her hard work on the library.

Council Member Oballa acknowledged the Mower County CEO program and their recent drive-in movie fundraiser.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Austin, seconded by Council Member Waller, adjourning the meeting to March 15, 2021. Carried.

Adjourned: 6:34 p.m.

Approved: March 15, 2021

Mayor: _____

City Recorder: _____