

MINUTES
COMMON COUNCIL CHARTER MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 1999
5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Rietz, Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, Council Members Fedson, Jorgenson, Penske, Poppe, Nordin and Lang.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

Items added to the agenda: Mayor's appointment to the Austin Utility Board; Approval to sell equipment; Gambling premises renewal permit for American Legion at the American Legion building and at Smitty's Tavern. Two licenses were added to the consent agenda.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, seconded by Council Member Fedson, approving the agenda. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Penske, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, approving the minutes of November 15, 1999.

Nancy Clingman representing the Mower County Employee Relations Committee presented the plaque to the City of Austin for the annual Mower County/City of Austin Food Drive. This is the seventh year for the food drive. Together, 2002 pounds of food was collected which surpassed all other years.

Moved by Council Member Penske, seconded by Council Member Nordin, approving the consent agenda:

Licenses:

Excavation: Dixon Enterprises, 6991 Coburn Ln., Johnston, IA 50131

Tharp's Ltd., RR 1, Box 107B Oquawka, IL 61469

Excavation: Volkens Excavating, Inc. PO Box 331, 30420 Olde Hawkeye Rd., Dyersville, IL

Sign: Jim Greeley Signs and Awnings, 100 W. James Robb Rd., Richland Center, WI

Food: The Salvation Army – Soup Kitchen, 409 1st Avenue NE – REQUEST THAT FEE BE WAIVED.

Claims:

Pre-list of bills.

Public hearing held on accepting the Final Plat to be known as Rhodes Estates, 1501 17th Street SW. The petitioner will subdivide 4.1 acres for single-family residences. This area is north of 16th Avenue SW. A park dedication fee will be paid in lieu of designating property. Mrs. Rhodes spoke to Council regarding three issues with her property. Assistant Engineer Dan Fick said he would talk to contractors to get the issues resolved.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Nordin, to adopt a resolution accepting the Final Plat. 7-0. Carried.

Finance Director Tom Dankert presented a resolution authorizing cancellation of certain ad valorem tax levies. The resolution tells the County Auditor that the City would not be taxing for certain properties; the money will come from leasing and tax increment financing.

Moved by Council Member Poppe, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, to adopt aforesaid resolution. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Poppe, seconded by Council Member Fedson, approving the tax levy in the amount of \$2,163,795 for the year 2000. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Poppe, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, adopting a budget for the year 2000 in the amount of \$20,277,794. 7-0. Carried.

Report of Commissioners relating to the vacation in Sterling Place 4th Addition was received. Approval of the final vacation will lay over to the December 20th Council Meeting.

City Administrator Patrick McGarvey presented a resolution approving the transfer of property from the City of Austin to the Austin Port Authority. This property, the Spec Building at 2003 14th Street NE, was purchased in 1995.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, seconded by Council Member Lang, adopting a resolution approving the transfer of property. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Penske, seconded by Council Member Poppe, adopting a resolution approving the orderly annexation request of Michael and Elaine Wagner, 2106 18th Avenue SW. 7-0. Carried.

A request for waiving subdivision regulations was made by Betty Srock, HC 3 Box 123, Crosby, MN and David Buxton, 819 2nd Avenue NE, Austin. Petitioners are requesting to subdivide the two lots into four individual residential lots. The property is surrounded by R-1 District.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adopting a resolution approving the petition. 7-0. Carried.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Craig Hoium requested permission of Council to remove garbage at 706 9th Avenue SE. Mr. Hoium has received several complaints in the last two weeks. Mr. Hoium has had discussions with the property owner with only minimal improvements. Council Member Lang asked Mr. Hoium what he meant by 'minimal improvements'; had there been an attempt? Mr. Hoium said he told the property owner to be in compliance by a week ago last Saturday and over the last week, no improvements were made.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Fedson, approving the garbage removal. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Nordin, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, approving the appointment of Larry Pfeil to the Austin Utility Board. This is a one-year appointment effective January 1, 2000 to replace Ken Regner's position.

Assistant Engineer requested Council to approve the sale of some outdated or replaced vehicles.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, approving the sale. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adopting a resolution approving the gambling premises renewal for the American Legion Post 91 at the American Legion. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Fedson, adopting a resolution approving the gambling premises renewal for the American Legion Post 91 at Smitty's Tavern. 7-0. Carried.

Reports:

HRA: Phase II is coming along and will be in the ground by spring.

Bike Committee: The Committee has narrowed down possibilities for bike travel over I-90 with the expected travel to the new movie theatre complex and to the Target development. They are also making a request to MnDOT on what can and can not be legally done.

Finance meeting will be Thursday, December 9 at 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. With the long agenda, the Committee will meet again on Monday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m.

Council Member-at-Large Chaffee thanked Hormel Foods Corporation for the new office/museum complex plan.

Park & Rec will meet Tuesday, December 7 at 5:15 p.m.

Council Member Penske stated his resignation from Council.

Moved by Council Member Poppe, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson to adjourn.

Adjourned: 6:17 pm

Approved: December 20, 1999

Mayor: _____

City Recorder: _____