

M I N U T E S
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 6, 2015
5:30 PM
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stiehm. Council Members Steve King, Michael Jordal, Jeremy Carolan, Judy Enright, Jeff Austin, David Hagen and Council Member-at-Large Janet Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Craig Clark, Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert, Public Works Director Steven Lang, City Attorney David Hoversten, Police Chief Brian Krueger, Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace, Library Director Ann Hokanson, Park and Rec Director Kim Underwood and Assistant City Engineer Mitch Wenum

OTHERS PRESENT: Austin Daily Herald, Post Bulletin, Public

Mayor Stiehm called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Added to the agenda:

5. Consent Agenda:
(mot) Licenses:
Temporary 3.2 Beer: Austin Jaycees at the Paramount Theatre on April 17, 2015.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Austin, approving the agenda as amended. Carried.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Enright, approving the minutes of March 16, 2015. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, approving the consent agenda as follows:

Licenses:

Cab Driver: Anthony Dreyer, 1904 West Oakland Avenue
Exempt Gambling (Bingo): American Legion Auxiliary Post 91, Mower County
Fairgrounds, August 11 – 16, 2015
Motel: Sterling Motel, 1507 West Oakland Avenue
Temporary 3.2 Beer: Austin Jaycees at the Paramount Theatre on April 17, 2015.

Claims:

- a. Credit Card Report and Financial Report.
- b. Pre list of Bills.
- c. CenturyLink, PO BOX 47604, Minneapolis, MN. The matter has been forwarded to the City Attorney to protect the City's interest.
- d. Susan Erickson, 2603 6th Avenue NW, Austin. The matter has been forwarded to the City Attorney to protect the City's interest.

Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A public hearing was held for sanitary sewer and water improvement assessments for Turtle Creek 1, Project 1-B-13. Public Works Director Steven Lang presented on the proposed assessments at the public hearing. The specific details of each project were presented at the January 5, 2015 improvement hearings and notices were mailed to each property owner with the exact assessment amount and payment options.

Properties with a current compliant septic system would have up to five years to hook into the City. All other parcels would have varying time to hook into the system, depending on the degree of non-compliance of the current septic system.

Water service to the area is also being proposed. Austin Utilities would be installing a looped water main system to the area.

There are 27 residential structures and one church in the area and each of the buildings have been assigned one residential equivalency unit.

The assessment policy for Turtle Creek 1 was adopted at April 7, 2014 Council meeting. The project is proposed to be assessed to each parcel equally with the assessment being spread over a 15 year period at 4.75 percent interest. The assessment has the following payment options: pay in full by October 31, 2015, pay at least half by October 31, 2015 with the balance being placed on the real estate taxes over 15 years, or pay nothing and the entire assessment would be placed on the real estate taxes over 15 years.

The estimated cost for one sewer connection is \$17,210.88. Parcels that need the grinder pumps would be an additional \$2,500. The water connection is estimated at \$11,681.07. Each parcel total varies depending on which services are needed.

The amount to be assessed for water is proposed to be \$327,069.96 at 4.75% for 15 years.

Bradley Anderson, 405 31st Street NW, filed an objection to the water assessment.

Sylvia Stier, 708 31st Street NW, filed an objection to the water assessment.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, to remove the Anderson and Stier properties from the water assessment roll. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution declaring the cost for water assessment for Project 1-B-13. Carried 6-1 with Council Member Carolan voting nay.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting resolution adopting the assessment roll for water assessments for Project 1-B-13. Carried 6-1 with Council Member Carolan voting nay.

The amount to be assessed for sanitary sewer is \$489,404.64 at 4.75% for 15 years.

Bradley Anderson, 405 31st Street NW, filed an objection to the sewer assessment.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, to remove the Anderson property from the sewer assessment roll. Carried.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution declaring the cost for sanitary sewer assessments for Project 1-B-13. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting resolution adopting the assessment roll for sanitary sewer assessments for Project 1-B-13. Carried 7-0.

A public hearing was held regarding the approval of Capital Improvement Plan and the issuance of Capital Improvement Bonds for Austin Utilities' central facility. Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert presented on the topic stating this is the first step in the issuance of debt for the Austin Utilities and the principal amount issued will not exceed \$18 million. Once this resolution is passed, the next steps include drafting an official statement and having a rating agency call before the bonds are put out to public bid. In May we will actually receive the public bids for the bond issuance and a final resolution will need to be made then.

The Mayor opened the hearing to public comments.

No public comments were taken.

Moved by Council Member Hagen, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution adopting a capital improvement plan and authorizing the issuance of general obligation capital improvement plan bonds. Carried 7-0.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Police Chief Brian Krueger requested authorization to hire two police officers to fill vacant positions. The department is currently short one officer but there is a high probability that two officers may be hired at different cities in the next month and a detective is planning on retiring

in June. The department will save over \$1,000 by training two officers together rather than at separate times. The Chief would like to start those officers on May 4th.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, authorizing the hire of two police officers with a targeted start date of May 4, 2015. Carried.

Police Chief Brian Krueger requested the Council approve an equipment location lease agreement that allows the 800 MHz radio equipment owned by the City of Austin and Mower County to be located the Utilities' water tower. This is part of the Police Department's planned upgrade to their equipment.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Enright, adopting a resolution approving an equipment lease with Austin Utilities and Mower County. Carried 7-0.

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

Director of Public Works Steven Lang requested Council authorization for the 2015 joint electronics recycling event with Mower County on May 9, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The City would furnish a forklift for the event and provide \$500 for advertising.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, seconded by Council Member Austin, approving joint electronics recycling event with Mower County at the Mower County Fairgrounds on May 9, 2015. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, setting a public hearing for April 20, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. for an amendment to the City's comprehensive plan and rezoning requested by Hormel Foods for property located at 2107 and 2207 8th Drive NE. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Enright, setting a public hearing for April 20, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. for a parking variance request from Innovative Housing Concepts and the Hormel Institute for property in the 900-1000 block of 16th Street NE. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution granting a club on-sale liquor license to the Austin Area Commission for the Arts. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, authorizing the change in corporate ownership of Bicabut, Inc. dba the Bakery Lounge. Carried.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution approving potentially dangerous dog findings regarding the dog owned by Tobias Wilking. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Carolan, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of refuse and junk at 1205 4th Street NW, Madrigal Property. Carried.

BID OPENINGS AND AWARDS

The City received bids for alley reconstruction of the alley west of Main Street from 1st Avenue

NW to 2nd Avenue NW. The City received the following bids:

Contractor	Amount
Doyle Conner Co.	\$101,368.70
Legends Concrete Inc.	\$115,118.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$ 89,620.00

Mr. Lang recommended awarding the bid to Doyle Conner Co.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, adopting a resolution awarding the bid for alley reconstruction of the alley west of Main Street from 1st Avenue NW to 2nd Avenue NW to Doyle Connor Co. Carried 7-0.

The City received bids for the Turtle Creek #1 Sanitary Sewer and Water project. The City received the following bids:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alternate # 1	Alternate #2	Total Bid
R.L. Larson	\$911,761.75	\$57,557.00	\$50,470.00	\$1,019,788.75
R&R Excavating	\$901,855.02	\$66,928.77	\$77,454.52	\$1,046,238.31
GM Contracting	\$951,930.72	\$50,129.60	\$56,970.00	\$1,059,030.32
Engineer's Est.	\$614,500.45	\$52,128.20	\$41,950.00	\$ 708,578.65

Mr. Lang recommended awarding the project to R.L. Larson, subject to the receipt of the Point Source Implementation Grant.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, adopting a resolution awarding the bid for the Turtle Creek 1 project to R.L. Larson, subject to the receipt of the Point Source Implementation Grant.

REPORTS

Council Member Enright attended the Chamber of Commerce Access Scholarship awards ceremony and found it quite interesting. Also attended the Chamber of Commerce Board meeting.

Council Member King noted Community Pride Day is April 25 (9th Annual Day). Please meet behind the Municipal Pool at 9:00 a.m.

Council Member-at-Large Anderson noted that the annual City/County Electronics Recycling Event will be held on May 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with the event.

Council Member Hagen congratulated the Bruins on their recent victories and that we should support the local team.

Parks and Rec Director Kim Underwood noted the summer brochure is out and will be on the website. Arbor Day is last Friday of the month and Spruce Up Austin will be planting three trees.

Library Director Ann Hokanson noted the annual Library book sale is coming up and new Library Technology Director starts this week.

City Administrator Craig Clark noted he met with Senator Sparks and Representative Poppe regarding legislative issues relevant to Austin. A meeting on buffer strips occurred this week at the Nature Center with Governor Dayton that he attended. Craig Clark is also testifying at a hearing on Thursday for workforce housing.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, adjourning the meeting to April 20, 2015. Carried.

Adjourned: 6:21 pm

Approved: April 20, 2015

Mayor: _____

City Recorder: _____