

M I N U T E S
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 4, 2015
5:30 PM
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stiehm. Council Members Steve King, Michael Jordal, Judy Enright, Jeff Austin, David Hagen, Jeremy Carolan 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, Assistant City Attorney Craig Byram, Fire Chief Jim McCoy, Police Chief Brian Krueger, Library Director Ann Hokanson, Park and Rec Director Kim Underwood, Police Officers Aaron Juenger and Michael Culhane and City Clerk Ann Kasel

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Rosel, Austin Daily Herald, Post Bulletin, Public

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

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

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, seconded by Council Member King, approving the minutes of April 20, 2015. Carried.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

Nancy Schnable with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau provided the Council an overview of the entity's 2014 accomplishments, including celebrating their 30th anniversary in 2014. There are many events that the CVB has planned for 2015. A program they recently started was the CIA - Communicating Incredible Austin which is a volunteer program where individuals provide information to groups visiting town. She also introduced a black out bingo challenge for citizens to take part in.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Police Chief Brian Krueger introduced new officers Aaron Juenger and Michael Culhane who were sworn in earlier in the day.

Mayor Stiehm read a proclamation declaring May 9th Letter Carrier Food Drive Day. He encouraged citizens to donate to the cause because the City of Austin has challenged the City of

Albert Lea to see which city can collect more. Bob Rosel stated this is the 22nd year of participating in the event.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Carolan, approving the consent agenda as follows:

Licenses:

Concrete Contractor: Lembke Masonry, 450 Memorial Drive, Blooming Prairie

Exempt Gambling (bingo): Austin Area Veteran's Council at the Veteran's Pavilion

Exempt Gambling (raffle): United Catholic Schools Foundation at St. Edwards
On June 19, 2015

Master Plumber: Hov's Plumbing, 11313 47th Street NW, Byron

Outside Liquor Sales: Bobee Jo's, 435 10th Street NE on June 27, July 25 and
September 5, 2015.

Small Passenger Vehicle Driver: David Hunn, 702 36th Drive SW

Claims:

a. Pre-list of bills.

b. Credit card report.

Event Applications:

VFW Classic Car Show on May 16, 2015

Vision 2020 Summer Kick Off Event on May 29, 2015

Carried.

BIDS AND AWARDS:

The City received bids for asphalt street construction in South Crane Addition. The City plans on removing and replacing the pavement, curb and gutter, and sidewalk on 10th Street NE, 10th Avenue NE and 12th Avenue NE. The following bids were received:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alternate #1
Ulland Bros., Inc.	\$521,360.25	\$19,031.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$681,827.50	\$(23,000.00)

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

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Enright, adopting a resolution awarding the bid for asphalt street reconstruction in South Crane Addition to Ulland Bros., Inc.
Carried 7-0.

The City received bids for asphalt street construction on 16th Street SW & 19th Avenue SW. The City plans on removing and replacing the pavement, upgrading utilities, spot curb and gutter repairs and asphalt paving improvements on 16th Street SW & 19th Avenue SW.

The following bids were received:

Contractor	Base Bid
Ulland Bros., Inc.	\$427,260.15
BCM Construction	\$489,459.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$499,508.00

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

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution awarding the bid for asphalt street reconstruction in on 16th Street NW & 19th Avenue SW to Ulland Bros., Inc. Carried 7-0.

The City received bids for concrete street construction on 3rd Avenue NE in conjunction with the construction of the new SPAM Museum. The City plans on removing the plaza area, utility upgrades, LED lighting, decorative sidewalk, pedestrian curb ramps, drive-over curb and concrete paving.

The following bids were received:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alternate
Doyle Conner Company	\$275,731.20	\$1,165.50
Pember Companies, Inc.	\$276,835.80	\$5,852.60
Engineer's Estimate	\$241,820.75	\$3,454.00

Mr. Lang recommended awarding the bid and alternate to Doyle Conner Company.

Moved by Council Member Hagen, seconded by Council Member Enright, adopting a resolution awarding the bid for asphalt street reconstruction in on 3rd Avenue NE to Doyle Conner Company. Carried 7-0.

The City received bids for fire station roof repairs. The following bids were received:

Contractor	Base Bid	Unit Price
Central Roofing	\$114,960.00	\$4.50/square foot
Kiker Bros. Roofing	\$154,189.00	\$2.00/square foot

Chief McCoy recommended awarding the bid to Central Roofing.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Enright, adopting a resolution

awarding the bid for construction on 3rd Avenue NE to Central Roofing. Carried 7-0.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Administrative Services Director Tom Dankert requested Council support on a proposed housing project the HRA has been working on with Three Rivers Community Action. There is a need for workforce housing in Austin and the HRA would like to take the lead on the project to create approximately 30 units of housing. Mr. Dankert requested support of a tax increment financing district for the development.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, adopting a resolution in support of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority and Three Rivers' housing project including tax increment financing for the project. Carried 7-0.

Director of Public Works Steven Lang provided an estimate of \$1,635 for shared bike/vehicle lanes on 4th Street SW from 1st Avenue SW to the Turtle Creek bridge and on 16th Avenue SW to 31st Street SW. Bike symbols would be placed every 120 feet and after each intersection. The proposed bike lanes would tie into the current City's trail system. The roads are County roads and the project is subject to County approval.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member King, authorizing on-road bike lanes. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, adopting a resolution establishing the Pillars of the City flood wall of recognition committee. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, appointing the following individuals to the Pillars of the City committee:

- a. Don Fox, term expiring December 31, 2016
- b. Belita Schindler, term expiring December 31, 2016
- c. Gretchen Ramlo, term expiring December 31, 2016
- d. Jani Sage, term expiring December 31, 2017
- e. Daphne Wagner, term expiring December 31, 2017
- f. Steve Kime, term expiring December 31, 2017
- g. Mike Ruzek, term expiring December 31, 2018
- h. John Haymond, term expiring December 31, 2018
- i. Mike Ankeny, term expiring December 31, 2018

Carried.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, appointing the following individuals to the Human Rights Commission:

- a. Miguel Garate, term expiring December 31, 2015
- b. Andre Goodlett, term expiring December 31, 2015

c. Paul Lutter, term expiring December 31, 2016

Carried.

Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert requested the Council adopt a resolution approving a joint powers agreement with the South East Minnesota Violent Crime Enforcement Team formerly the South East Minnesota Narcotics and Gang Task Force. A new joint powers agreement needs to be signed due to the name change of the organization.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Enright, adopting a resolution approving a joint powers agreement with the South East Minnesota Violent Crime Enforcement Team. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, approving a request for donated sick leave for Danny Ruroden. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, adopting a resolution approving an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for the City to change the future land use map for property located at 2207 and 2107 8th Drive NE. Carried 7-0.

Fire Chief Jim McCoy requested the Council authorize a hold harmless agreement for fire training to be held at 57234 215th Street, Austin.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution approving a hold harmless and indemnification agreement for Fire Department training. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Enright, adopting a resolution declaring the structure located at 104 3rd Avenue SE a hazardous structure. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Austin, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of refuse, junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 1706 4th Avenue SW, GH Homebuyer, LLC Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Austin, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of refuse, junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 1208 5th Street NW, Clayton Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Carolan, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of refuse, junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 1705 5th Avenue NW, Kjarland Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Enright, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of refuse, junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 615 14th Street NE, Johnson Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of refuse, junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 2007 5th Avenue NE, Havelick Property. Carried.

REPORTS

Council Member Hagen noted the Bruins are playing Minot tonight at 7:05 at Riverside Arena and this is the deciding game for the Robertson Cup.

Council Member-at-Large Anderson noted the City/County Electronics Recycling event is this Saturday, May 9th. Public Works Director Steven Lang added the event will be from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Mower County Fairgrounds. Fees for disposal will be posted at the site and are also listed on the City's social media sites.

Council Member Austin stated he, along with the other Council Rec Center Committee representatives, met with the Rec Center Committee and are working toward a solution for the community recreation center.

Council Member King stated the Community Pride Clean Up Day went very well and thanked the volunteers and Park and Rec Director Kim Underwood for her hard work.

Public Works Director Steven Lang stated there was a large rain event in Austin the night before where the City received two inches of rain in a short time period. City crews responded to street issues immediately following the event. He also noted that 8th Avenue NE and 8th Street NE is now closed for street reconstruction.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, adjourning the meeting to May 18, 2015. Carried.

Adjourned: 5:56 p.m.

Approved: May 18, 2015

Mayor: _____

City Recorder: _____