

M I N U T E S
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 2, 2016
5:30 PM
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stiehm. Council Members Steve King, Michael Jordal, Jeremy Carolan, Jeff Austin, Judy Enright, 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, Park and Rec Director Kim Underwood, and Human Resources Director Trish Wiechmann

OTHERS PRESENT: Jon Erichson, Bob Rosel, Nancy Schnable, KAUS Radio, Austin Daily Herald, Post Bulletin, Public

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

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

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member King, approving the Council minutes from April 18, 2016. Carried.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Stiehm read a proclamation declaring May 14, 2016 Letter Carrier Food Drive Day and challenged the City of Albert Lea to a friendly competition to see who could collect the most food. Bob Rosel stated this is the 23rd year of the Letter Carrier Food Drive and all donations would be given to local food shelves.

Nancy Schnable, the Executive Director for Discover Austin, presented the 2015 annual report to Council. She reviewed 2015 tourism information and looked at some of the upcoming highlights for 2016. She also introduced the organizations "Summer of Selfies" challenge where citizens can submit selfies to win Chamber Bucks.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Licenses:

Excavating: TLC Excavating, 3742 288th Avenue, Decorah, Iowa
Exempt Gambling (raffle): United Catholic Schools Foundation of Austin at
Pacelli Catholic Schools on June 17, 2016
Taxicab Driver: Robert Anderson, 1110 2nd Avenue SW

Claims:

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

Carried.

BID OPENINGS AND AWARDS

The City received bids for wayfinding directional signage. Public Works Director Steven Lang stated one bid was received from The Joseph Company, Inc. in the amount of \$70,162 which was well above the engineer's estimate of \$45,155. Mr. Lang recommended rejecting all bids and staff would evaluate alternative options for the project.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, rejecting all bids for wayfinding directional signage. Carried.

The City received bids for asphalt street reconstruction for the South Crane Addition, 2016 Phase and the NW Places Project, 6th Place, 7th Place and 3rd Street NW. Public Works Director Steven Lang stated the following bid was received:

Contractor	Bid	Alt # 1	Alt #2
Ulland Brothers, Inc.	\$1,071,367.73	\$42,836	\$5,651
Engineer's Estimate	\$1,264,680.75	\$34,825	\$4,897

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

Moved by Council Member Hagen, seconded by Council Member Enright, adopting a resolution awarding the base bid for asphalt street reconstruction for the South Crane Addition, 2016 Phase and the NW Places Project, 6th Place, 7th Place and 3rd Street NW to Ulland Brothers, Inc. Carried 7-0.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Austin Utilities General Manager Mark Nibaur, stated Austin Utilities Commissioner James Schroeder will resign from the Austin Utilities Board as of July 1, 2016. Mr. Nibaur recommended appointing Tyler Hulsebus to fill the remaining term of the board seat which will expire on December 31, 2016. The position will be open for election in the fall of 2016.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Austin, appointing Tyler

Hulsebus to the Austin Utilities Board term expiring December 31, 2016. Carried.

Park and Recreation Director Kim Underwood presented the continuation of the Izaak Walton cabin use agreement with the Izaak Walton League for another ten years. The terms of the agreement are unchanged.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, adopting a resolution approving an agreement with the Izaak Walton League. Carried 7-0.

Park and Recreation Director Kim Underwood received a request from Bethlehem Free Methodist Church to host a concert on July 23, 2016 and have the music until 9:55 p.m. which is beyond the Park Board's rule of dusk. Ms. Underwood and Chief Krueger reviewed the request and did not take issue with it as long as there were no noise complaints. If there was a complaint on that evening then the Police would ask the band to stop playing.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Enright, approving a Bandshell concert request for July 23, 2016. Carried.

Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert requested the Council adopt a resolution waiving the annual audit for the Blazing Star Joint Powers Board. The account for the Board has had little activity with only \$1.15 of interest income added to the account. The City of Albert Lea also adopted a resolution waiving the audit for the account.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Jordal, adopting a resolution waiving the annual audit for the Blazing Star Trail Joint Powers Board. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution affirming participation in the Office of the State Auditor's Voluntary 2016 Performance Measurements Program. Carried 7-0.

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

Human Resources Trish Wiechmann stated the Spamtown Belle captain will now be paid through the City's payroll system and therefore the City needs to adopt a resolution setting a wage rate for the position. The salary for the captain will be reimbursed from an outside funding source at the end of the year.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Hagen, adopting a resolution approving seasonal/temporary wage rate for Spamtown Belle boat captain. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Austin, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the authorization to remove junk, garbage and/or illegally stored vehicles at 805 12th Avenue NW, Ulwelling Properties III, LLC. Carried.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

Syd Brown, 2301 10th Street NW, Unit 121, requested additional information regarding a development at Fox Pointe.

Public Works Director Steven Lang stated the development was on hold due to lack of funding.

Mayor Stiehm requested that Mr. Brown be specifically notified of any hearings on the project.

REPORTS

Council Member King stated he participated in the annual Community Pride Day and thanked Park and Rec Director Kim Underwood for organizing the event.

Council Member-at-Large Anderson stated the SPAM Museum recently opened. She added that the Taste of Nations event was recently held and was well attended.

City Administrator Craig Clark recently participated in a house burn with the Fire Department.

Park and Recreation Director Kim Underwood thanked everyone that participated in the Community Pick up Day.

Public Works Director Steven Lang stated the electronics recycling event will be held at the Mower County Fairgrounds from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 14th.

He also stated the Highway 105 construction project will begin on May 9th and is scheduled to be completed by August 5th.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, adjourning the meeting to May 16, 2016. Carried.

Adjourned: 6:00 p.m.

Approved: May 16, 2016

Mayor: _____

City Recorder: _____