

M I N U T E S
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 6, 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 Craig Byram, Police Chief Brian Krueger, Fire Chief Jim McCoy, Park and Rec Director Kim Underwood, Human Resources Director Trish Wiechmann, Library Director Trish Wiechmann, Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace and City Clerk Ann Kasel

OTHERS PRESENT: Tedd Maxfield, Jim Splinter, Brian Lillis, KAUS Radio, Austin Daily Herald, Post Bulletin, Public

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

Added to the agenda:

(mot) 18. Approving the installation of Pacelli banners.

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

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Hagen, approving the Council minutes from May 16, 2016 and May 31, 2016. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

*Consent Agenda

Licenses:

Outside Sale Liquor License: Bobee Jo's on June 25, July 23 and September 3, 2016

Plumbing: Rubin Mechanical Services, 24897 790th Avenue, Spring Valley

Taxi Cab Driver: Howard Majerus, 1003 16th Street SW
Temporary Food: Accentra Credit Union on June 30 – July 1, 2016 and August 25 – 26, 2016
Temporary Food: Regals Langos dba Regals Concessions on July 3-4, 2016 at Bandshell Park
Temporary Food: The Iowa Grill on August 27-28, 2016 at the Austin ArtWorks Festival
Temporary Food: Twisted Barrel Wood Fired Pizza at the Austin ArtWorks Festival
Temporary 3.2 Beer: Austin Jaycees on July 9, 2016 and August 20, 2016 at Packer Arena
Temporary On-Sale Liquor: Austin Jaycees on July 1, 2016 at Torge's
Temporary On-Sale Liquor: Austin Jaycees on July 3-4, 2016 at Bandshell Park

Claims:

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

Event Applications:

Mower County Fair on August 9 – 14, 2016
ACE Customer Appreciation on August 13, 2016
Austin ArtWorks Festival (three events) on August 26-27, 2016
Haitian Hustle 5k Run/Walk on June 25, 2016

Carried.

BID OPENINGS AND AWARDS

The City received bids for Oakland Place SE Street lighting. Public Works Director Steven Lang stated the following bids were received:

Contractor	Bid
Fox Electric Co. Inc.	\$182,883.00
Neitz Electric	\$255,149.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$202,050.00

Mr. Lang stated new LED street light poles will be installed along Oakland Place SE from 4th Street to 12th Street and he recommended awarding the bid to Fox Electric Co. Inc.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Enright, adopting a resolution awarding the bid for Oakland Place SE street lighting to Fox Electric Co. Inc. Carried 7-0.

The City received bids for Oakland Trailer Park and 3rd Avenue NW Street lighting. Public Works Director Steven Lang stated the following bids were received:

Contractor	Bid
Fox Electric Co. Inc.	\$117,000.80
Neitz Electric	\$204,609.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$126,415.00
Budget	\$110,000.00

Mr. Lang stated new LED lighting will be installed in the Oakland Trailer Park and along 3rd Avenue NW from 4th Street to 5th Street. He recommended awarding the bid to Fox Electric Co. Inc.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, adopting a resolution awarding the bid for Oakland Trailer Park and 3rd Avenue NW lighting to Fox Electric Co. Inc. Carried 7-0.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

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

City Administrator Craig Clark presented the most recent lease and purchase agreement for the recreation center. One of the last issues that the City and YMCA were working out was the operational hours of the aquatic center.

Craig Byram stated the parties have been trying to reach a balance on the operational hours issue between the YMCA maintaining a profitable facility and having a facility that effectively serves the community. The City would like to mandate minimum hours that the aquatic center would be open hours per day and the YMCA stated that the YMCA should have operational discretion to establish hours based on its managerial experience.

Council Member Carolan asked if the hours would be in the morning or afternoon.

Mr. Byram stated the specific hours of each day are not identified just a total number of hours to be open per day.

Jim Splinter, a Vision 2020 Recreation Center Committee member, stated private and public partnerships are key for community projects such as this. He stated the YMCA sees two main issues – the family pass and the hours of the aquatic center. Mr. Splinter stated the YMCA is not interested in the family pass rate and the YMCA would like to designate the hours the aquatic center is open without having a specified minimum schedule.

Council Member-at-Large Anderson spoke in support of the project even though it is not her first choice for it to be placed on the power plant site.

Council Member Carolan stated he would like to see a family pass or discounted rate for children under second grade to make the facility affordable for families.

Mr. Splinter stated the YMCA would work for solutions for those concerns in the future. He added that if the Council approves the lease with set hours of aquatic operation then it would need to go back to the YMCA board for approval and he was uncertain if it would pass.

Mayor Stiehm noted that he would like to be able to address the YMCA board regarding the issue.

Council Member Austin stated he was an advocate for the family pass but still supports the agreement without its inclusion since it did not come up until after the agreement was presented at work session. He added that the money from the day passes is also public support of the facility in addition to the \$200,000 per year.

Council Member Hagen noted that the current YMCA building is an asset and there would be funds from the sale of it.

Council Member Jordal stated there will be additional infrastructure costs that the citizens will be funding in the estimated amount of \$600,000.

Brian Lillis, 1503 18th Drive SW, stated he has been a member of YMCA board for 10 years and noted the agreement the Council is considering has not been voted on by the YMCA board.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Hagen, adopting a resolution approving a lease agreement with the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of Austin, Minnesota for a community recreation center. Carried 5-2 with Council Members Jordal and Carolan voting nay.

Deanna Ruther, 24767 Hwy 218, spoke against the demolition of the power plant and stated there are more pressing issues in the City.

Mr. Byram stated the proposed purchase agreement is the same document approved by Austin Utilities previously with one exception. That exception is there was a mandate in the old agreement that the turbine room be saved as part of the project at any cost. The contract was modified to state the turbine room would be saved as long as the costs do not exceed \$500,000. Any amount above \$500,000 would have to be funded by additional sources. Mr. Byram noted that this change will need to be reviewed and approved by Austin Utilities if approved by Council.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, adopting a resolution approving a conditional purchase agreement with Austin Utilities for the purchase of the power plant site. Carried 5-2 with Council Members Jordal and Carolan voting nay.

Human Resources Director Trish Wiechmann requested the Council approve a three year agreement with Law Enforcement Labor Services. The agreement would provide for a 2% raise

in 2016 and a 3% raise in 2017 and 2018. There is also an increase in shift differential from \$.75 per hour to \$.80 per hour and insurance language changes.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, adopting a resolution approving a labor contract with Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. for 2016-2018. Carried 7-0.

Public Works Director Steven Lang presented an extension of an Individual Control Mechanism (ICM) with Bellisio Foods. The extension sets limits of the quantity and strength of waste water from the facility through July 1, 2018.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Carolan, adopting a resolution approving an ICM agreement with Bellisio Foods, Inc. Carried 7-0.

Park and Recreation Director Kim Underwood requested the Council approve a change order deduct in the amount of \$10,517.08 with Schwab, LLC on the Nature Center shop project.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Enright, adopting a resolution approving change orders for the Nature Center Shop Project. Carried 7-0.

Police Chief Brian Krueger requested Council approval for a K9 fundraiser on June 20, 2016 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Bandshell Park. K9 demonstrations will take place at 5:00 and 6:00 and a free will offering for hotdogs will be taken.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Jordal, approving a fundraiser for the K-9 Program on June 20, 2016 at the Veteran's Pavillion. Carried.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace requested the Council approve a minor subdivision requested by David and Carolyn Hillier. The property will be purchased by the adjoining property owners at 1202 12th Avenue SW, subject to restrictive covenants. The covenants would preserve utility and road easements for future development.

Moved by Council Member Hagen, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution approving a minor subdivision petitioned by David and Carolyn Hillier. Carried 7-0.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace requested the Council approve a minor subdivision requested by Austin Utilities. Ms. Wallace stated Austin Utilities removed an electrical substation and no longer has a use for the northerly portion of the property. The City also does not have a use for the property and therefore it will be placed up for public sale. The parcel for sale would not be buildable and would remain greenspace.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member King, adopting a resolution approving a minor subdivision petitioned by Austin Utilities. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member King, adopting a resolution declaring the property located at 1300 9th Avenue SW a hazardous structure. 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 junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 1104 10th Avenue SW, Janning 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 junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 1921 Oakland Avenue East, Ruble Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Jordal, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 104 19th Street NW, Denaway Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Jordal, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 813 9th Avenue SW, Wilson Property. Carried.

Public Works Director Steven Lang requested Pacelli Catholic Schools be allowed to install banners on City owned street lights. Pacelli would be responsible for the installation and removal of the banners.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Austin, approving the installation of Pacelli banners. Carried.

REPORTS

Council Member Hagen congratulated the Hormel Institute on their recent expansion.

City Administrator Craig Clark stated he hoped the legislature calls a special session.

Police Chief Brian Krueger stated the department has extended conditional job offers to two police officers. He also invited the Council to attend the K9 fundraiser on June 20th.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Enright, adjourning the meeting to June 20, 2016. Carried.

Adjourned: 6:25 p.m.

Approved: June 20, 2016

Mayor: _____

City Recorder: _____