

M I N U T E S
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 2, 2017
5:30 PM
Council Chambers

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member Laura Helle

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Diedra Smith, Jeff Brinkman, Jane Osboe, Doug and JoAnn Bergemann, KAUS Radio, Austin Daily Herald, Public

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

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

Moved by Council Member Hagen, seconded by Council Member King, approving the Council minutes from September 18, 2017. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Licenses:

Excavation: Bischel Building, Inc. 100 8th Street, Farmington
Temporary Wine/3.2: Austin Area Commission for the Arts on October 28,
November 4 and November 11, 2017

Claims:

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

Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A public hearing was held for a tax abatement application from Tom and Lisa Baudler for construction of a home proposed to be built at 1800 27th Street NE. The proposed abatement would be for a period of five years and in the amount of \$7,750.

Moved by Council Member Hagen, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, adopting a resolution approving a tax abatement for Thomas and Lisa Baudler. Carried 6-0.

City Clerk Ann Kasel presented the assessment rolls for the fall assessment hearings. Each property owner was mailed a notice of hearing and the notices were published in the Austin Daily Herald. The property owners will have until October 31st to pay with no interest otherwise the assessment will be placed on their property taxes at 4.5% interest.

A public hearing was held for the assessment for 2016-2017 snow removal.

There were no public comments.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member King, adopting a resolution for 2016-2017 snow removal. Carried 6-0.

A public hearing was held on assessments for 2016-2017 junk and garbage removal.

There were no public comments.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution for 2016-2017 junk and garbage removal. Carried 6-0.

A public hearing was held for the assessments for 2016-2017 grass and weed removal.

Lee Lindquist, 1003 21st Avenue SW, was concerned about his assessment for mowing and didn't believe that the City mowed the property.

City Clerk Ann Kasel stated she reviewed the file with Park and Recreation Director Kim Underwood and believed the property was properly mowed and noticed.

Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert recommended the Council adopt the assessment roll and staff can review the matter further. If it is found that Mr. Lindquist's property was not mowed then he could be refunded.

There were no other public comments.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Enright, adopting a resolution for 2016-2017 grass and weed removal. Carried 6-0.

A public hearing was held for assessments for the abatement of hazardous housing.

There were no public comments.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, seconded by Council Member Enright, adopting a resolution for the abatement of hazardous housing. Carried 6-0.

A public hearing was held for assessments for administrative citations.

There were no public comments.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Enright, adopting a resolution for administrative citations. Carried 6-0.

A public hearing was held for assessments for miscellaneous sidewalk and driveway projects.

City Clerk Ann Kasel requested the assessment for parcel 34.095.0530 be lowered to \$1,633.73 which reflects the amount of the sidewalk replacement work on the property.

There were no public comments.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member King, adopting a resolution declaring the cost of improvement for miscellaneous sidewalk and driveway projects. Carried 6-0.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member King, adopting a resolution for the assessment of miscellaneous sidewalk and driveway projects. Carried 6-0.

A public hearing was held for the assessment of parcel 34.795.3330 on project 17104.

There were no public comments.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, adopting a resolution declaring the cost of improvement for parcel 34.795.3330 on project 17104. Carried 6-0.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution for the assessment of parcel 34.795.3330. Carried 6-0.

BIDS AND AWARDS:

The City received bids for the demolition of the buildings at 900 8th Avenue NE, 611 1st Avenue NW, 108 6th Street NW, 1300 9th Avenue SW, 708 8th Avenue SE and 808 5th Avenue NE. The following bids were received:

Bidder	Bid
Hansen Hauling & Excavating	\$71,500.00
Derrick Construction Industries, Inc.	\$71,920.59

Dulas Excavating, Inc.	\$105,000.00
Fitzgerald Excavating	\$106,000.00
H&T Trucking	\$117,000.00
Stack Bros.	\$138,200.00
R.A.W. Construction, LLC	\$152,705.00
Larson Contracting Central, LLC	\$264,100.00

Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace stated the bid was for the demolition of six hazardous structures and two structures in the flood zone. She recommended awarding the bid to Hansen Hauling & Excavating.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member King, adopting a resolution awarding the bid for the demolition of the buildings at 900 8th Avenue NE, 611 1st Avenue NW, 108 6th Street NW, 1300 9th Avenue SW, 708 8th Avenue SE and 808 5th Avenue NE to Hansen Hauling & Excavating. Carried 6-0.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Administrative Services Director Tom Dankert requested the Council approve a contract for private redevelopment with Fox Pointe Townhomes, LP for the development of 38 townhome units. He also requested a cost reimbursement agreement for tax increment financing be approved. Both documents were approved by the HRA at their September 28, 2017 board meeting.

Moved by Council Member Hagen, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, adopting a resolution approving a contract for private redevelopment with Fox Pointe Townhomes, LP. Carried 6-0.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Hagen, adopting a resolution approving a cost reimbursement agreement with the HRA and Fox Point Townhomes, L.P. Carried 6-0.

Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert requested the Council pass a resolution in support of the HRA's issuance of bond for St. Marks Nursing Home. The bonds are being refinanced at a lower interest rate. Mr. Dankert stated the issuance of the bonds is not an endorsement of the bonds by the Council.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Fischer, adopting a resolution approving the issuance of bonds on behalf of the HRA for St. Marks Nursing Home. Carried 6-0.

City Clerk Ann Kasel requested the Council authorize a liquor transfer to Bella Victoria Italian Cuisine, Bar, Catering & Event center.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, adopting a resolution approving a transfer of on-sale and Sunday on-sale liquor to Bella Victoria Italian Cuisine, Catering & Event Center. Carried 6-0.

Public Works Director Steven Lang and Fire Chief Jim McCoy requested Council authorization to sell surplus items on the upcoming police department auction.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Enright, approving the sale of public works and fire department equipment. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member King, 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 Fischer, seconded by Council Member King, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 1812 Oakland Avenue East, Affordable Rentals, LLC Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member King, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 1203 9th Street NE, Minnic 1701 Trust Property. Carried.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

Diedra Smith, 3916 Oakland Avenue West, expressed her concerns about the proposed Hy-Vee distribution project.

Jeff Brinkman, 650 33rd Street NW, was concerned that the Hy-Vee project does not follow the City's comprehensive plan.

Doug Bergemann, 102 37th Street NW, was concerned about the value of his home.

JoAnn Bergemann, 102 37th Street NW, stated her concerns about the size of the proposed building.

Jane Osboe, 101 37th Street NW, was concerned about the project and impact on her residence.

REPORTS

Council Member-at-Large Anderson stated there will be an Oktoberfest Celebration at the Hormel Historic Home on October 7th from 1:00-8:00 p.m.

Council Member David Hagen stated there will be a ribbon cutting at Riverland Community College for their new John Deere simulator.

City Administrator Craig Clark encouraged residents to vote for Austin as the best town in the Midwest.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, adjourning the meeting to October 16, 2017. Carried.

Adjourned: 6:09 p.m.

Approved: October 16, 2017

Mayor: _____

City Recorder: _____