

M I N U T E S
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 2, 2018
5:30 PM
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stiehm. Council Members Jeff Austin, Judy Enright, Steve King, Laura Helle, David Hagen, Paul Fischer 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, Fire Chief Jim McCoy, City Attorney David Hoversten, Police Chief Brian Krueger, Park and Rec Director Kim Underwood and Library Director Julie Clinefelter

OTHERS PRESENT: Austin Daily Herald

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

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

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, seconded by Council Member Enright, approving the Council minutes from December 18, 2017. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Licenses:

Cab Driver: DeWayne Carlsgaard, 511 21st Avenue NW

Cab Driver: Jason Dulitz, 305 1st Avenue NW, Apt 2A

Exempt Gambling: Mower County Pheasants Forever at the Holiday Inn on February 24, 2018

Food: Hardees, 1406 4th Street NW

Food: Kay Sea Club, Inc, 211 1st Street SE

Food: Shwe Nyiko Market, 103 W. Oakland Avenue

Massage Therapist: Darci Gau, 108 S. Harrison Street, Lake Mills

Master Plumber: 1st Class Plumbing & Heating, Rochester

Master Plumber: B and C Plumbing and Heating, Eyota

Master Plumber, Lone Star Plumbing, Adams

Master Plumber: Superior Mechanical, 1244 60th Avenue NW, Rochester

Claims:

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

Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held for the renewal of a currency exchange license for Tienda Y. Taqueria Guerrero. Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert stated the State of Minnesota required the City hold a public hearing for the renewal. The City has not received any complaints about the establishment.

There were no public comments.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member King, adopting a resolution recommending approval of the currency exchange license for Tienda Y. Taqueria Guerrero. Carried 7-0.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert requested the Council adopt a resolution designating the City's financial institutions for 2018.

Moved by Council Member Hagen, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution designating depositories for checking and investments of public funds for 2018. Carried 7-0.

Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert requested the Council designate the official newspaper for 2018. The Austin Daily Herald is the only newspaper that qualifies for such designation.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Hagen, designating the Austin Daily Herald as the official newspaper for the City of Austin for the year 2018. Carried.

Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert requested the Council set the mileage reimbursement rate for 2018 at 54.5 cents per mile. This rate is consistent with the federal reimbursement rate.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, adopting a resolution setting the mileage reimbursement rate at 54.5 cents per mile for 2018. Carried 7-0.

Police Chief Brian Krueger requested the Council approve a modified agreement with the school district for the school resource officers due to staffing issues during the current school year. The current contract was for the school to pay for 80% of the Ellis and 90% of the High School officers' salaries. The proposed change would reduce the amount of the Ellis salary to 70%.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Fischer, approving school resource officer contract with Austin Public Schools. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution receiving feasibility report and calling for a public hearing for February 20, 2018 for street improvements on 19th Street NE (Oakland Avenue E to 8th Avenue NE), Project 18102. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Enright, adopting a resolution receiving feasibility report and calling for a public hearing for February 20, 2018 for street improvements on 5th Street NW (8th Ave NW to 12th Ave NW) and 12th Avenue NW (5th St NW to 10th St NW), Project 18103. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Hagen, adopting a resolution receiving feasibility report and calling for a public hearing for February 20, 2018 for street improvements on 14th Ave SW (4th St SW to 8th St SW) and 15th Ave SW (4th Street SW to 6th Street SW), Project 18104. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Hagen, adopting a resolution receiving feasibility report and calling for a public hearing for February 20, 2018 for street improvements on 5th St SE (13th Ave SE to Dead End), 7th St SE (13th Ave SE to 16th Ave SE), 8th Dr SE (15th Ave SE to 16th Ave SE) and 15th Ave SE (6th St to 8th Dr SE), Project 18106. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member King, adopting a resolution receiving feasibility report and calling for a public hearing for February 20, 2018 for street improvements on 1st Street NW (Oakland Avenue W to 1st Dr. NW), Project 18107. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Enright, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 508 12th Street NE, Vlasaty 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 711 13th Street NE, Cruz Neri Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Enright, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 804 12th Street NE, Feierer 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 204 12th Street SE, Hemann Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member King, 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 1104 2nd Avenue SW, Anderson & Able Property. Carried.

REPORTS

Council Member Helle stated Austin Community Education is doing a survey for people who have not completed their GED. She stated to contact Austin Community Ed for additional information.

Council Member Austin stated there was an issue with the ice at Riverside Arena just before Christmas and the Park and Rec Department did a very good job to remedy the issue.

City Administrator Craig Clark stated Greg Siems is leaving Vision 2020. Mr. Clark thanked Greg for all his hard work for the community.

Public Works Director Steven Lang stated there have been two promotions internally to fill positions vacated by retirement. Mat Olsen was promoted at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Steve Turner was promoted in the Street Department.

Library Director Julie Clinefelter stated the Library has a program called Hot Reads for Cold Nights.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Enright, adjourning the meeting to January 16, 2017. Carried.

Adjourned: 5:45 p.m.

Approved: January 16, 2018

Mayor: _____

City Recorder: _____