

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stiehm. Council Members Jeff Austin, Laura Helle, Paul Fischer, Steve King and Council Member-at-Large Janet Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Members David Hagen and Judy Enright

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Craig Clark, Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert, Public Works Director Steven Lang, City Attorney David Hoversten, Police Captain David McKichan, Park and Rec Director Kim Underwood, Library Director Julie Clinefelter and City Clerk Ann Kasel

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Lamont, Chris Chickering, 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 Austin, approving the agenda. Carried.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Fischer, approving the Council minutes from June 18, 2018. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Licenses:

Concrete: Larson Contracting Central, LLC, Lake Mills, IA
Food: Bella Victoria Italian Cuisine, LLC, 210 4th Street NE, Suite B
Hotel (transfer): Siddhi Vinayak, Inc. dba Rodeway Inn & Suites, 805 21st St NE
Temporary 3.2 Beer: Austin Jaycees on July 14, 2018

Claims:

- a. Pre-list of bills
- b. Financial Report.
- c. Wade Novak, 800 6th Avenue SE. The matter has been forwarded to the City Attorney to protect the City's interest.
- d. Jennifer Lawhead, 506 West Oakland Avenue. The matter has been forwarded to the City Attorney to protect the City's interest.

Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A public hearing was held for a tax abatement request from Sean Selmecki/Midwest Cabinetry & Millwork, LLC. The company plans to build a home at 1905 13th Avenue NE and are requesting a five-year tax abatement in the approximate amount of \$7,475.

There were no public comments.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Austin, approving a tax abatement application for Sean Selmecki / Midwest Cabinetry. Carried 5-0.

BID OPENING AND AWARD:

The City received the following bids for Oakland Place & 12th Street SE pedestrian improvements:

Contractor	Bid
Gary Groh Construction, LLC	\$31,128.00
Fox Electric	\$32,586.89
Doyle Conner Co.	\$41,067.00

Mr. Lang stated work will consist of the installation of a rapid flashing beacon system and pedestrian ramp improvements. The Hormel Foundation provided a grant in the amount of \$14,000 for the project and the City will fund the remaining balance.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, seconded by Council Member Fischer, adopting a resolution awarding a bid for Oakland Place & 12th Street SE pedestrian improvements to Gary Groh Construction, LLC. Carried 5-0.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, adopting a resolution Approving the carryover of funds from 2017 – budget adjustment #2. Carried 5-0.

Public Works Director Steven Lang requested the Council approve additional engineering services on the Turtle Creek flood control project. The City has been working with Bolton & Menk since 2013 for the design of a flood levee and received additional comments from FEMA and the MnDNR which has resulted in additional project costs of \$46,390.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution approving additional engineering services on the Turtle Creek Flood Control Project. Carried 5-0.

Public Works Director Steven Lang requested the Council approve additional engineering services on Phase 1 of the North Main Street Flood control project. The City previously approved a contract with SEH in the fall of 2014 for the design of the project. Additional work must be completed due to changes on the proposed recreation center project. Mr. Lang requested the Council approve additional services in the amount of \$29,900.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution approving additional engineering services on the North Main Street Flood Control Project, Phase 1. Carried 5-0.

Public Works Director Steven Lang requested the Council approve a grant application for the Turtle Creek Flood Mitigation Project. Mr. Lang stated the legislature recently allocated \$1,200,000 for the project that that would be added to an existing grant in the amount of \$1,150,000 and matched by LOST funds in the amount of \$2,350,000.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, approving a grant application for the Turtle Creek Flood mitigation project. Carried 5-0.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Austin, approving a gambling premises application for the Fraternal Order of the Eagles #703 at the Angry Hog Brewery and Taproom. Carried 5-0.

Mayor Stiehm noted the property at 816 11th Avenue SW had been cleaned up and therefore could be removed from the agenda.

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 507 Main Street South, Ramero 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 1103 21st Avenue SW, JP Morgan Property. Carried.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

Chris Chickering, 1904 21st Street SW, purchased a side-by-side vehicle but recently discovered that it was not legal to drive on city streets. He would like the Council to pass an ordinance allowing side-by-sides to operate in town.

Dave Lamont, 1609 17th Street SW, spoke in support of the ordinance.

Police Captain Dave McKichan stated the Council can adopt an ordinance to allow these vehicles on the roads if it wishes to do so.

Mayor Stiehm stated City staff would research the topic and bring it back to the Council for consideration.

REPORTS

Council Member Helle stated there will be a multicultural unit in the parade and they are looking for people to carry flags.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, adjourning the meeting to July 16, 2018. Carried.

Adjourned: 5:54 p.m.

Approved: July 16, 2018

Mayor: _____

City Recorder: _____