

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

August 3, 2020

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Robert Roesler on Monday, August 3, 2020 with members Carlee Hunter, Kurt Olson, Brad Ringnell, and Robert Roesler present. Absent, Matt Larson. Also present City Admin/Police Chief Brad Hughes and Deputy Clerk Kym Christiansen.

Motion by Ringnell to approve the agenda, second by Olson, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve the minutes as written and sent to each council member for study, second by Olson, carried.

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved.

At this time, a public hearing was called to order for a variance request for 218 S Manyaska. The homeowner would like to remove the existing the garage and replace it with a new garage. The new garage will go in the existing "footprint" for the most part other than it will extend further to the west. The new garage will be closer to the southern property line. No questions or comments were received from the public. Motion by Hunter to adjourn the public hearing at 5:03 p.m. second by Ringnell, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve the variance request as submitted by Rex Wohlhuter for the construction of a new garage at 218 S Manyaska, second by Olson, carried.

City Admin/Police Chief Hughes presented a quote for the reconstruction of Cargill Street from M.R. Paving in the amount of \$78,975. Hughes stated that he attempted to obtain quotes from two additional companies and they advised that they would not offer quotes due to the fact that they are taking on any new projects in 2020. Hughes went on to state that he has talked with all the effective property owners and they are in agreement to split the cost of the assessment. Motion by Ringnell to approve the Cargill Street reconstruction quote from M.R. Paving in the amount of \$78,975, second by Olson, carried.

Hughes presented a request from an employee to cash out a portion of their Paid Time Off balance as well as the current policy. The current policy only allows for a payout of PTO when an employee separates through employment. The current policy also allows for the maximum carry over of 2 ½ times the annual accrual limit. Motion by Hunter to deny the request to cash out a portion of unused PTO, second by Olson, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2020-14 Accepting Donation of \$3,500 from Martin County Area Foundation for School Zone Flashing Safety Lights, second by Olson. Ringnell, yea; Olson, yea; Hunter, yea; Roesler, yea. Resolution 2020-14 approved.

Tony Zender presented a request for the assistance with the removal of his building at 17 N Main Street. The cost of the removal building was estimated at \$40,000. The building demolition fund was depleted when the building at 105 N Main Street partially collapsed but we have built the fund back up and may receive funding from the County once we take possession of the property which is currently in process. Discussion was held regarding the amount of the assistance that should be given. Motion by Ringnell to provided \$10,000 (\$2,500 from EDA and \$7,500 from City) to Tony Zender, second by Olson, carried with Hunter opposed.

Administrator Report

- Street patching has been completed for the year as well as seat coating.

In other business, Councilor Olson stated two girls scouts will be coming to a future meeting. Councilor Ringnell stated that he talked with Gene Scheppmann regarding the old church and Mr. Scheppmann would like to move forward with getting the church cleaned out and will provide a proposal for the next meeting. Ringnell also asked that an additional trail camera be installed on the bike path and that people use the bike path as much as possible as to help with potential funding for the rehabilitation of the path. Councilor Hunter stated that the third street light south of the high school is not working correctly and that the globe in pocket park still needs to be ordered as well as an update on the sale of the Pocket Park. Hunter also stated that Public Works staff have been doing a great job with the downtown planters and South Park. Mayor Roesler stated a meeting with Shannon Sweeney of David Drown was held and Sweeney will provide information regarding debt service payments and when future projects could be undertaken.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Olson, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Kym Christiansen, Deputy Clerk