

PROCEEDINGS: Garner

CITY OF GARNER COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS UNAPPROVED MINUTES December 14, 2021

The City of Garner Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mayor Tim Schmidt called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL-Present: Don Bell, Denny Drabek, Glen Juhl, Marline Lewerke, Amber Jenniges.

Motion by Marline Lewerke, seconded by Don Bell to approve the agenda as printed, carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT: Doug Hamrick inquired on an update on the school side of the steel grate intake that he alleges has been plugged for quite some time. Discussion about how long it takes the water to drain. Doug said it took around 2 weeks to drain last time. It was decided that Doug will call Mark Waddingham, Glen Juhl, and Don Bell next time it happens for them to inspect it.

Motion by Denny Drabek, seconded by Glen Juhl to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Council Minutes – Regular Meeting 11-23-21
- Reports: Public Works, Water & Sewer, Wages, Building Permit, Utility Billing, Treasurer, Parks & Rec.
- Golf Course Financials
- Tax Abatement – 605 East 2nd Street, Bernie Korsa
- Park and Rec Contracts – Basketball

Motion by Glen Juhl, seconded by Marline Lewerke to approve the claims as submitted, carried unanimously.

NIACOG Public Hearing: Mayor Schmidt opened the public hearing regarding the status of funded activities for the City of Garner Exterior Housing Rehabilitation Program at 7:11pm. The Mayor then referred to Steve Wendt of the North Iowa Area Council of Governments for comment. Prior to Wendt making his comments, City Clerk, Kelly White, stated that no oral or written comments were received by the City prior to the public hearing.

Wendt stated that the City's program is being funded by a \$249,794 CDBG grant awarded by the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) in July of 2020. The funds are being used to rehabilitate the exterior of owner-occupied homes in the community and to address lead based paint hazards (both exterior and interior) as applicable. The City's target is to rehabilitate 6 homes.

Wendt's comments also included a general description of the accomplishments to date. Wendt stated that the rehabilitation projects on 2 homes included in the Program have been completed. Wendt further stated that the rehabilitation of the remaining 4 homes are in various stages of progress and all should be completed before the CDBG contract end date with the City – August 1, 2022. A summary of grant expenditures to date was also presented. To date, \$104,280 in CDBG grant funds has been drawn down or requested, but upon completion of the remaining projects, it is forecasted that approximately \$204,000 in CDBG grant funds will be expended. Wendt also commented on other changes to the original project budget as shown by a breakdown of the final costs expended or estimated to be expended on each of the homes that are being rehabilitated in the grant program. Wendt also commented on the main objective of the City of Garner Exterior Housing Rehabilitation Program, which is to increase the supply of safe and sound housing, for low to moderate income (LMI) households in Garner. In this regard, Wendt showed the income limits (LMI) for the Program. Wendt further stated that all homeowners assisted in the Program have or will meet these limits.

After Wendt finished his comments, Mayor Schmidt offered the opportunity for comments or questions from those in the attendance. Several comments or question

were made concerning the revised budget forecasts and further discussion in this regard was then given by Wendt. Being no further comments or questions during this public comment period, Mayor Schmidt then closed the public hearing at 7:32pm.

Motion by Marline Lewerke, seconded by Denny Drabek to approve Resolution 2021-72 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF GARNER AND LAKE RENTALS, LLC. Ayes: Don Bell, Denny Drabek, Amber Jenniges, Marline Lewerke, Glen Juhl, Nays: none

Motion by Denny Drabek, seconded by Don Bell to approve the contract between NIACOG and the City, for Grant Administration of the Upper Story Living Grant. Ayes: Don Bell, Denny Drabek, Amber Jenniges, Marline Lewerke, Glen Juhl, Nays: none

Motion by Marline Lewerke, seconded by Don Bell to approve Resolution 2021-73 ADOPTING A PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF BLOCK GRANT, NIACOG. Ayes: Don Bell, Denny Drabek, Amber Jenniges, Marline Lewerke, Glen Juhl, Nays: none

Motion by Denny Drabek, seconded by Amber Jenniges for the approval of an agreement between the City of Garner and Hancock County (Concord Township) due to the redistricting of the State of Iowa following the 2020 Census. Ayes: Don Bell, Denny Drabek, Amber Jenniges, Marline Lewerke, Glen Juhl, Nays: none

Motion by Glen Juhl, seconded by Marline Lewerke to approve Resolution 2021-74 A RESOLUTION HIRING AND SETTING THE WAGES FOR A FRONT DESK STAFF AT THE VETERANS MEMORIAL RECREATION CENTER, Jack Van Dusseldorp. Ayes: Don Bell, Denny Drabek, Amber Jenniges, Marline Lewerke, Glen Juhl, Nays: none

Motion by Denny Drabek, seconded by Don Bell to approve Resolution 2021-75 APPROVING INCENTIVE BACK PAY FOR PARKS & RECREATION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MAX KEARNS FOR TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE DURING THE VACANT POSITION OF THE PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR. Ayes: Don Bell, Denny Drabek, Amber Jenniges, Marline Lewerke, Glen Juhl, Nays: none

Motion by Marline Lewerke, seconded by Glen Juhl to approve Resolution 2021-76 A RESOLUTION CANCELLING A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. Ayes: Don Bell, Denny Drabek, Amber Jenniges, Marline Lewerke, Glen Juhl, Nays: none

GVAS Vice President, Vicky Westcott, gave an update on GVAS Manager Position.

Drew Sweers with Veenstra & Kimm was present with updates on several projects including Hwy 18 Trail, State Street Project and an easement agreement with Plas-Tech.

Motion by Amber Jenniges, seconded by Glen Juhl to approve Resolution 2021-77 ENTERING AN AGREEMENT WITH VEENSTRA & KIMM FOR SERVICES FOR A GRADING PLAN PROPOSAL. Ayes: Don Bell, Denny Drabek, Amber Jenniges, Marline Lewerke, Glen Juhl, Nays: none

Correspondence:

- Council expressed appreciation to staff for stepping up during the winter storm and in absence of City Administrator.

- Discussion on houses that do not have numbers on them and confusing signs at Cobblestone Lane/Drive.

- Denny Drabek was thanked for his 16 years of service and was presented a plaque.

With no further business, there was a motion by Denny Drabek, seconded by Marline Lewerke to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm.

Timothy L. Schmidt, Mayor

Vicky Westcott, Deputy City Clerk

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