

PROCEEDINGS: Garner

CITY OF GARNER COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS UNAPPROVED MINUTES March 22, 2022

The City of Garner Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mayor Schmidt called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

ROLL CALL-Present: Don Bell, Amber Jenniges, Glen Juhl, Marline Lewerke, Damon Quandt, Absent: none.

Motion by Marline Lewerke, seconded by Amber Jenniges to approve the agenda as printed, with an additional item to the Consent Agenda; Class C Liquor License-Mat's Place, motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT: none

Motion by Marline Lewerke, seconded by Don Bell to approve the following consent agenda items, carried unanimously.

- Minutes – March 8, 2022
- Class C Liquor License- Mat's Place

Mayor Schmidt announced it was time for the Public Hearing regarding the FY2023 Budget. Mayor Schmidt then asked for comments from the floor, hearing none he closed the public hearing and the following action was then taken:

Motion by Glen Juhl seconded by Damon Quandt to approve Resolution #2021-23 ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, Ayes: Don Bell, Amber Jenniges, Glen Juhl, Marline Lewerke, Damon Quandt, Nays: none

Rebecca Olson and Matt Schoneman with the Garner Chamber presented an update on the Chamber's scheduled summer celebrations. Rebecca shared that due to the State Street Reconstruction Project the Duesey Day parade route will be rerouted to 8th Street and this year's celebration will possibly include fireworks. The Chamber is requesting more electrical outlets added to poles in Central park and on State Street for Duesey Day use. Council directed Mark Waddingham, Public Works, to look into the electrical situation and pass along the Chamber's inquiry to Claibough Electric. Also shared was the 2023 Monday Funday schedule.

A motion by Marline Lewerke, seconded by Don Bell to accept a bid from Electronic Engineering in the amount of \$27,907.93 for a security system at the VMRC to allow for 24/7 access for patrons, motion carried.

A motion by Glen Juhl, seconded by Marline Lewerke to approve two purchases; window tint for the VMRC building, and two pitching machines for the Recreation Department, motion carried.

Drew Sweers with V & K gave updates on several projects;

- Awaiting dirt quantity estimates for East Side Grading Project (Plas-Tech)

- Highway 18 Trail will need Railroad Easement even after some speculation it was not needed. Drew will work with CA Collins to follow through on agreement.

- State Street Reconstruction Project neighborhood meeting will take place on March 23rd at City Hall. Request for bids for the project have been sent out and Bid letting will be April 6th. Alliant Energy has begun their electrical rebuild phase. Matt Schoneman, property owner, concerned that they are asking property owners for easements without explanation. Drew will look into the matter and get more information.

After discussion about the damaged fence between the Public Works Shop at 1220 Crown Street and Kar Parts, LLC, there was a motion by Don Bell, seconded by Marline Lewerke to repair only the damaged portion of the fence with the settlement check of \$10,771.66. Direction given to Mark Wadding-

ham, Public Works, to contact River City Fence, motion carried.

Motion by Glen Juhl, seconded by Amber Jenniges to approve Resolution #2022-22 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A WAGE ADJUSTMENT FOR TYLER WEISENSTEIN, Ayes: Don Bell, Amber Jenniges, Glen Juhl, Marline Lewerke, Damon Quandt, Nays: None.

CA Collins shared that Requests for Bids were sent to Absolute Waste Removal and Waste Management for the City's solid waste contract. Councilman Quandt inquired if the City has ever pursued the use of garbage bins or stickers instead of the garbage bags. Councilwoman Lewerke and Councilman Juhl shared their concerns with how the bins would make the town look. More information will be discussed during the contract renewal process.

CORRESPONDENCE & OTHER BUSINESS: Items discussed included:

- Garner Firefighters Association Event- April 5th

- Home Repair Program- Program offered through NIACOG

- Ragbrai Route- Route will not be going through Garner this year.

City Administrator Report:

- Blake Norman Building Permit at 225 East Fuller Drive

- "Lots for Sale" sign is down at Fuller Drive, Public Works will repair

- Hancock County Economic Development Meeting- April 7th at Duncan Hall

- Highway 18 Trail update; bid letting set for 8-16-22. City of Garner is receiving \$200,000 funding from the TAP Grant. Collins attended meeting at NIACOG for the Grant. Awaiting New-Co-op and IANR signed Easements.

- CA Collins attended GC4 Board Meeting and shared the need for daycare space to fulfill need of daycare in Garner.

- Meeting with St Paul Lutheran Pastor Scott Kozisek regarding expansion for Little Lambs Preschool- St Paul Lutheran Church is comfortable with size of preschool the way it is.

- Possible use of LMI funds were discussed. Direction given to Clerk White to research how much is allocated per year from TIF monies.

- A Mayoral proclamation will be made for Earth Day, "Mayor Community Service Award"

- Event Center Committee meeting will be held on March 23rd. Mayor Schmidt suggested a name change of the committee and will now be called "Community Center" instead of "Event Center"

- CA Collins met with Jennifer and Lynne Briester of CP Iowa Properties regarding the Reserve Property. Briester's would like an extension to 2026 for a project completion date. Council consensus to wait until project completion date is closer to decide.

- Meeting with Prairie Energy and Cornbelt Power on Touchstone Energy Industrial park resulted in CA Collins familiarizing himself with the project and partnership with the entities.

- Golf Course property and casualty insurance will now be with the City. City will be reimbursed for the extra expense.

- VMRC 24/7 meeting was held to finalize details for project.

- CA Collins met with Dave Zrostlik, Stellar Industries as well as Jim Hasty & Amy Brownlee with IMT.

- Statue for Ken Mick memorial installation will be this spring.

- CA Collins met with Plas-Tech as well as Zinpro on their plant operations.

With no further business, there was a motion by Marline Lewerke, seconded by Glen Juhl to adjourn the meeting at 6:29pm.

Tim Schmidt, Mayor

Kelly White, City Clerk

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