

PROCEEDINGS: City of Garner

GARNER CITY COUNCIL

City of Garner Proceedings of April 13, 2022

Mayor Schmidt called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. In attendance were Councilpersons Lewerke, Jenniges, Bell, Juhl, and Quandt. Also present were Jim Collins, Kelly White, Drew Sweers, Bill Mack, Ed Enright, David Webber, Rebecca Peter and Mark Waddingham.

A motion was made by Lewerke and supported by Jenniges to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion by Juhl to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of March 22nd, Garner Townmart Beer Permit, Hy-Vee Liquor License, March Financials, and the Claims Report was supported by Bell. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Schmidt proclaimed that Friday, April 22 will be Garner's Earth Day 2022.

Mayor Schmidt also proclaimed that Ed & Janet Enright are Volunteers of the Year 2022.

A motion by Lewerke to approve Resolution 2022-24, a resolution adopting plans, specs, form of contract, and estimate of cost, was supported by Bell. Roll call vote was as follows: AYES – Lewerke, Jenniges, Bell, Juhl, Quandt. NAYES – None. Mayor Schmidt called the resolution adopted.

City Engineer Sweers provided the Summary of Bids for the 2022 State Street Reconstruction Project.

A motion by Juhl to approve Resolution 2022-25, a resolution making award of construction contract, was supported by Quandt. Roll call vote was as follows: AYES – Lewerke, Jenniges, Bell, Juhl, Quandt. NAYES – None. Mayor Schmidt called the resolution adopted.

A motion by Lewerke to approve Resolution 2022-26, a resolution exempting Crown Street Properties from Chapter 148 of the Code of Garner, Storm Water Management

Requirements, was supported by Jenniges. Roll call vote was as follows: AYES – Lewerke, Jenniges, Bell, Juhl, Quandt. NAYES – None. Mayor Schmidt called the resolution adopted.

A motion by Lewerke to offer Plas-Tech Tooling, Inc. a Development Agreement with the following provisions: A building incentive of \$20,000 and five (5) years of 100% property tax rebates on the expansion. Jenniges supported the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion by Juhl to approve Resolution 2022-27, a resolution authorizing a \$0.40/hour wage increase for Mark Waddingham setting his hourly rate to \$27.66/hour for passing the Wastewater II test on March 22, 2022, was supported by Bell.

Motion carried 5-0.

A motion by Bell to approve the installation of a new dump box on a City plow truck by Stellar Industries for \$33,020.00 was supported by Lewerke. Motion carried 5-0.

The Closing Statement for the sale of 225 East Fuller Drive to Blake Norman was included for reference.

Public Correspondence included the Garner Chamber Newsflash, Hammers & Heels for Habitat flyer (note the Mayor will be a judge), Habitat for Humanity program information, the proposed Duesey Day Schedule, and a list of Garner Positives from Ed Enright.

Administrator's Report – Collins reported on two building permits issued. One to Plas-Tech Tooling for a new building and another to Janelle White for a fence. Collins also reported on meetings with the IDOT, GHV Schools, the Swartout's, Habitat for Humanity, Prairie View Apartments, GC4 Daycare, VMRC Committee, and the Event Center Committee. Collins then reported on the IADNR trail easement progress and proposed uses for the ARPA funding. Council approved the purchase of a laptop for Collins as it is better suited to his needs.

A motion by Bell to rent the City owned farm ground to Tim Hejlik for \$303/acre was supported by Lewerke. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion by Bell to include March in the curbside branch pickup season failed due to a lack of a second.

Councilor Quandt directed staff to review the City's vacation policy.

Councilor Lewerke asked Collins to provide Friday reports rather than including his activities in the Administrator's Report at Council Meetings.

Mayor Schmidt paused the proceedings to observe a moment of silence in observance of the passing of Neil Goodnature.

Mayor Schmidt recognized the Garner Fire Department for their exemplary service during the storm on April 12. The Mayor noted that about 15 people took refuge in City Hall to wait out the storm.

Mayor Schmidt noted that he is meeting with GHV Superintendent Kasper and daycare will be part of their conversation.

Upcoming Events— Next council meetings are on April 26 and May 10. The Park & Rec Committee Meeting will be Monday at noon, and Earth Day will be observed Friday, April 22.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Juhl and supported by Jenniges to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Tim Schmidt, Mayor

Kelly White, City Clerk

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