

PROCEEDINGS: Garner

CITY OF GARNER COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS UNAPPROVED MINUTES May 25, 2021

The City of Garner Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

ROLL CALL-Present: Don Bell, Denny Drabek, Glen Juhl, Marline Lewerke, Tim Schmidt, Absent: none.

Motion by Denny Drabek, seconded by Glen Juhl to approve the agenda as printed, carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT: Rebecca Olson, Chamber Director presented "Monday Fun Days" in the Central Park. A Garner Chamber event to be hosted every Monday, June-August. Formal action will be presented at next Council Meeting.

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

- Minutes – May 4th Special Meeting, May 11th Regular Meeting

Herman Robinson with the VFW Post 5515 reviewed a request to close a portion of the 300 block of Center for Duesey Days on July 9th, to be torn down on July 11th. Motion by Tim Schmidt, seconded by Marline Lewerke to approve the VFW's requests, carried unanimously.

Request to approve a Resolution authorizing a development grant for 490 W. 5th St. in lieu of residential property tax abatement was tabled.

Mayor Mick opened the public hearing regarding amending the FY 2021 Budget. CA Kofoed reviewed the proposed amendments. With no comments from the public, Mayor Mick closed the public hearing and the following action was taken:

Motion by Marline Lewerke, seconded by Glen Juhl to approve Resolution #2021-26 CITY BUDGET AMENDMENT AND CERTIFICATION FOR FY 2021 Ayes: Don Bell, Denny Drabek, Glen Juhl, Marline Lewerke, Tim Schmidt, Nays: Non, Motion Carried.

Motion by Glen Juhl, seconded by Don Bell to award a bid from Kluesner Construction Inc. in the amount of \$.74/linear foot at the projected 25,000 linear foot, carried unanimously.

Updates provided by Drew Sweers, Veenstra & Kimm Engineering on the Sesame Street drainage neighborhood meeting. Property owners along Sesame were in agreement to the proposal as stated in the Letter of Proposal from V & K Engineering.

Motion by Glen Juhl, seconded by Marline Lewerke to approve a proposed agreement for the Sesame Street Drainage Improvement Project. Ayes: Don Bell, Denny Drabek, Glen Juhl, Marline Lewerke, Tim Schmidt, Nays: None.

Motion by Marline Lewerke seconded by Denny Drabek to approve Resolution #2021-27 A RESOLUTION TO HIRE AND SET THE WAGES FOR SEASONAL POOL STAFF AND RECREATION EMPLOYEES. Ayes: Don Bell, Denny Drabek, Glen Juhl, Marline Lewerke, Tim Schmidt, Nays: none.

Park & Recreation Director, Matt Vandevoort provided an update on the following items:

- Garner Aquatic Center open-

ing day will by Saturday, May 29th-weather permitted.

- Alcohol Policy for Park & Rec Facilities has been drafted and will be presented at future council meeting.

- Youth Baseball/Softball has started and will continue thru June.

- Central Park will be holding Memorial Day Service on Memorial Day.

A Resolution APPROVING THE HIRING OF DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER was tabled.

Motion by Denny Drabek, seconded by Marline Lewerke to approve the resignation of Officer Mat Berry. Ayes: Don Bell, Denny Drabek, Glen Juhl, Marline Lewerke, Tim Schmidt, Nays: None.

Discussion on the PD Salary Survey that was completed, the challenges amongst local communities and the competition of wages and recruiting new officers. Future discussions will take place on potential bump in starting wages for the Police Department to remain competitive in recruiting new officers as needed.

Motion by Denny Drabek, seconded by Tim Schmidt to deny a request to appeal a vicious dog violation by Ryan Swanson, 1190 Seymour. Ayes: Denny Drabek, Glen Juhl, Marline Lewerke, Tim Schmidt, Nays: Don Bell, Motion Carried.

City Administrator Report:

- Agreement for 185 East Cardinal is being drafted.

- Echo Development (West 8th Street) agreement update and discussion on potential legal action that could be possible against the Developer.

- Junk Vehicle and Nuisance property update.

- 'Yard of the Month' being presented to Chamber by CA Kofoed.

- Memorial Day: City Hall Closed, Memorial Day Service at Central Park.

- Discussion on timing of utility billing, penalties, and delinquent notices.

CORRESPONDENCE & OTHER BUSINESS: Items discussed included:

- Dirt needed at Welcome Signs

- Correspondence from the City being sent to Zinpro regarding the support from the City on the Spur Line and our regrets that the project did not come to fruition.

Motion by Denny Drabek, seconded by Marline Lewerke to enter into Closed Session per Section 21.5 (j) of the Code of Iowa, to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price of governmental body would receive for the property. Ayes: Don Bell, Denny Drabek, Glen Juhl, Marline Lewerke, Tim Schmidt, Nays: none.

Motion by Denny Drabek, seconded by Marline Tim Schmidt to exit Closed Session, carried unanimously.

With no further business, there was a motion by Denny Drabek, seconded by Glen Juhl to adjourn the meeting at 9:32pm

Kenton L. Mick, Mayor

Kelly White, Deputy Clerk

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