

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 22nd, 2021

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 5:30 PM on the 22nd day of June 2021.

Council present: Michael Cherney, Ella Noterman, Paul Kirtz and Karen Ruechel.

Council absent: None

Mayor Brian Anderson presided over the meeting.

Agenda:

Motion made by Paul Kirtz, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve the City Council meeting agenda. Votes in favor: Mike Cherney, Ella Noterman and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None
Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve the May 25th council meeting minutes as written. Votes in favor: Mike Cherney, Ella Noterman, Paul Kirtz and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None
Motion carried.

Bill Boe Front Yard Variance:

Bill Boe attended the council meeting to request a 5 foot variance of his front yard setback to the front of the new garage that he will be building. The council listened to Mr. Boe's request and agreed to grant Mr. Boe the 5 foot variance.

Motion made by Paul Kirtz, seconded by Ella Noterman, to approve a 5 foot variance to the front yard setback of Bill Boe's garage. Votes in favor: Mike Cherney, Ella Noterman, Paul Kirtz and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None
Motion carried.

North Side Park 2nd Addition:

Mike Zillgitt, the project engineer, attended the meeting and he informed the council that water services have been bored across 4th Street and that the crew had shut down a portion of 4th Street between Lincoln Street and Lewison Street to rehab the manhole in that location and to bore in water and connect services to loop the new subdivision's water services into the city's existing services. Mr. Zillgitt was hoping that 4th Street would only be closed for not much more than a week. Mr. Zillgitt also said that due to a week of rainy weather and other unforeseen variables the contractor would like to extend the completion deadline 3 weeks until the 21st of July. He said he would send a change order to confirm the change.

Mr. Zillgitt also informed the council that Zillgitt Civil Design merged with KLJ Engineering. He wanted the council to know that the invoices for his services will be coming from KLJ Engineering, but at no time will the prices that he quoted to the City before the project began change.

The city clerk added to the North Side Park 2nd Addition conversation by letting the council know that the realtor, Steve Golombowski, had a couple questions pertaining to the sale of the

City's lots. The first question, which had previously been discussed by the council, pertained to the two-year time limit that the purchaser has to build once they have purchased a lot. The council agreed that right now with the prices and availability of materials the way that they are, the building time limit could be extended by the city council on a case-by-case basis. The second question pertained to contract for deed financing on the city owned lots. The council was in agreement that contract for deed financing would not be an option.

Doorbell Video Camera / Emergency Services Building:

The Emergency Services Director approached the City Clerk about installing a video doorbell camera at the Emergency Services building to alert people whenever a package is dropped off and no one is there to accept it or to alert people if someone is there looking for help. The council thought that this was a good idea but wanted to make sure that the number of people alerted included only the Fire Chief, the Emergency Services Director, and a city employee.

United Farmers State Bank Appreciation Dinner:

The Farmers State Bank asked about using the fire hall at the Emergency Services Building to host their annual appreciation dinner. There have been recent insurance questions stemming from the City letting other organizations use the Emergency Services Building. This item was tabled for a later date so that the clerk could gather more information on the subject.

City Hall Roof:

The clerk let the council know that St. Croix Log Homes would be coming to start work on the City Hall roof on June 28th.

Building Permits:

Motion made by Ella Noterman, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve the building permit to Adams Builders Supply for the construction of a materials storage shed at 100 Commerce Street SW. Votes in favor: Paul Kirtz, Mike Cherney, Ella Noterman, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Fire Department:

Council member Mike Cherney witnessed alcoholic beverages sitting around in the Fire Hall while the council members were there on June 8th looking at possible options for showering facilities. Mr. Cherney reminded the rest of the City Council of the directive set forth approximately 20 years ago banning alcohol from the Fire Hall. Mr. Cherney was alerted that the Fire Chief was notified about the alcoholic beverages and they have been removed from the vicinity.

Ordinance Enforcement:

It was decided that at the second meeting of every month the city clerk will disclose to the council members all the ordinance violation letters that have been sent out for that month. The council along with the clerk will then decide on any enforcement that should take place if the violators have not taken corrective action.

No further business.

Motion made by Paul Kirtz, seconded by Ella Noterman, to adjourn at 6:15 PM. Votes in favor: Mike Cherney, Ella Noterman, Paul Kirtz and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale
Clerk/ Treasurer

