

City Of Effie
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
100 SW STATE HWY 38 – COMMUNITY BUILDING
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July 10, 2017
5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Mark Krickhahn, Councilwoman JoAnn Krickhahn, and Councilman Timothy Grady, Councilman Bob Cassibo, Councilwoman Lil Longtine and City Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Schmit

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Brandon Francisco, Kris Smith, Lisa Smith, Coreen Buck, Thomas Lamont, Carol Gilbertson, Darla Anderson, Desirae Tendrup, Melissa Francisco, Jan Vraa, Bonnie Tendrup, Andrew Lamont, Robin Shears, Ann Shears, David Knott, Danny Burman, Jennifer Holliday, Becky Passeri, Julie Dell Marcks, Nathan Kern, Dave Leonhard, Jerry Hagen, Al Sobrack

Call to Order: Mayor Krickhahn called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Everyone stood and recited The Pledge of Allegiance

Public Forum:

Mayor Krickhahn began the public forum with informing everyone that those present that received a letter for an ordinance violation to please stay as they would be added to the agenda. When asked for a show of hands, Jennifer Holliday, Thomas Lamont and Nathan Kern raised their hands to indicate that they received letters. The Mayor also stated that only residents of the city would be allowed to speak, that the public forum would be open for 10 minutes and that each speaker was allowed two minutes. Mayor Krickhahn asked for a show of hands of who wished to speak during the public forum. Those in attendance that would be able to speak indicated that they had chosen Carol Gilbertson to speak to the council on their behalf. Carol asked the council to consider a Community Proposal that a group of citizens had put together. She indicated that their group had an attorney review the ordinance and felt it was vague. Carol said that they recognized that there were things to be addressed but asked that the current ordinance be suspended, a task force be developed, a facilitator be in place and SMART goals be set. Mayor Krickhahn thanked Carol for her time and she asked if there was any way that the council could vote on the Community Proposal. Mayor Krickhahn stated that the council would have to review it. Carol indicated that the group had further questions for the council if they would not agree to the Community Proposal. The council informed the attendees that the ordinance came from the League of Minnesota Cities and that it complies with State Statutes. Other members of the audience spoke up with concerns and the council indicated that they should ask when considering specific items. The council informed the audience that city ordinances supersede State Statute and that the city is their own government. It was also asked if the city had bylaws and Councilwoman Krickhahn indicated that the city did not. Several people in attendance felt that there were bylaws but the council was not aware of any and will check to see if any are filed with the state. As the public forum was over the allotted time, it was closed.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Lil Longtine, seconded by Tim Grady to approve the agenda with the addition of 2017-1 Ordinance Violations and the removal of Clerk Duties. MCU

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Tim Grady, seconded by Lil Longtine to approve the June 12, 2017 minutes as written. MCU

Meeting Updates/Reports:

Clerk Update – Clerk Schmit asked the Council for feedback regarding what information they would like reported from the clerk each month. The council responded that they would like to clerk to report what was felt helpful to the council and give input when asked.

NIJPB – Mayor Krickhahn didn't have anything to report from the NIJPB other than he is working with Tim Johnson to review grant options.

New Business:

- **Vern Hawkinson, Waste Water Contract: Motion by Tim Grady, seconded by Lil Longtine to approve renewal of the Vern Hawkinson Wastewater Contract. MCU**
- **School Vandalism:** It was reported that someone was in the school and lights had been left on upstairs. The glass in the door was broken allowing a person to put their hand in and open the door. Another person had entered the building and posted pictures on Facebook. All windows have been boarded up, no trespassing signs were posted and cameras were posted outside to monitor the building. If a person is seen entering or inside the building, a member of the council and the Sheriff should be contacted.
- **Ice Skating Rink:** Councilman Grady led a discussing regarding the skating rink, he was seeking input on whether it's feasible to maintain the rink. Bigfork recently added a rink and the rink in Effie has seen very little use, some council members felt we should keep it and some did not. Councilwoman Krickhahn suggested a discussion with the Park & Rec committee and also to post it on Facebook looking for local input and help in maintaining the rink. She commented that a local ski group, EOWSKI has been using the church but may be interested in using the warming shack. **Motion by JoAnn Krickhahn, seconded by to resume the discussion in August. MCU**
- **Subordination Agreements:** The city was asked to sign subordination agreements for Shane Hastings. **Motion by Tim Grady, seconded by JoAnn to sign the subordination agreements. MCU**

Old Business:

- **Grinder pump electric meters:** Mayor Krickhahn shared the breakdown of the quotes for installing the meters. The council approved to have the meters installed at the 2 least expensive sites to start. A letter will be sent to the homeowners to explain and ask for their approval and then continue with installation. **Motion by Tim Grady, seconded by JoAnn Krickhahn to send letter to the homeowners. MCU**
- **Community Building Repairs:** Mayor Krickhahn asked Councilman Grady to give the council an update on the community building repairs. The city has gotten one quote for the work. Since the building is in such need of repair, he suggested that the council move forward with the repairs. The council agreed that the city continue to seek additional quotes. The council determined that they should seek additional quotes and also check with Dan Brinker regarding help with funds for the repairs.
- **Inspection of sewer pipes:** Mayor Krickhahn asked if anyone was interested in watching the video of the inspection and no one was interested.
- **City Logo:** Councilwoman Krickhahn said that the contest for the logo has been posted on Facebook with submissions due by July 31st.
- **2017-1 Ordinance Violations:** 3 community members were present at the meeting and wished to speak regarding the violation letters they received. Jennifer Holliday approached the council with questions regarding the letter she received. She indicated that she felt there were errors in her letter and that she wasn't in violation of the section cited in the letter. She demanded evidence of the violation. She asked if the council had a policy for violations. She questioned section 6B of the ordinance regarding having more than 4 vehicles and asked what the process was for a variance. She stated that there wasn't a phone number listed on her letter to call and asked if she needed to wait for a council meeting to ask for a variance. The council informed her that if someone needed time to comply with a violation or needed a variance that the needed to contact a council member and the resident would be asked to provide a plan for the council to review and approve. Jennifer asked if she was no longer in violation, Mayor Krickhahn said that if she didn't have any inoperable vehicles than she was not in violation. Jennifer asked for an apology for the mistake, Mayor Krickhahn expressed an apology from the council. Tom Lamont approached the

council next and also asked for evidence. The council informed Tom that if all of his vehicles were licensed then he would be in violation of Section 6B. Mayor Krickhahn then stated that he would like to table this issue until next month and look into things a little further. The council agreed to discuss the process further before proceeding with ordinance violations. Nathan Kern had already left the meeting and did not speak.

Payroll and Claims:

Payroll and timecards for the month of June, in the amount of \$850.00. **Motion by JoAnn Krickhahn seconded by Tim Grady to approve the Payroll as listed. MCU**

Claims approved for payment for the month of June, in the amount of \$4,565.98. **Motion by JoAnn Krickhahn seconded by Tim Grady to approve the claims as listed. MCU**

Adjournment:

Motion by Tim Grady, seconded by JoAnn Krickhahn to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Carolyn Schmit

To be approved at the next regular meeting held on August 14, 2017

City Clerk/Treasurer
