

Present: Mayor –	Joyce Hudson	Not Present: City Attorney	Mike Bacon
Council members	Jeff Kennedy		
	Randy Waskowiak		
	Jay Richeson		
	Verlin Janssen		
City Administrator	Bruce Clymer		
City Clerk / Treasurer	Brandi Kloeping		

Also present: Ashley Weesner with Miller and Associates, Shane Gruber.

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting and public hearing at 5:30 p.m. Advance notice and a copy of the agenda were given to the Council and members of the press. City Council meetings are conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, a copy of which is available for public inspection on the north wall of the Council Chambers.

The public hearing to determine the substandard and blighted areas was discussed. The green on the area of the map was included in the original from Hanna:Keelan, but taken out by Miller & Associates to get the City below 50 percent.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:31 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy. No – None.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to approve resolution 2019-1 declaring area substandard and blighted. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Waskowiak, Janssen, Kennedy. No – None.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

- City Council minutes – Dec 18
- Police Report – Dec
- Treasurer’s Report – October, November, December
- Cemetery Sexton Report – October to December
- Planning & Zoning minutes – October 9
- Building Permit Report – October & November
- Library Director’s Report – November 13, 2018 – January 7, 2019

Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None.

Richeson moved, Waskowiak seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City \$111,827.25, except #11519015, 11519036, 11519039; Public Works Division \$460,851.08; and the December 19 payroll of \$32,374.56 and the January 2 payroll of \$33,151.38. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak. No – None.

Waskowiak moved, Richeson seconded, allowing payment of #11519015 and 11519039. Roll call vote: Yea - Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak. Abstain – Kennedy. No – None.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of #11519036. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak. Abstain – Richeson. No – None.

Community Comments:

- The City Employee Recognition Dinner is Friday at 6:00.
- Great job moving the snow! There were lots of compliments for the City guys.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to move Ordinance 970 to second reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None.

Administrator Clymer said last year we anticipated rate increase from NPPD this year, but they didn’t increase so we would like to delay the increase on the electric. We would like to raise solid waste by \$0.80 per month due to having the roll-off year-round for residential customers. There are 2 proposed amendments to last year’s rate ordinance. Council members want to know if there is a problem with raising solid waste a bit more.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to move Ordinance 971 to second reading with an increase on residential solid waste to \$0.90 per month. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. No – None.

NPPD is requiring a grounding transformer on the solar array. It costs \$11,200.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to approve the grounding transformer. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak. No – None.

Ashley Weesner with Miller & Associates said there is a \$25,000 fee that was proposed by Miller’s to do the General Administration for the OOR project #18-HO-33071, the funding comes from the grant.

Richeson moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approve the General Admin Agreements with Miller & Associates. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak, Richeson. No – None.

Weesner said the Special Conditions for the OOR Project #18-HO-33071 included the authorization to request grant funds. The project descriptions were updated, and we previously adopted the projects. Clymer mentioned we do have to be proactive and promote the fair housing; therefore, we will have some videos in April during a meeting and a luncheon for the 2016 grant.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the special conditions for #18-HO-33071. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Janssen, Kennedy, Richeson. No – None.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve Drawdown #5 and the \$1,500 payment to CDS. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None.

The pickup bid for the Street Department from Pony with springs was \$31,409. This is below state contract bid so we don't have to go out to others.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the bid from Pony for the street pickup. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None.

Clymer put together information to apply for crumb rubber at Ehmen Park. Sterling West was the lowest bid at \$4,725 and there is a grant that will pay for half.

Richeson moved, Waskowiak seconded, to apply for the grant. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak, Richeson. No – None.

There have been 2 problems arise with private property owners removing snow and putting it in the street or on neighbor's property. There are more people clearing their own property and leaving piles on the street. Other cities such as Cozad and Kearney have an ordinance that cleaning snow from private property isn't allowed to be put on the streets, sidewalks, alleys or public ways. Lincoln also states that it is illegal to blow or push snow on or into any street, alley or sidewalk. People in town are pushing snow from properties such as apartment buildings or big parking lots and putting it on other properties. Gruber stated that snow piles were sticking out and if there had been another storm the City guys couldn't have cleaned the streets due to ice being over the old snow piles. Snow should be put on the yards not in the streets. Storm drains and curbs get broke or storm drains get covered so drainage doesn't go anywhere due to others that don't work for the City trying to clean off streets. The council would like to direct the city attorney to draft an ordinance to see if the council wants to move forward.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak, Janssen. No – None.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Brandi Kloeping, City Clerk