

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

Also present: Shane Gruber, Bill & Sandy Moroney, Dan & Donna Yilk, Nancy Fisher, Jim Long, Loren Block.

Council President Kennedy opened the meeting 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.

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

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Roll call vote: Yea - Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. No - none.

Richeson moved, Waskowiak seconded allowing payment of claims against the City, \$49,024.58; Public Works Division \$83,011.07; and the March 27 payroll of \$33,324.38. Roll call vote: Yea - Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak, Richeson. No - none.

Community Comments:

- Administrator Clymer mentioned that they worked with the school today to get the parks and Baldwin area cleaned up.
- The work downtown is for running the line to the new Verizon tower. Clymer thinks the tower should be working in approximately a month.

With the 2016 Owner Occupied Housing grant, the city was required to do some Fair Housing activities. We chose to watch 3 RentWise videos: ‘Discrimination’, ‘Rights & Responsibilities’, and ‘Disabilities & Reasonable Accommodations’.

Nancy Fisher with the Gardenaires stated that Ehmen Park has been an Arboretum, but they would like to put up a sign to the east of the Pony Express Station close to the other sign. They will work with Shane Gruber to make sure it works for mowing around and he will use some extra cement from a project. There will be flyers and hope it brings in more tourists. Council said this would be fine.

Loren Block would like to vacate a 15’ wide alley to put an addition of a garage and living space on his property and in order to meet setbacks would need to extend the property. Block said he plans to keep a gentleman’s agreement with neighbors to still use the alley. There is no utilities or easements and the city doesn’t have a need to keep the property as a right-of-way. Neighbors said they would like to keep access open. Attorney Bacon said they should get a written easement for each property owner to guarantee use by having it registered with the Register of Deeds for future land owners. The council is not introducing the ordinance at this time and will put on the next agenda.

Jansen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve Resolution 2019-4 regarding Westside Water / Sewer Project UPRR Crossing. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – None.

Administrator Clymer mentioned the changes on the fees resolution would be for the accident reports to be separated from the police reports and cost \$13.00 and the labor & services amounts to be doubled. Waskowiak would like to raise the sexually oriented business license fee – per year and the sexually oriented business investigation fee – one-time fee due to all the sex trafficking to keep this from possibly coming into our town. It was agreed to double that amount also.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to approve Fees Resolution 2019-5 with the current changes. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak. No – None.

Jim Long stated the American Lutheran Church wants to have a festival to get money for the backpack program and gather food for the food pantry on May 22. They would like to block Avenue G from 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Street and 15<sup>th</sup> Street from the alley to Avenue G from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. They would like to do inflatables, food, games from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. They would have parking in the alley, some on the streets and maybe some at the school. Council said they can use barrels or barricades of their own, but they would like a “Road Closed Ahead” put up for traffic coming from the overpass.

Attorney Bacon left the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

The council would like “Road Closed” signs at Avenue F and 15<sup>th</sup> Street and one at 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue G. Long mentioned they might not need to use 15<sup>th</sup> Street from the alley to Avenue G. They just want to have permission if it is needed.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to allow American Lutheran Church to close the streets with proper signage on May 22. Roll call vote: Yea: Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. No – None.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approve payment of \$77.09 to GOTH06 and Hicken Lumber for OOR – 16-HO-33067. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy. No – Nay.

Electric Foreman Nate Baker and Administrator Clymer met with Doug Hartman with RVW Engineers for plans and specs and would like to go out for bids on the Hospital Substation transformer. The council thanked Clymer for his work on the previous part of getting the bids moving forward.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to go out for bids for the transformer for the 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Avenue J Substation (Hospital Sub). Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak. No – None.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Brandi Kloepping, City Clerk