
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:00PM BY AUSTIN W. ROBINSON, MAYOR.

ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

AUSTIN W. ROBINSON, MAYOR
MITCHELL J. HART, PRES.
JON D. GOODE
ROBERT M. LAU
SCOTT K. GAMIBLES

EXCUSED:

ALSO PRESENT:
Mark Steele
Austin & Jackie Robinson
Paul Gritton
JoAnna Ashley
Schuyler Judd
Ken Finlayson
Ivan Allen
Alissa Mitchell

Alan Skinner, Director
Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk
Gregg Haney, Attorney
Chief Scott Shaw II

The invocation was given by Jon Goode, Mayor Robinson then led everyone in the ‘Pledge of Allegiance’.

The previous meeting minutes were presented for review. Councilmember Goode stated he had reviewed the current draft and saw no changes needed, he moved to dispense with the reading and approve the October 16th, 2019 minutes, seconded by Councilmember Hart. All in favor, motion carried.

The accounts payable and payroll were reviewed. Councilmember Gambles moved to approve the accounts payable for October 15th through October 31st, 2019 and the payroll for the month of October, 2019, seconded by Councilmember Goode. Councilmember Goode had several questions. He asked about the cost to pull a pump at Kelly Park. Director Skinner explained it is the pump that feeds the sprinkler system and they are trying to decide how to address issues with moss and hard water before reinstalling a new one. He also answered Councilmember Goode’s other questions. The Enaqua bill for ultra violet (UV) replacement bulbs are the specialty bulbs used for disinfecting at the WWTP. A meter measures the efficiency of the bulbs and indicates when they need to be replaced which is about every three years. He also mentioned the 8 inch water tap for Bayer will be reimbursed and he needs input from the Council on what the connection fee should be. The Westech bill for sand program is sand replacement for the filter system used to decrease phosphorus. A vote on the motion to approve the accounts payable and payroll was called.

All in favor, motion carried

(SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL REGISTERS FOR DETAIL)
Mr. Schuyler Judd with Washington National Insurance thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to meet with the City employees to offer supplemental insurance including a simplified issue life insurance with a living benefit rider. He mentioned they plan to follow up with the Fire Department and also extend to the City Council.

Joanna Ashley addressed the Mayor and Council asking them to consider adopting a sidewalk winter maintenance program in conjunction with the new sidewalks installed with the pedestrian safety grant. She noted a training that she and the Streets Department Supervisor, Justin Hansen attended. She mentioned they both felt it was important to consider a sidewalk winter maintenance program for children walking to and from school and for residents who don’t drive. She provided a sample letter that could inform and engage residents to help and encouraged the City to consider bridging the gap between where residents are not able. Councilmember Hart reviewed the City Code that only requires clearing of snow from sidewalks in the business and industrial districts. The Council discussed issues with plowing and the timing of clearing sidewalks. Mrs. Ashley stated she is just hoping the City will review and pursue options and make the public aware. The Mayor stated they would discuss and consider options. Mrs. Ashley also mentioned the City’s new phone system makes it hard to hold a conversation.

Regarding the Formation Well project, Director Skinner reported the driller will be here to make the deeper drill this week as decided last meeting. He also noted that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) had scheduled a phone conference meeting for December 5th at 1:30pm to review and discuss updating and reissuing the consent order. The Director mentioned this will give us time to see how drilling of the deeper well goes and decide how we want to proceed.

The ongoing project list was reviewed. The Director asked for direction on the development of the new road, the hook-up fee for Bayer and a review and recommendation next meeting on next year’s utility upgrade project so they can start on the engineering. The Mayor again asked about the Hooper Spring cover. Director Skinner stated it will be moved to the shop for the winter to be worked on and prepare for installation in the spring. Councilmember Hart asked about the property between the new road and the Point S Tire property which he suggested will need to be leveled and planted. It was also noted that there are funds in the new budget for Lovers Delight which is complete but Director Skinner mentioned the funds may be needed to finish the road.

Director Skinner informed the Mayor and Council that Fred Peck had sold his trailer which is located on City property at Kelly Park. He asked the Council if they were going to allow the new owner to keep the trailer in place. The Council discussed the age of the trailer, the benefits of having someone living at Kelly Park and their concern about it being a rental. All agreed they were okay with it being owner occupied and felt there are benefits to having someone keeping an eye on things. Attorney Haney recommended a written agreement that he will prepare and it will include lot fee and utilities.

Clerk Vorwaller presented a breakdown of the cost to provide Christmas bonuses to the
employees as has been done the last few years. There is no workman’s compensation dividend to offset the cost of the bonuses. Councilmember Goode asked if the bonuses had been budgeted. Clerk Vorwaller stated they were not specifically budgeted but she felt the minimal amount could be absorbed by each department’s salaries and benefits budget. The Mayor recommended approval of the bonuses. The Council agreed to postpone the decision until the next meeting.

During the time for citizen input, Ken Finlayson of 1000 Kelly Park Road expressed his concern about a piece of ground he has for sale in the Finlayson Subdivision. He mentioned that he understood it was due to the requirement to contain storm water on the specific parcel that caused the purchasers to back out of the purchase and development of the property. He stated he spoke with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) who said it is not a requirement and it seems to be an unreasonable requirement of the City. Mayor Robinson stated the City will research if it is a DEQ requirement.

Resident & local business owner, Paul Gritton, of 191 Argonne Ave also commented that he supported Mrs. Ashley’s proposal and sees the need for snow removal on sidewalks. Stating he has noticed those walking out in the street in the winter which is a safety concern.

Mr. Gritton, also representing the Rotary Club mentioned they will be providing a First Responders dinner to show appreciation to this very valuable group of community volunteers.

Mayor Robinson reported on the Police Department and School partnership just put in place to provide a set number of hours a week of Police presence at the schools. He stated he had signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the School District which was reviewed by the City Attorney and he fully supports the program. Chief Shaw mentioned that he and Dr. Stein had spoken about the program for several years. The MOU guarantees a School Resource Officer at least two hours a week which will be an off duty officer at the overtime rate and the City will be reimbursed by the School. The Resource Officer will also provide trainings as needed to school personnel. Councilmember Goode asked what a typical day will look like. The Chief explained it will mostly be a presence walking the halls, acting on observed violations and providing positive interaction with the students. The times will be random and split between the three schools. Councilmember Lau asked if it will rotate between officers. The Chief explained his plan to start out rotating monthly and see who settles in and best fits the position. It is just the City officers that will be providing this service. The Mayor stated he feels it is good to move in this direction and get ahead of potential issues. The Council expressed their support.

Councilmember Lau moved to approve entering into executive session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(1)(c) & (f) to discuss acquiring an interest in real property not owned by a public agency and to communicate with legal counsel regarding probable litigation. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. A roll call showed the following vote:
Those voting aye: Mitch Hart  
                   Robert Lau  
                   Jon Goode  
                   Scott Gambles  

Those voting nay: none  

Absent: none  

Motion Carried.

Councilmember Hart moved to exit executive session, seconded by Councilmember Lau. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Hart moved to approve the draft lease agreement for the Ender’s building and engage the interested party providing the lease for their review and signing. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Lau, seconded by Councilmember Goode moved to reject the offer presented of property not adjacent to City limits. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Lau moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm, seconded by Councilmember Goode. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 20TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.

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Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk