

The City Council met in a regular session on the 11th day of July 2016 at 7:00 PM in the City Office.

Present: Greg Hansen, Xiong Yang, Todd Harrington, Jeff Harnack and Leonard McLaughlin.

Also present: Kerwin Armitage, Michael Zeug, Andy Foster

Mayor Greg Hansen presided at the meeting.

Kerwin Armitage presented the Water/ Wastewater report. Kerwin has begun manhole inspections. Discussion was held on the clarifier at the wastewater treatment plant. To date, only 2 companies have sent quotes to replace the clarifier. The cost from Magney Construction would be \$185,815. KHC has also given a quote where the city would purchase the drive from Ovivo for approximately \$24,000. KHC currently has the bridge piece that is needed for the project and would then fabricate the rest of the equipment necessary for this and would be willing to do the project for a reduced amount. The total amount of the project to KHC would be approximately \$73,700. Because of the specialized equipment needed for the clarifier, Kerwin has not been able to find any other companies that would do this work. The council determined they would go forward with a decision with only the 2 quotes received. Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Xiong Yang to go forward with the purchase of the drive from Ovivo and to purchase the bridge piece from KHC and to have KHC complete the project. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the cost of new service tapping into the water main and sewer main. Currently the rates charged do not cover the cost. Motion by Jeff Harnack, second by Todd Harrington to change the tapping rates to \$750 for water and \$500 for sewer effective after the second new property on Washington Street has completed the tapping. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The Council reviewed the maintenance report. Some sidewalk repairs have been completed by Craig Carter. Tom will talk to Carter about making repairs on the south side of Main Street between 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Discussion was held on some of the trees at the city cemetery and the council approved the removal as needed so the roots do not damage the markers.

Tom requested the council approve the purchase of pallet forks for the tractor. Motion by Jeff Harnack, second by Todd Harrington to approve this purchase. All voted in favor motion carried.

Discussion was held on the remodeling of the community center bathrooms. One quote was received from Plum Creek Cabinets. The city is waiting for two other quotes before going forward with a decision.

Motion by Todd Harrington, second by Jeff Harnack to approve the purchase of eight new chairs for the council room and one for the clerk's office for approximately \$2400. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on adding an alley behind the new properties on Washington Street to help direct storm water flow in the proper direction and also to allow access to the back of the new lots and the remainder of the city property behind the lots. Tom will get a second quote for this to be done.

Discussion was held on the Walnut Grove Bar & Grill. After depreciation was factored in, the Bar & Grill shows a loss for the last 2 of 3 years at the Bar & Grill. Because of this, the City is required to hold a public hearing to discuss options for continuing to operate the Bar & Grill as is or not. Motion by Todd Harrington, second by Leonard McLaughlin to hold the Public Hearing September 12 at the regular Council meeting night at 7PM. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The Police report was presented by Chief Zeug. Discussion was held on the replacing the police car within the next year or two. The Council will add \$5000 to the 2017 budget to the city vehicle replacement fund for this.

Discussion was held on updating the City website. Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Todd Harrington to approve hiring Brenda Banks to update the website and train the clerk to make changes to it for the cost of \$1800-\$2000. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Jeff Harnack to approve the Land Use Application to add a deck at the 750 Washington Street residence. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Xiong Yang to approve the Election Judges Robyn Hansen, Darla Larson, Wanda Lund, Beatrice Maeyaert, Betty Bannick, and Steven Yang and to also approve Trinity Church as the emergency location for the polling place. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Xiong Yang to approve claims 37994-38031. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Harnack, second by Leonard McLaughlin to approve the Minutes for the June 20, 2016 Meeting. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Todd Harrington, second by Jeff Harnack to adjourn. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Paula McGarvey  
Clerk-Treasurer