

Minutes of Special Meeting held August 19, 2013

Special meeting with the following present: Mayor Mark Bowen; Aldermen Kevin Keith, Ward Sanders, Ruble Farmer; Sam Cortez; City Secretary Josie Campa; Police Chief Richard Priest; Director of Public Works James McGrath; Fire Marshal Matt Dear; Library Director Cassandra Cortez.

Visitors: Olga and Richard Sharer, Bryan Mask, Amado Zamara, Barrett House, Tom Cate.

**CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM MASK LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE FOR DESIGNING PROPOSED PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

Bryan Mask explained his proposal for renovating plan for John Lott Park and nature trail at library. Mr. Mask told Council if approved, he could have the site analysis ready for the September meeting, and the master plan ready in one to two months after that. The cost for this proposal is \$13,859.00. Alderman Keith made the motion that Council approve the proposal submitted by Mask Landscape Architecture. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER PROPOSAL(S) FOR DEMOLITION OF ACCESSORY BUILDINGS ON GIDLEY PROPERTY BELONGING TO CITY**

Amado Zamora presented his proposal for the demolition of structures at the Gidley property. Mayor Bowen told Council if they want some of these things could be done by the Public Works crew. Mr. Zamora told Council that his proposal does not include testing for asbestos which could run as high as \$800.00. Mayor Bowen reviewed the ten items listed in Mr. Zamora's proposal with Council. Bryan Mask told Council the price for this proposal was higher than he estimated, but he didn't figure on asbestos. Mr. Zamora told Council if approved, he could have work done in two weeks. Mayor Bowen told Council that the proposal price of \$20,600.00 would go down by \$4,500.00 if there is no asbestos, but we won't know until the siding is tested. After more discussion, Alderman Sanders made the motion that Council approve the proposal from Amado Zamora, and the city pay for the testing of the siding. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR DEMOLITION OF DILAPIDATED BUILDING ON BANK STREET PROPERTY**

Amado Zamora presented his proposal for the demolition of the newly acquired Bank Street property. Mayor Bowen asked Mr. Zamora how long it would take him to complete this project. Mr. Zamora told Council that once work is started it would take about three weeks to tear down this house and dispose of all of the material. Alderman Farmer made the motion that Council approve the bid from Mr. Zamora for \$8,500.00 to demolition the house on Bank Street. Seconded by Alderman Keith. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THOMAS P. CATE, P.C. FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR PUBLICATION FEE ON REYES PROPERTY**

City Secretary Josie Campa showed Council the letter from Tom Cate concerning fees due on the Bank Street property. The City Secretary told council that the property had been bought for the minimum bid of \$12,427.60 and Council had authorized up to \$20,000.00. She recommended Mr. Cate be paid for the fees he incurred totaling \$728.76. Alderman Farmer made the motion that Council approve Mr. Cate's request for reimbursement of fees he incurred on the sale of this property. Seconded by Alderman Keith. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.