

Minutes of Special Meeting held December 5, 2016

Special meeting with the following present: Mayor Mark Bowen; Aldermen Jerry Stone, Ruble Farmer, Ward Sanders, Sam Cortez, Kevin Keith; City Secretary Josie Campa; Animal Control Director Betty Kroeger; Public Works Director James McGrath; Police Lieutenant Matt Dear; City Attorney Tom Cate; Library Director Cassandra Cortez.

Visitors: Eric Schulze, Kevin Harwell, Justin Loven, Ruben Gonzalez, Jim Becker, Roxanna Powell, Brandon Frie, Ernest Kroeger, Adam Keller, Luz Lozano-Moreno.

Mayor Bowen opened the special meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REPORTS AND PROPOSALS FROM WETROCK (KAVEH KHORZAD) AND SOUTHWEST ENGINEERS FOR NEW WELL**

Eric Schulze from Southwest Engineers explained the report prepared by Kaveh Khorzad and himself for the proposed new well. After lengthy discussion on the proposal and cost estimates for the new well, Alderman Sanders made the motion that Council postpone this proposal on the new well until more information is obtained. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REQUEST FROM O'REILLY'S TO PLACE CONSTRUCTION WATER METER ON FIRE HYDRANT**

Alderman Stone made the motion that Council approve the request from O'Reilly's to place a construction water meter on a fire hydrant. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON BIDS RECEIVED FROM LAKESHORE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON CLEANING THE BRUSH AND TREES FROM DRAINAGE DITCH**

Ruben Gonzalez told Council they went back and looked at the problem at Lake Shore some more. He said they talked to BMA since it is their property and has given permission for the city to clear this easement. City Attorney Tom Cate told Council BMA should be responsible for the removal of trees on their property. After discussion, Mr. Cate told Council if they want the city to pay for the removal of the trees they will have to say it is for the public's purpose. After more discussion, Alderman Stone made the motion that Council feels clearing out these trees on BMA's property will serve the public's purpose, and therefore will approve the proposal from Circle C. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REQUEST FOR VARIANCE OF SUBDIVISION CODE TO ALLOW FOR THE CLOSURE OF HOUSTON STREET AT THE CURRENT DEAD END**

After discussion, Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council approve the request for Houston Street be closed off at the current dead end. Seconded by Alderman Keith. Passed unanimously.

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**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON APPROVAL OF VACATE AND REPLAT OF PROPERTIES IN BROWN ADDITION FOR ESTABLISHING COTTAGE STREET SUBDIVISION-JUSTIN LOVEN**

After discussion, Alderman Sanders made the motion that Council approve the replat of the Brown property as per the engineer's recommendations. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

Council took a short break at 7:38 p.m. and reconvened at 7:48 p.m.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ALLOWING POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT FOR GRANT FROM OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR CONVERSION TO NATIONAL INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM AND ACCEPTING TERMS OF THIS GRANT**

Matt Dear asked Council for permission for the Police Department to submit for a grant from the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division for conversion to National Incident-Based Reporting system, and to accept the terms of said grant. After more discussion, Alderman Keith made the motion to approve this request. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON APPROVAL OF PROPOSALS SUBMITTED FOR REPAIR OF LIFT STATION AT SEWER PLANT**

This item was scratched from the agenda.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON PROPOSAL FROM MARGARET KELLER TO PURCHASE EDWARDS WATER RIGHTS**

Alderman Keith made the motion that Council approve the purchase of water rights from Margaret Keller for \$5,000.00 an acre foot. Seconded by Alderman Sanders. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.