

City of Evert
Regular Council Meeting
April 20, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Elliot, Sherman, Schmidt, Foster, Keysor

Guest: Theresa Swift-Eckert, Miranda Lorenz, Ryan Douglas, Rick Machleit, Lane Johnston, Patrick Muczynski, Jennie Duncan, Jim White, City Attorney, Seraphim Bieri, Kendra Backing, Evert P.D., John Lorenz, Al Weinberg, Mona Lou Crawford, Kelly Miscikoski.

Mayor Schmidt declared the Public Hearing open for the USDA Grant Funding for the Police Vehicle. The meeting was held to hear any comments or opinions on the USDA Grant.

Mr. Lorenz asked what the cost of the vehicle would be.

The cost would be 43,000. The Grant would be between 17,500 and 17,700. The City's cost would be 23,000.

Rick Machleit commented his figure was different. At the last meeting it was reported the Grant was 41% and the city's cost was 59%, 10,000 from the vehicle fund and 10,000 from selling the old vehicle leaves about 4,000.

The City Manager replied he would like to get 14,000 from the old vehicle.

There being no more comments the Mayor closed the hearing at 7:15.

Approval of the April 6, 2015 minutes. Moved by Foster supported by Sherman and Keysor

LDFA: Director Melora Theunick, not in attendance.

DDA: Director Al Weinberg

The meeting that was scheduled for April 21, 2015 was postponed for Wednesday April 22, 2015. He attended a conference where Evert was reported to be doing well. They capitalized on Evert being a Rails to Trails City, and a City along the river. He hopes this will bring more revenue to the City.

The DDA and Chamber of Commerce are working with 9&10 News on a commercial package for businesses in Evert.

Unfinished Business:

City Manager, Zackary Szakacs met with John Tanner regarding the Special Assessment on South Oak Street.

The water committee discussed the Centennial Arms water bill. Zackary Szakacs recommends they wait a full year before the City moves forward on the issue.

The Planning Commission has already adopted the 2015 Master Land Use Plan. The City Manager explained to the City Council they do not have to take action at this time. Copies will be at the Library and given to the nearby townships.

After discussion it was moved by Foster Supported by Sherman to adopt the Master Land Use Plan.

Roll Call: Foster, Keysor, Elloit, Sherman, and Schmidt. Passed unanimously.

Kelly Miscikoski (317 W. 3rd St.) commented her water froze during the water advisory and her bill is currently 421.36. She requested a refund because she believes it is the city's fault. Moved by Schmidt supported by Sherman to approve a 365.62 credit on her water/sewer bill @ 317 W. 3rd St.

Roll Call: Keysor, Elliot, Sherman, Schmidt, and Foster. Passed unanimously.

City Treasure report: The City Treasurer Sarah Dvoracek is at training this week. The City has begun using the new software by B.S. and A. The council will be receiving a summary of all funds and monthly report with the new software.

Motion by Keysor Supported by Sherman to approve the Vendors List. Motion passed.

City Manager: Schmidt voiced concern over the detour sign on Main Street. He would like a sign stating customers can use Main Street to enter the businesses and thru traffic must use detour.

Jim White would like a two day notice before they shut down the street in front of his business so he can make other arraignments with his clients.

Riverside East open April 21st, 2015 for walkers.

Police Report: Chief Backing and Administrative Assistant Theresa Swift-Eckert presented a video of Police Activities for the past year.

Chief Backing, City Manager Zackary Szakacs, and City Attorney Jim White will be meeting later this week to go over City ordinances.

Dept. of Public Works: Mark Wilson will contact business owners and work on a new sign to help with the confusion of closing Main Street to thru traffic.

Water/Wastewater: Patrick Muczynski, No report

City Attorney report: Attorney White will be working with Chief Backing and Zackary Szakacs on City ordinances on April 23, 2015.

2015-2016 Budget Worksheet:

1. Discussion was held on the water/sewer revenue expenses.
2. Depreciation and expenses are included in the sewer, water and equipment pool balance.

3. The Police Department appears high due to the purchase of a Police vehicle and Police radios.
4. The General Fund has stayed the same, hopefully adding 15,572.00 to our ending fund balance.
5. City Manager reported the budget is balanced.

Foster recommended giving the DPW headsets to make communication easier.

Moved by Schmidt supported by Foster to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.