

CITY OF EVART
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 15, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Carlson, Keysor, Schmidt, Sherman and Walter.

Guest: Lane Johnston, Jim White, City Attorney, Neal Feikema, Paul Brown, Melora Theunick, Sarah Bigelow, Buck Vallad and Al Weinberg.

Moved by Keysor, supported by Walter to amend the agenda as follows:

1. Mutual Aid Agreement.
2. LDFA and DDA.
3. OHM Engineer.

Keysor rescinded his motion and Walter rescinded his support.

Moved by Keysor, supported by Walter to add Tom Cruikshank to the above resolution.

Passed unanimously

Moved by Walter, supported by Keysor to approve the minutes of July 1, 2013

Passed unaminously

LDFA

Melora Theunick reported the Committee approved the LDFA Budget. Copies will be sent to City Hall.

She would like a map of the Water Shed. The results from the tests for well #10 and #11 will be sent to the DPW and City Hall.

Melora requested the classification of the Stanley Property.

DDA

Al Weinberg reported record numbers at the different events. Mr. Szakacs is having Attorney White review the tax abatement documents.

The City Manager ask Council to review the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance by the second Council meeting in August.

The City Attorney is working with the DPW Superintendent on the amendment to the Lawn Ordinance regarding the amount for mowing the lawns that are in violation of the Ordinance.

Moved by Sherman, supported by Walter to increase the tap on fee for water to \$1000 and sewer tap on fee to \$1500.

Passed unanimously

Moved by Sherman, supported by Schmidt to increase the sewer rate to 48 cents, amounting to \$4.67 per 1000 gallons. The ready to serve fee will remain at \$17.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Carlson, Keysor, Schmidt and Sherman

Nay: Walter

Absent: None

Moved by Walter, supported by Keysor to approve the Evert Police Department fee schedule.

Passed unanimously

Moved by Walter, supported by Keysor to authorize City Manager Szakacs to sign the Contract for Professional Engineering Service of the SRE Building at the Municipal Airport.

Passed unanimously

Moved by Walter, supported by Sherman to waive the pavilion fee at Riverside Park East for the Benefit Ride sponsored by Michigan Road Riders M.C.

Passed unanimously

Moved by Schmidt, supported by Walter to waive the Park Pavillion fee for Non-Profit Organizations at both Riverside Park East and West.

Passed unanimously

Moved by Keysor, supported by Schmidt to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement Fire and Rescue.

Passed unanimously

Moved by Walter, supported by Carlson to look into dissolving the LDFA and DDA Committees.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Carlson and Walter.

Nays: Sherman, Schmidt and Keysor

Motion failed to pass.

Moved by Keysor, supported by Sherman to authorize \$10,106.00 for the design and construction engineering of the first block of Pine Street South of U.S. 10.

Passed unanimously

Tom Cruikshank appeared before Council to discuss the situation of lots 478 and 480.

Attorney White explained the lots were foreclosed for back taxes. The City purchased the property and Judge Grant ordered the prior owner to be evicted in 10 days and he has to be out of the building by July 25th.

The prior owner ask if he could set up a new business, commenting that his family will finance him in getting started in a new business of car sales and retail automotive.

Mayor Schmidt explained that the DDA now owns it and the City no longer has anything to do with it. He suggested the prior owner present his plans to the DDA and will meet with Al Weinberg before July 25th.

Moved by Walter, supported by Sherman to approve the vendor's list (\$165,988.34), payroll (\$27,415.71) and manual check list (\$7,204.25).

Passed unanimously

Treasurer Bigelow is working on the debit act for UB billing.

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

Dean Foods made a deposit in the City sewer account of \$87,000. The original understanding was the amount of \$142,000. He will check to see about the balance.

Shawn Pattee turned in his resignation from the Recreation Committee. He will still manage the Pop Warner Football Program.

POLICE REPORT:

Officer Michele Gebben reported the Department patrolled the 4th of July Parade and the Fireworks.

She suggested having more signage for closed road at the Fireworks event.

DPW DEPARTMENT:

Patrick Muczynski has received his sewer license.

The Department purchased a used bucket truck for \$5,208.00.

Moved by Walter, supported by Keysor to approve taking these items, the sewer pontoons, old bucket truck and dump truck to the Auction.

Passed unanimously

Walter requested that Buck make a list of all the old equipment that he took to the Auction.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

Mr. White has been working on contractual, police and eviction issues.

The City Manager will file for a Construction in Working Progress Permit in August before setting the rates for camping at Riverside Park East.

Moved by Schmidt, supported by Walter to go into closed session to discuss the Manager's Contract, at Mr. Szakacs request.

Passed unanimously

Council went out of executive session at 8:10 P.M.

Moved by Walter, supported by Sherman to extend the City Manager (Zachary Szakacs) Contract until December 31, 2016, with no raise in pay, removal of severance pay and all Police wording.

Passed unanimously

Moved by Walter, supported by Sherman to adjourn at 8:14 P.M.

Passed unanimously