

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
RAND CENTER
OCTOBER 17, 2017
6:00 P.M.

Mayor Sargent presided over the meeting and called it to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Council members present: Johnson, Thompson, Struble, Gunderson, Tiffey. Also present were Leonard Ratliff, Ray Winans, Beverly Winans, Tom Jarosz, Jan Johnson, Jerry Keizer, Marilyn Keizer, Sally Salter, Brenda Osborn, Bob Riesland, Zach Olinger, Jim Olmsted, Jeff Frey, Jacob Musfeldt.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Council member Struble to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Council member Tiffey. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Thompson to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council member Tiffey. Motion carried 5-0 vote.

During citizen inquires Jerry Keizer had a concern regarding Park Ave. When it rains the water just sits on Park Ave. Jerry said there is just nowhere for the water to go. Grading the road does no good. Would like to see it channeled away. Clint will be talking with the Street Superintendent to see what has been done in the past and what can be done to get the problem fixed.

Sally Salter updated the Council on the dog park. CJ'S planted 10 trees in and around the dog park with 6 inside the dog park and 4 outside.

Yesway #1005 tobacco compliances has filed paperwork with the State to be taking a class and will be signed off by Attorney Argotsinger and Mayor Sargent and filed with the Attorney General Office.

Moved by Council member Tiffey and seconded by Council member Gunderson to appoint Wayne Honz to the Library Board.

Mayor Sargent made calls from the lists that the City Council had given him to form a Search Committee for the City Clerk/Administrator position which are: Pastor Ray Smith, Pat Skelton, Georgia Johnson, Anita Salter, Brent Hansen, Patti Long and Jay Smith. Moved by Council member Stuble and seconded by Council member Johnson to accept the names for this committee. Motion carried 5-0 vote.

Discussion regarding advertising for the City Clerk/Administrator position. The City Council chose not to use a search firm and advertise for the position. The council did receive the qualifications

for that position. A wage survey was done with other City's with population to 2,500 to 3,500 and if they have a City Clerk/Administrator, City Clerk or a City Administrator. The spread sheet was passed out to the Council. Council Member Thompson wants another survey done using population from 1,500 to 3,000. On the next agenda will set pay range for the position. Advertising will be done by the Missouri Valley Times in the Northwest and Southwest zones. Moved by Council member Gunderson to advertise local, failed for second motion. Moved by Council member Thompson and seconded by Council member Struble to advertise in the Northwest and Southwest zones. Motion carried 4-0 with Gunderson voting NAY.

Council Member Thompson spoke with Nancy Baker on what she had done for the City which was helping out with reports and getting them filled timely. Mayor Sargent reminded the Council that Nancy was only doing the Clerk's job not what needs to be done by the Administrator. Council member Thompson then asked Mayor Sargent what wasn't done. Mayor Sargent replied difficulty with Fifth Street project, annexation, DOT bypass, flood mitigation and the Prohaska and Associates facility project have all been put on the back burner. Council member Thompson also stated that local people are not being recognized in filling the position as City Clerk/Administrator.

Jim Olmsted gave an update on the 5th street project noting the contractor is currently working on the water main project and that the gas main needs to be lowered with the possibility of other services needing to be lowered. That work will be taking place this week and next week. The contractor still plans to be done with the first two blocks by November 15, 2017. Jim also gave an update on the I/I Study that was done and that 15 letters were send out to property owners asking them to fix their problem. The City also has 5 to 6 manholes that need repaired as they have water running in. Jim Olmsted has asked that the Council to concern contracting with a company which Olmsted has worked with before to fix these which they would use an epoxy that expands quickly. The repair would cost approximately \$1,500.00 per manhole. Jim Olmsted also discussed seven manholes that need to be raised. After discussion they are going to see about what to do with roads in the willow park area as that is where these seven manholes are. Five manholes on Erie Street will be getting inserts and will be getting those plugged so water will not run in them. Moved by Council member Gunderson and seconded by Council member Johnson to have the 5 or 6 manholes repaired. Motion carried 5-0.

Council member Thompson questioned the article in Friday's paper regarding the payout for Rita Miller. Mayor Sargent did hand him a copy of Wednesday's paper which will have the correct dollar amount. Council member Johnson discussed the big hole between 4th and 5th Street on Superior. It needs to be filled in before someone falls and hurts themselves. Mayor Sargent with get with the Street Superintendent to look at this problem. Council Member Tiffey asked Mayor Sargent about the costs for water and sewer hookup fees. Council Member Tiffey also mention about the number of head stones (30) that are knocked over in the cemetery. Council member Thompson asked why the City was paying Hamilton Associates to do work that he thought could be done within. Council member Thompson asked that Mayor Sargent for that to be put on the next agenda.

Library Director Kocher gave a presentation on building and maintaining the Library collection such as newspapers, books, DVD's, magazines, programs etc. These types of things need to be changed out. These items when changed out go on sale at the Library and that money is used for children programs. The State of Iowa requires the Library to downsize by 3% each year.

Moved to adjourn by Council member Struble seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Clint Sargent, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Osborn, Utility Billing Clerk