

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
RAND CENTER
FEBRUARY 18, 2014
6:00 P.M.

Mayor Sargent presided over the Council Meeting and called it to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Council members present: Isom, Ratliff. Also present was City Clerk/Administrator Miller. Mayor Sargent announced that Council members Johnson and Struble will be participating by electronic means as provided by Section 21.8 of the Code of Iowa, for the reason that attending such meeting in person is impossible and/or impractical because they are traveling. Council member Dillinger was absent. Visitors were: John Riley, Doug Harris, Curt Bonham, Mary Jo Buckley, Scott Hochstein, Brent Saron, Michele Stirtz, Brandon Clark, Kylie Harris, Kim Harris, Jonathan McDonald (PeopleService).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Council member Ratliff to approve the agenda for February 18, 2014, seconded by Council member Isom. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Johnson to approve the consent agenda as corrected, seconded by Council member Isom. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

John Riley addressed the Council in regard to the cemetery maintenance contract. In response to an inquiry about weekly mowing, Mayor Sargent stated the grass is mowed once a week or as determined needed by the Park Director, who monitors it and provides feedback to City Clerk/Administrator Miller with any concerns.

Tim Snyder, PeopleService, presented a proposal from Automatic Systems to upgrade communications between the wells and plant controls. The first phase would get Well #1 back in the loop and upgrade the radio at the water plant and booster station. The second phase would upgrade Well #4 and #5. Mr. Snyder will check if the work can be done at the same time with Phase I being billed in FY14 and Phase II in FY15. Moved by Council member Isom to accept the proposal from Automatic Systems, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Council received two proposals for moving the house at 2213 Hwy 30 in exchange for leveling the lot. Following discussion, moved by Council member Isom to accept the proposal from Brandon Clark, seconded by Council member Johnson.

AYES: Isom, Johnson, Struble
NAYS: Ratliff. Motion carried.

Moved by Council member Isom to accept the proposed FY15 budget and set the Public Hearing for March 4, 2014, seconded by Council member Ratliff. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Sargent opened bids for the City's trash pickup. Moved by Council member Ratliff to accept the low bid of \$200/mth from C & H Hauling, seconded by Council member Struble.

AYES: Ratliff, Struble, Johnson

NAYS: Isom. Motion carried.

Moved by Council member Johnson to award the cemetery maintenance contract to Bonham & Sons Lawn Service, to include the weed spraying options, seconded by Council member Isom. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Struble to accept the bid from Kenkel Brothers for rental of the farm ground by the water plant, seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Ratliff to donate a family pool pass to the YEA/Kiwanis fundraiser, seconded by Council member Isom. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Ratliff to donate a single pool pass for Post Prom, seconded by Council member Isom. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Scott Hochstein presented the Park Board's request to apply for the Paint Iowa Beautiful grant for the S 6th Street Corridor to paint light poles, posts, stop lights and crosswalks. Moved by Council member Struble to approve the request, seconded by Council member Isom. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote. Scott presented the Park Board's request to apply for the Wellmark Master Trail Plan grant to do a trail study. Moved by Council member Struble to apply for the grant, seconded by Council member Isom. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote. Scott presented the Park Board's request to apply for a DNR land and water conservation fund grant for the splash pad. The City would have to pledge 50% of the project cost to apply for the grant. Bids for the project ranged from \$92,000 - \$100,000 plus an additional \$70,000 if a recirculating system is included. Following discussion, consensus was to wait until next year to apply for the grant.

Moved by Council member Struble to approve the Mayor's appointments of Holly Butcher, Gary Rodewald and Marjorie Stirtz to the Low Rent Housing Board, seconded by Council member Isom. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Council member Isom expressed concerns about the visibility for vehicles traveling west on Ontario at the intersection of 6th and Ontario, due to parking on the east side of 6th Street. City Clerk/Administrator Miller will advise Street Superintendent Riesland and get his recommendations.

City Clerk/Administrator Miller reported the hospital is currently holding funds for the Disaster Relief Committee and has asked that these funds be turned back over to the City as seed money for future needs. Council was in agreement and a Resolution will be prepared for the next meeting.

Moved to adjourn by Council member Ratliff, seconded by Council member Isom.
Motion carried on a 4-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Clint Sargent, Mayor

Attest:
Rita Miller
City Clerk/Administrator