

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
RAND CENTER
MAY 6, 2014
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: Isom, Struble, Ratliff. Council members Johnson and Dillinger were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Miller and visitors: Roger Gunderson, Ada Isom, Barbara Evans, Eric Myers, John Riley, Jesusa Christians, Mary Jo Buckley, Brent Saron, Dennis Mowery.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Council member Isom to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 3-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Ratliff to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 3-0 vote.

During citizen inquiries, it was brought up that there is a lot of non-recyclable trash being left at the recycle bin site. City Clerk/Administrator Miller will check if there is an 'illegal dumping' sign at the location.

Eric Myers addressed the Council in regard to replacing landscaping and decorative blocks along the right-of-way of the Hillside Cottage property on Sunnyside Avenue. The previous wall needed repair and the property owners want to replace it with blocks. These would be in line with retaining walls along Sunnyside. Because the improvement is more landscape than retaining wall, it would not have required a permit, but because it is on city right-of way, it was brought to Council for approval. Moved by Council member Isom to allow the block and landscaping on the right-of-way with the stipulation that if the City needs access to the area any repair or replacement would be at the property owner's expense, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 3-0 vote.

Mary Jo Buckley presented an update from the Park Board. A grant from Keep Iowa Beautiful for \$5,000 was awarded for the Second Street Pocket Park, however, due to stipulations it cannot be expended until after July 1. The soil samples at the park are not back yet. The Park Board will be selling food as a fundraiser at the Music in the Park again this year. City Clerk/Administrator Miller had received information from the Caboose Committee that they will know soon how the caboose is to be moved. They are confirming a date.

Moved by Council member Struble to table the burn ban moratorium due to the dry weather conditions and consider it again in the fall, seconded by Council member Ratliff. Motion carried on a 3-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Isom to approve hiring Betty Totten as Pool Manager at a per season salary and Lorrie Hankins as Assistant Manager at an hourly rate for pool season 2014, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 3-0 vote.

Council reviewed current pool staff wages and proposed increases to make the positions more competitive with the area job market. City Clerk/Administrator explained the small number of applications received for the lifeguard positions and what steps were being taken to recruit more. Moved by Council member Isom to increase lifeguard pay to minimum wage (\$7.25/hr) and reimburse their Lifeguard Certification upon completion of the pool season, and to raise the pay of other positions proportionately, seconded by Council member Ratliff. Motion carried on a 3-0 vote. Council was in agreement to set the schedule as proposed – open Memorial weekend, close August 24th, and hours of operation the week prior to closing be 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily thru August 24th.

Council was given copies of the Library's proposed revisions to the personnel manual for review. Council was reminded of the meeting with IDOT on May 23rd and also the meeting with Debi Durham from IA Department of Economic Authority on May 30th.

Moved by Council member Struble to adjourn, seconded by Council member Isom. Motion carried on a 3-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Clint Sargent, Mayor

Attest:
Rita Miller
City Clerk/Administrator