

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
RAND CENTER
JUNE 2, 2015
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: Thompson, Struble, Isom, Johnson, Ratliff. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Miller and visitors: Roger Gunderson, Mary Jo Buckley, John Riley, Jesus Christians, Annette Deakins, Scott Hochstein, Ada Isom, Bill Bugenhagen, Kim Bugenhagen, Tom Allen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Roger Gunderson congratulated the Police Department on the apprehension of suspects during a chase through town and thanked the Street Department for painting the parking lines and curbs. Ada Isom asked about an abatement in Seaton's Addition and the repairs on S. 9th Street. She was told the abatement was in the process and MidWest Coatings has said they will be here next week to re-do S. 9th Street seal-coat. Mary Jo Buckley asked about the traffic signal at 6th Street – there is a broken loop in the street which is expected to be repaired next week. John Riley asked about pick up and disposal of dead animals, especially on weekends. Council agreed the police officer should notify the Street Department to come dispose of the animal. Scott Hochstein informed Council the Park Board intends to pursue the Splash Pad project. Council asked that the Board bring recommendations and cost estimates to the next meeting.

Moved by Council member Thompson to approve the request from the Chamber to hang a banner on the pool fence advertising Music in the Park, seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Council discussed the request to operate a golf cart on city streets and cited other instances where requests had been turned down. Moved by Council member Ratliff to deny the request to operate the cart on city streets, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

City Clerk/Administrator Miller gave an update on the property at 317 N 5th Street. The court hearing to turn the house over to the City was on June 1st, however, the official Order has not been received. The Fire Department had looked at the property to determine feasibility of burning the house for training purposes and had given the opinion that it could be done safely. One neighbor had contacted City Clerk/Administrator Miller with his concerns about smoke damage inside his house, wash-out of the back bank and that he could possibly be without electricity for an extended length of time due to the lines between the houses being connected. Other neighbors

voiced objections about burning the house and requested Council pursue a demolition instead. Moved by Council member Ratliff to proceed with putting out for bids to demolish the property, seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Council requested notice be put in the paper that there is a vacancy on the Park Board and that interested persons should submit a letter of interest.

Moved by Council member Struble to sponsor the Harrison County Fair at the 'yellow' level - \$250.00, seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Sargent addressed the Council on the need to move ahead on annexation because of development that is being planned in the area. Council discussed how to proceed and reviewed the map previously set out as the proposed area. Moved by Council member Thompson to move forward using the existing map and plan, seconded by Council member Isom. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote. The property owner listing will be updated and a letter will be prepared for property owner contact.

Moved by Council member Johnson to approve the hire of Derek Aistrop as Police Officer, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

City Clerk/Administrator Miller reminded Council members of the IDOT public input meeting in Council Bluffs on June 9th at 9:15 a.m.. Council member's Isom, Thompson & Struble plan to attend, along with City Clerk/Administrator Miller. The Chamber will be invited to join us there.

Moved by Council member Struble to adjourn, seconded Council member Thompson. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Clint Sargent, Mayor

Attest:
Rita Miller
City Clerk/Administrator