

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
RAND CENTER  
JUNE 4, 2013  
6:00 P.M.

Mayor Sargent opened the Public Hearing on the proposed drawings, specifications, proposed form of contract and estimated costs for the Ontario Street pavement reconstruction project. There were no comments and the mayor closed the hearing.

Mayor Sargent called the regular session to order at 6:00 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Council member Gene Dinsmore.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Sargent called roll with the following Council members present: Ratliff, Dillinger, Isom. Council member Struble was absent and Council member Dinsmore's seat is vacant. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Miller and visitors: Gerald & Evelyn Marshall, Walter Mason, Joshua & Julie Bogardus, Paul Boyd, Pete Olson, Adam Bellis, Traci Chapin, Valerie DeLong, Bobby Fairchild, Mark Mahoney, Jim Olmsted, Greg Perry, Michele Stirtz, Roger Gunderson.

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

Moved by Council member Dillinger to approve the Consent Agent, seconded by Council member Isom. Motion carried on a 3-0 vote.

Bids were opened on the Ontario Street pavement reconstruction project as follows: Bluffs Paving \$202,528.45; Luxa Construction \$241,251.00; and M. E. Collins Contracting \$239,776.00. The bids were referred to the city engineers for review.

During citizen's inquiries questions were asked about funding for the Ontario Street project. Mayor Sargent explained the project had been in the long-term street plan, had been budgeted for and bonded along with the 8<sup>th</sup> Street repavement project.

Adam Bellis addressed the Council with his concerns about the numerous sidewalks around town that are difficult for handicapped individuals to be able to use. Many do not have the handicapped accessible ramps. He asked for the Council's input on how to get the work done to make it easier for the sidewalks to be accessible. It was suggested that civic groups could be contacted to see if they might be interested in partnering with the City and property owners to take on the project.

Mayor Sargent gave an update on the City's claim with the UPRR for damages caused by the railroad's actions to raise their tracks prior to the 2011 flood. A \$97,000 settlement was negotiated, pending Council's approval. Additional wording was suggested to give the City permission to go on railroad property to do the repair work.

Moved by Council member Dillinger to authorize the Mayor to sign the settlement agreement contingent upon the UPRR agreeing to the additional language, seconded by Council member Ratliff. Motion carried on a 3-0 vote.

OPCE reported Bluff's Paving had the low bid on the Ontario Street repavement project and recommended they be awarded the bid. Moved by Council member Dillinger to award the bid to Bluffs Paving in the amount of \$202,528.45, seconded by Council member Isom. Motion carried on a 3-0 vote.

Rick Emswiler gave an update on the Fire Station feasibility study. He explained how the Building Committee had worked through the process of selecting a site, and that they had determined the best option was to purchase the Bogardus property at 2213 Hwy 30 because of location, accessibility to Hwy 30, size of area available and price. This option also follows the comprehensive plan to develop to the east of town. The funding is expected to come through a combination of grants, fundraising and bonding. Prior to being able to apply for grants the City has to own the property the structure will be built, so that needs to be the next step. Council then considered executing an 'Offer to Purchase' to Joshua and Julie Bogardus for \$200,000 for their property. Moved by Council member Isom to approve the purchase and to authorize the Mayor to sign the offer, seconded by Council member Dillinger. Motion carried on a 3-0 vote.

Ken Hahn explained the feasibility study done on City Hall, what the Building Committee has done and how the needs (as determined thru the survey process) will be addressed. The estimated overall cost for the renovated building is \$1.9 million. A new structure would be approximately 20 – 30% higher. The Committee felt that renovating the current building rather than moving the location was their first choice because many of the survey respondents considered it important for city services to remain downtown, and they felt it was an investment back into downtown area. Concerns were expressed that the building would be in the flood plain. Mr. Hahn explained that the elevation of the main levee would not be changed and that is already above flood evaluation.

Mayor Sargent informed Council the methods to fill the council vacancy would be for the Council to appoint someone to fill the position until the next city election is certified or to have a special election. He recommended a notice be posted stating anyone interested in the position should submit a letter of interest to City Hall by noon on June 14<sup>th</sup> to be distributed to the Council and the appointment would be made at the meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Council member Dillinger to fill the council vacancy by appointment following the procedure outlined, seconded by Council member Ratliff.

AYES: Dillinger, Ratliff

NAYS: Isom. Motion carried.

City Clerk/Administrator Miller will publish a Notice of Intent and also post the Notice requesting interested persons to submit a letter prior to noon June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Council member Dillinger to approve the proposal from HGM to do the bridge inspection, seconded by Council member Ratliff. Motion carried on a 3-0 vote.

City Clerk/Administrator Miller reminded Council of the DOT Commission meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. at the Mid America Center and also the presentation to the Chamber, Missouri Valley Development Board & Rand Board on Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

Jim Olmsted gave an update on the caboose project. The lot has been surveyed and he will have a report and grading plan for the contractor within 2 – 3 weeks.

Moved to adjourn by Council member Dillinger, seconded by Council member Isom. Motion carried on a 3-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Clint Sargent, Mayor

Attest:  
Rita Miller  
City Clerk/Administrator