

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
RAND CENTER
JUNE 6, 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: Tiffey, Gunderson, Struble, Thompson. Council member Johnson was absent. Also present were CC/A Miller and visitors: Dale Anderson, Richard Kube, Terri Kube, Troy Davis, Brad Westercamp, Dave Scott, Scott Knauss, Rodger Knauss, Marilyn Keizer, Donald Rodasky, Shawn Kelly, Minnie Fisher, Jaime Bade, Sally Salter, Bruce Kocher.

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 4-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Struble to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council member Tiffey. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

A citizen asked about follow-up on his noise complaint about the school ballfield. Mayor Sargent responded he had spoken with the Superintendent and they are reviewing the situation and making adjustments where they can. Any additional concerns should be directed to the Superintendent.

Library Director Kocher gave an update on their activities. He highlighted their new Trivia Night at the Loess Moose. This collaboration is part of Tier 3 accreditation.

A citizen stated he had seen city vehicles cross the S. Harrison Street railroad crossing, which is a private crossing. This will be looked into when he provides information of which vehicles and when it occurred. The citizen also had complaints that vehicles parked along S. Harrison Street stuck out into the roadway blocking traffic.

Sally Salter updated the Council on the progress of the dog park. Valley Arms and Papa Joe's has offered to sponsor a raffle as a benefit for the park and she asked for Council's approval, which was granted. The fencing layout will be staked next week, they will have a float in the parade and a booth at the Fair.

It was asked if the water lines would be replaced with the 5th Street construction project with the response that the water main is part of the project.

The resident at 111 N 1st Street stated his opposition to the proposed re-zoning of his property.

Fire Chief Kelly presented bids from Zoll Medical Corporation and Physio-Control, Inc for replacing the AEDs in the two ambulances. One would be invoiced for FY17 and one for FY18. Following discussion, moved by Council member Struble to accept the proposal from Zoll's, seconded by Council member Tiffey. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Council considered the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Board on re-zoning the East 75' of Lot 1, Lot 2 and the N ½ of Lot 3, Blk 26, Blairs Addition. Board member Minnie Fisher explained the Board's position and the Church's pastor explained the reasoning behind their request. Following discussion, moved by Council member Struble to set a public hearing for June 20th at 6:00 p.m. with the intent to re-zone the East 75' of Lot 1, Lot 2 and all of Lot 3, in Blk 26 to BGC to extend the zone the full length of the block, seconded by Council member Tiffey. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

In follow-up to the previous meeting, Council discussed adding a transport fee to be charged when a dog is picked up and delivered to the Harrison County Humane Society to cover the costs for the time of the officer, mileage and vehicle expense. This would be in addition to the pick-up fee/fine for allowing the animal to run at large and the licensing fees. Moved by Council member Tiffey to approve Resolution 17-15, "Resolution Setting The Costs Of Animal Impoundment", setting the transport fee at \$50, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 3-1 vote with Thompson voting nay.

Moved by Council member Tiffey to approve the 28E Agreement with Harrison County Humane Society (HCHS) contingent upon HCHS won't release a dog until the owner provides a receipt from the City showing all fees due to the City have been paid, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Council discussed the flags for Erie Street. Council member Struble reported the Lions Club had said they would put the flags up for July 4th and then make the decision whether to take on the project permanently. Discussion continued on purchasing poles with consensus to authorize Gunderson to purchase 25 14' poles for \$200. Gunderson informed Council he had access to a scissor-lift and a boom truck to put the flags on the light poles instead.

Moved by Council member Thompson that the Lions Club put up the flags in front of the businesses that have existing holes in the sidewalk for the poles, seconded by Council member Gunderson. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote. Discussion continued on whether to put the flags on poles in the sidewalk or on light poles. Consensus was poles in the sidewalk and that the flags would be flown the week of July 4th – Saturday through the following Saturday or Sunday.

Moved by Council member Struble to sponsor the Harrison County Fair at the \$250 level, seconded by Council member Thompson. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Council considered what restrictions they wanted to put in place for the sale and/or use of fireworks in city limits. City Attorney Argotsinger was requested to draw up an ordinance for review at the next meeting.

Moved by Council member Struble to change the date of the first council meeting in July to July 5th due to the holiday, seconded by Council member Thompson. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Struble to reappoint Dennis Smith to the Planning & Zoning Board, seconded by Council member Tiffey. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Struble to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Brad Latto to the Board of Adjustment, seconded by Council member Tiffey. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Struble to go into Closed Session pursuant to I.C.21.5(1)(i), “To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual’s reputation”, seconded by Council member Thompson. Roll call.

AYES: Struble, Thompson, Tiffey, Gunderson
NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 7:38 p.m.

Meeting reconvened in open session at 9:52 p.m. with a motion from Council member Thompson, seconded by Council member Tiffey. Roll call.

AYES: Thompson, Tiffey, Gunderson, Struble
NAYS: None. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Upon motion made by Council member Thompson, seconded by Council member Tiffey, the City Council reprimanded Rita Miller for accepting gifts from a vendor that the City makes purchases from and set forth the following requirements: Rita Miller will provide proof of reimbursement for Keurig coffee maker and coffees; Rita Miller will bring to the Council within 60 days a recommendation for purchasing procedures; Council is asking for an audit of the Water Utility, to include but not limited to deposits, late fees and penalties. Rita Miller will arrange for an independent third party to perform the audit; Council is asking for an audit of the timecards for pool staff for the current year and past two years; to include but not limited to hours of minors working. Rita Miller will arrange for an independent third party to perform the audit; Rita Miller is to provide a plan for personal and staff development to improve the overall work environment. This will be completed in 30 days or by the first council meeting following 30 days of the receipt of notification; Council will review Rita Miller’s implementation and process of her personal and staff development plan to improve the overall work environment 30 days or by the first council meeting following her presentation of the plan to the Council; Council is requesting a camera monitoring system to be installed in the clerk’s office and common areas on the main floor of City Hall. This does not include the administrator’s office or conference room. The Mayor will arrange for bids to be completed and present them to the Council. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

CC/A Miller reported the County Assessor will be at the July 5th meeting to explain the county-wide appraisals. The data collectors may be in town prior to that.

Moved to adjourn by Council member Struble, seconded by Council member Thompson. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Clint Sargent, Mayor

Attest:
Rita Miller, City Clerk/Administrator

RESOLUTION 17-15

RESOLUTION SETTING THE COSTS OF ANIMAL IMPOUNDMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 55.15 of the Code of Ordinances of Missouri Valley, Iowa, the City shall set the costs of animal impoundment by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the per diem cost for food and care was set by Resolution17-06; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now wishes to set a transport fee for all dogs transported by City personnel to the Harrison County Humane Society Shelter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSOURI VALLEY, IOWA, that Resolution 17-06 be rescinded and this Resolution stand in its' place as follows:

1. The per diem cost for food and care of impounded dogs shall be \$7.00
2. The transport fee for all dogs transported by City personnel to the Harrison County Humane Society Shelter shall be \$ 50.00.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of June, 2017.

Clint Sargent, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rita Miller
City Clerk/Administrator