

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
RAND CENTER
JULY 16, 2013
5:30 P.M.

Mayor Sargent presided over the workshop and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following Council members present: Ratliff, Wentworth, Struble, Dillinger. Council member Isom arrived at 5:45 p.m. Also present was City Clerk/Administrator Miller.

Mayor Sargent identified the talking points for the Council's one-on-one conversations with people in the proposed annexation area. Discussion was held regarding sending a letter to the affected property owners notifying them someone will be contacting them to provide information and get their feelings on an annexation plan. Council discussed a timetable for providing water and sewer services to the area. Some Council members felt service should be provided to the new Fire Station site right away and it was discussed whether to run the whole line at the same time. Council discussed the difference in tax levy between property in city limits and outside city limits. It was determined that prior to meeting with affected property owners, the Council needs to set a schedule for when water and sewer services would be provided; the cost of the water and sewer lines; and how the utilities are going to be paid for. City Clerk/Administrator Miller was requested to contact the City Engineer to get cost estimates for water and sewer to the new Fire Station and also from that point to the remainder of the proposed annexed area for the August 20th meeting. She will also check for a contiguous route from city limits to the new station.

Moved by Council member Struble to close the workshop session, seconded by Council member Dillinger. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Sargent presided over the regular session and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Council members present: Ratliff, Wentworth, Struble, Dillinger, Isom. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Miller and visitors: John Riley, Dave Scott, Michele Stirtz, Brent Saron, Jeff Gute, Mark Mahoney and Chris Windschitl.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Council member Wentworth to approve the agenda as amended to delete items #12 & #13, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

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

Dave Scott presented a petition from area residents requesting 'no parking' on Park, Boston, Portland and Shawmutt Avenues from Huron Street north to the alley. Following discussion, moved by Council member Wentworth to put 'no parking here to corner' signs 30' back from the Huron Street intersection on the west side of Park, Boston, Portland and Shawmutt Avenues, seconded by Council member Dillinger.

AYES: Dillinger, Wentworth, Struble

NAYS: Isom, Ratliff. Motion carried.

An ordinance will be drafted for the next council meeting.

Dave Scott informed Council he had spoken with the adjacent property owners on S West Street and they would like to see the street improved, but were not in favor of paving it. Discussion was held on what the estimated assessment costs for the property owners would be. Moved by Council member Wentworth to table the matter, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Struble to approve the Fire Department's election of Johnnie Walker as Fire Chief (2-yr term), seconded by Council member Dillinger. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Struble to approve the revised Missouri Valley Fire Department handbook, seconded by Council member Wentworth. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Council considered the request by the Iowa Western Community College dance team to hold a car wash on 3rd Street by City Hall. Due to concerns about traffic congestion and emergency vehicles getting out, some Council members felt car washes would be more suited for parking lots rather than blocking streets. Moved by Council member Struble to approve the request for the car wash, seconded by Council member Ratliff.

AYES: Struble, Ratliff

NAYS: Dillinger, Isom, Wentworth. Motion failed.

City Clerk/Administrator Miller reported Tracy Thompson has a new emulsifying machine and he would like to test it on Shawmutt. He would do the first block double thickness and then have a demonstration of the process on the other 3 blocks. He will do this for free in exchange for us allowing him to use our street for his demonstration. Council was in agreement.

City Clerk/Administrator Miller asked Council's permission to pursue the use of Casey's fictitious female demo driver character in local promotions. Council was in agreement contingent on Casey's approval.

Council member Struble state there are quite a few vehicles parking on City right-of-way and across the sidewalks on N 1st Street. He asked that be looked into.

Moved to adjourn by Council member Struble, seconded by Council member Dillinger. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Clint Sargent, Mayor

Attest:

Rita Miller

City Clerk/Administrator