

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
RAND CENTER
JULY 19, 2016
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, Thompson, Johnson, Struble. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Miller, Street Supt Riesland and visitors: Kay Hinkel, Marissa Hernandez, Cynthia Unger, John Riley, Mary Jo Buckley, Emil Gearhart, Leonard Ratliff, Mickayla Harper, Kyrin Davis, Jenna King, Jesusa Christians, Thomas Buresh, Mike Kintner, Lindsey Barney, Cody Forristall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Council member Struble to approve the Agenda, seconded by Council member Tiffey. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Struble to approve the Consent Agenda with amended Claims list, seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Cindy Unger addressed the Council with concerns about parking on 8th Street and Linn Street due to traffic congestion in those areas. She would like to see no parking on the east side of 8th between St. Clair and Linn Street and no parking on the north side of Linn Street between 8th & 9th Street. Council will review the 8th Street area and bring recommendations to the next meeting. Consensus was to wait until after school starts to consider parking on one side only of Linn Street.

Marissa Hernandez asked Council's permission for herself and a friend, as community volunteers, to set up a table at the Caboose Park dedication to sell koozies. This would be a free-will donation with all proceeds going to the Splash Pad. Moved by Council member Thompson to approve her request, seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Pool Managers Mickayla Harper and Kyrin Davis presented ideas for a splash pad fundraising weekend tentatively planned for August 4th, 5th & 6th. This would include a Burger King night, a pancake feed with Loess Moose, a car wash, and pool day with all proceeds from the daily receipts going to the splash pad. They are considering a 'pie in the face' booth or selling popsicles at the Harrison County Fair and a spaghetti supper in the fall. Moved by Council member Thompson to approve the proposed fundraisers, seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote. Council requested they be given a listing of the events and dates and that the Park Board report back on the outcomes of the fundraisers.

Mike Kintner gave a presentation on Emerald Ash Borer. He explained the City's options and methods of treatment. Lindsey Barney explained the City had a tree inventory done in 2013 and she has recently done an analysis of the condition of the City ash trees. Based on that she has determined there are 110 ash trees on public property – 19 in excellent condition, 46 normal, 18 normal/poor and 25 that need to come down. Council was in agreement to look at options for treating trees in category 1 (excellent condition), Right-Of-Way trees in good condition (category 2) can be permitted for treatment by interested property owners but will be monitored for any deterioration. Categories 3 and 4 will be taken down as necessary or as budget permits. Lindsey

and Street Supt Riesland will set up a system to monitor the trees at least annually for signs of deterioration. Lindsey provided a list of trees that would be suitable for planting as replacements to the trees that will be taken down. Moved by Council member Thompson to get bids on removing 8 – 10 ash trees that have been determined to be infected and in extremely poor condition, seconded by Council member Tiffey. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote. City Clerk/Administrator was requested to draft amendments to the tree ordinance for review at the next meeting. Council will consider treatment options and decide how to proceed.

City Clerk/Administrator reported the Missouri Valley Community School District is anticipating turning Henry Nissen Field over to the City in October and it will revert back to green space. Council was in agreement that the Park Board be requested to talk with the Fair Board and bring back suggestions/recommendations for long-term use of the area.

Moved by Council member Thompson to approve the Base Protection Suite proposal from Harland Technology, seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

City Clerk/Administrator informed Council of the IDOT Commissioners Meeting in Sioux City on August 9th; and that the Hwy 30 Coalition will be doing conference calls on the second Thursday of each month. Anyone wishing to participate should meet in the City Hall conference room August 11th at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Sargent informed Council the Chamber is interested in meeting to discuss city beautification projects. He asked if two council members were interested in participating. Council members Johnson and Thompson volunteered. Mayor will set up a meeting.

Moved to adjourn by Council member Struble, seconded by Council member Thompson. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Clint Sargent, Mayor

Attest:
Rita Miller
City Clerk/Administrator