

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
RAND CENTER
JULY 21, 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: Struble, Thompson, Ratliff, Johnson. Council member Isom was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Miller, Building Inspector Tom Jarosz and visitors: Bill Cunard, John Riley, Roger Gunderson, Jesusa Christians, Annette Deakins, Bob Valentine, Gary Thune.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Following discussion, moved by Council member Ratliff to accept the donation of Lots 1-7, Blk 77 MVRICO Addition, Missouri Valley, from the Smith family, seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Thompson to approve the request to put a banner on the pool fence for the 2nd Annual Midwest Connection fundraiser to benefit Wings of Hope, seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Annette Deakins, Chamber of Commerce, requested a letter of support for their application to host RAGBRAI in 2016. Moved by Council member Johnson to provide a letter of support, seconded by Council member Thompson. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Bob Valentine, Gary Thune and Bill Cunard, Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Council about the electronic Welcome sign for the west edge of the City. It was the Chamber's intent, if the City was willing, that the City take ownership of the sign once it is constructed and they asked Council to take possession of the project so that donations can be tax deductible. The Chamber would put up the sign and do the fundraising. They asked that the City set aside funds in the next budget to augment the difference in funds raised and the project cost. The estimate cost of the project is \$56,000, with annual expenses of approximately \$1,000 - \$1,200 for electricity usage and insurance. The Chamber Director would maintain the information on the sign. A policy would be developed on what would be allowed. Moved by Council member Thompson that the electronic sign be adopted as a City project, with assistance from the Chamber, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Ratliff to approve mileage reimbursement request of Tom Jarosz, seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Council discussed running water and electricity to the caboose. Moved by Council member Thompson to table the item until a cost estimate is obtained on the water line, seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Council considered the request from the Missouri Valley Fire Association to have a ‘fill-the-helmet’ fundraiser July 31st, August 1st & 2nd. Moved by Council member Thompson to approve the request contingent on receiving an acceptable accounting of past fundraisers, seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

City Clerk/Administrator reported there is only adequate pool staffing thru August 18th due to kids headed back to college, sports practices, etc. She recommended the pool close on August 18th; the week of August 10 -14 it operate 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. and the August 15 – 18 normal operating hours. Moved by Council member Struble to approve that recommendation, seconded by Council member Ratliff. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Council member Johnson stated he had been asked about making 8th Street between St. Clair and Linn Street ‘parking one side only’ because of congestion in that area. Council requested Public Works Director Riesland and Chief Murray look at the situation and report back. He also had been asked whether a flashing light could be put on the folding stop sign at 8th & St. Clair because many people don’t notice when it’s open; and if anything could be done about how dark it was along that stretch of 8th Street.

City Clerk/Administrator reported several businesses have donated toward body cameras for the police officers and she had set aside a special account for those funds.

Moved by Council member Struble to adjourn, seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Clint Sargent, Mayor

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Attest:
Rita M. Miller
City Clerk/Administrator