

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
RAND CENTER
AUGUST 2, 2016
6:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro Tem Struble presided over the meeting and called it to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Council members present: Gunderson, Johnson, Thompson, Struble. Council member Tiffey and Mayor Sargent were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Miller, Chief Murray and visitors: Kay Hinkel, Dolores Ring, Jesusa Christians, John Riley, Leonard Ratliff, Bruce Kocher, Barbara Guinan, Rita Smith, Mary Jo Buckley, Dick Isom, Ada Isom.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Council member Johnson to approve the Agenda for August 2, 2016, seconded by Council member Thompson. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

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

Council was asked whether there is anything in the City Code restricting on-going garage sales, which a citizen feels is going on at 515 E Huron. City Clerk/Administrator Miller stated there is not but she will check whether anything under nuisance abatement would pertain to the situation. Council requested she draft an ordinance for the next meeting. Complaints were received about a crack and possible sink hole on N 9th Street, nuisance abatements and cleanliness of the restrooms at the park during the Fair. The complaints will be checked out.

Bruce Kocher gave a demonstration of the Amazon Echo 'Alexa' that is available for use at the Library.

Moved by Council member Thompson to approve the Park Board's request to use the parking west of City Hall and move picnic tables for the pancake feed on August 6th, seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Council considered the request for 'no parking' on one side of 8th Street between Linn and St. Clair. Consensus was to study the area further to determine which side of the street the parking should be allowed on.

City Clerk/Administrator Miller presented drafts of a tree permit and Emerald Ash Borer treatment permit for Council's review and action at the next meeting.

Council member Johnson stated he felt the City should be doing more toward abating nuisances, including updating or amending some ordinances to make them more enforceable.

City Clerk/Administrator Miller reminded council members about the IDOT Commissioners' meeting on August 9th, the Hwy 30 Conference Call on August 11th, and the Splash Pad fundraisers coming up.

Moved to adjourn by Council member Johnson, seconded by Council member Thompson.
Motion carried on a 4-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Sherman Struble, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:
Rita Miller
City Clerk/Administrator