

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
RAND CENTER  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2015  
6:00 P.M.

Mayor Sargent presided over the regular session and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Council members present: Johnson, Isom, Struble, Thompson, Ratliff. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Miller and visitors: Shawn Kelly, Jim Dozier, Jan Johnson, Kay Hinkel, Roger Gunderson, Ada Isom, Jack Peterson, Annette Deakins, John Riley, Caleb Wohlers, Minnie Fisher, Joanne Fisher, Kenneth Fisher, Lisa Hember, Kathy Zaiser, Kelly Sherer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Council member Struble to approve the Agenda for September 1, 2015, seconded by Council member Thompson. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

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

Inquiries were made with regard to the work on S 9<sup>th</sup> Street, tall weeds at E Erie and S 9<sup>th</sup> Street, and at a property on S 9<sup>th</sup>. City Clerk/Administrator will follow up.

Business owners expressed their concerns in regard to a request to change the zoning ordinance to allow residential apartments on the ground floor in the BCH Zone. They felt it would be detrimental to downtown businesses. Council member Thompson stated he and Council member Johnson had gone door-to-door to most of the businesses on Erie Street and the results were overwhelmingly against a change to the existing ordinance. There were no further inquiries and the Mayor opened discussion on the request to amend the zoning ordinance to allow apartments on the ground floor. It was noted this amendment would affect the entire district, not just one property. Following discussion, moved by Council member Struble to deny the request, seconded by Council member Thompson. Motion carried on a 4-1 vote with Council member Isom voting nay.

Fire Chief Kelly reported he and the City Clerk/Administrator had met to review the budget to determine what funds would be available to purchase a replacement for 43-124. City Clerk/Administrator gave an overview of projected revenues and expenses, and areas that could be cut back. It was noted that vehicle repairs would be reduced with the disposal of the Ford F-350 because much of that account was anticipated repairs to that vehicle and that defibrillators in the ambulances will not be needed until next FY. They were able to come up with funding within \$3,700 of the cost of the new vehicle. If billing revenues are higher than anticipated, that difference will be less. She suggested hotel/motel revenue could be used to fund the difference, if necessary, and then paid back upon receipt of billing revenues. Moved by Council member Thompson to approve the proposal for the purchase of a 2016 Chevrolet Suburban from Woodhouse Auto for \$42,683, seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried on a 4-1 vote with Council member Ratliff voting nay.

Motion by Council member Johnson to support the Fire Association's MDA Fill the Boot Fundraiser, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

The Fire Department requested 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Erie & Huron be closed October 10<sup>th</sup> for the Fire Safety open house and demonstrations. They will notify neighbors. Moved by Council member Thompson to approve the temporary street closure, seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Kay Hinkel gave a status report from the Caboose Committee. They have accepted a bid for painting the caboose from Albert Concepts. The bid came in within the budgeted amount. It includes an additional layer of paint and all paint & materials required beyond the yellow paint provided by the Committee. She is still working on getting the UPRR decals. City Clerk/Administrator has submitted a grant to bring the electrical service to the caboose lot.

Moved by Council member Isom to approve the Mayor's appointment of Brent Dillinger to the Library Board, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Struble to go into closed session pursuant to I.C.21.5(i) for an employee review, seconded by Council member Isom. Roll call.

AYES: Johnson, Isom, Struble, Thompson, Ratliff  
NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Council entered closed session at 6:37 p.m.

Moved by Council member Struble to reconvene open session, seconded by Council member Thompson. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote. Meeting returned to open session at 6:58 p.m.

Moved by Council member Struble to direct City Clerk/Administrator to execute actions on the personnel issue as discussed in executive session, seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Council member Thompson expressed concerns about the separation where asphalt meets the concrete in the parking along Hwy 30 adjacent to Loess Moose. Council acknowledged the situation and cited the problems in making repairs. Council requested the Public Works Director bring a recommendation for repair at the next council meeting.

City Clerk/Administrator reported she had received a letter from the IDOT in response to the City's request that a traffic review be done at the intersection of Hwy 30 and Willow Road. She also advised Council she had received a Notice of Termination on the water plant farm ground lease. Council directed she put it out for bid and that they do not want corn planted on that ground because of it being in town and also next to the water plant.

City Clerk/Administrator reminded Council of the Public Meeting being hosted by the US Army Corps of Engineers to gather public input on a Section 205 flood risk management feasibility study for Willow Creek and the Boyer River.

Moved by Council member Struble to adjourn, seconded by Council member Thompson. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Clint Sargent, Mayor

Attest:

Rita M. Miller

City Clerk/Administrator