

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
RAND CENTER
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017
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, Gunderson, Johnson, Tiffey, Thompson. Also present were CC/A Miller, Attorney Argotsinger and visitors: Wayne Miller, John Ratliff, Cindy Ratliff, Mary Jo Buckley, Beverly Winans, Raymond Winans, Eric Ford, Vonda Ford, Annette Deakins, Sally Salter, Leonard Ratliff, Connie McWilliams, Jan Johnson, Melba Struble, Walter Mason, Tom Jarosz, Caleb Wohlers, Bob Erixon, Zach Olinger, Randy McHugh.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Council member Struble to approve the agenda as amended to delete item #10, seconded by Council member Thompson. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Council member Thompson had questions regarding the Dog Waste Depot claim of \$799.96. CC/A Miller explained these are the doggie waste sites at the dog park. There are 4 stations and are covered by the donations that Sally Salters has gotten for the dog park.

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

Library Director Kocher shared the value of donations, the Summer Reading Program held at the library, Woodmen of the World donated a new flag, Mormon elders came in and helped with ancestry database, and outdoor security cameras have been installed.

Sally Salter gave an update on the dog park, the fence has been installed and being inspected, asking to apply for the Dean King Family Foundation Grant (benches, 2 more dog waste stations). Consensus of the Council is to go ahead and apply for the grant. They did not get the Pet Safe Grant that was applied for, however, can apply again next year for the maintenance part as there are three difference levels.

Leonard Ratliff had a question on the security system/cameras that were recently installed at City Hall. Can they be remotely accessed? Mayor Sargent responded that is a feature as well as we can add up to an additional 4 more cameras.

Caleb Wohler's was present to discuss Item #8: Jim Pitt – Fire Department response time. Mr. Pitt was not present at meeting so no discussion at this time.

Annette Deakins – Chamber Director, gave an update on Ragbrai 2018 as the packets have been received. Fair Board had decided to move the week of fair so this would affect Missouri Valley on July 20th & 21st. We are in the process of applying for this and are requesting a letter of support from the City. Moved by Council member Johnson to approve a letter of support, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Sargent addressed the Council on Agenda Item #11 – Authorize Mayor to sign agreement with HGM for Huron Street bridge inspection. Moved by Council member Struble to sign agreement with HGM, seconded by Council member Tiffey. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Sargent addressed the next item of Council to Appoint Grievance Board. Following discussion, Council member Thompson selected Bruce Kocher (Library Director) and Council member Gunderson selected Zach Olinger (Parks Supervisor). Moved by Council member Thompson seconded by Council member Gunderson. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Sargent addressed Item #13 Employee Review. This has been requested to be an open session. A motion made by Council member Thompson that we dismiss Rita Miller from the City Clerk/Administrator position effective immediately. Council member Tiffey seconded the motion. Mayor Sargent called for a brief recess.

Open Session - Open for discussion. Rita Miller asked for a reason why. Council member Thompson replied it is time for change in direction. Mayor Sargent notified the Council that if this motion goes thru the City will not be able to pay bills as it will not have two authorized signers as the Mayor and Clerk are signers so this will have to be dealt with. Mayor Sargent asked for other comments and there were none. Mayor asked for a roll call vote:

AYES: Struble, Johnson, Gunderson, Thompson, Tiffey

NAYS: None. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Sargent announced with the vote of 5-0, the attorney is ordered to make a letter of separation effective immediately. Council needs to appoint someone to take the minutes per Mayor Sargent. Council member Thompson replies he will take minutes. Mayor Sargent calls for a brief recess.

Regular Session back in session.

Mayor Sargent announced information was received from IDOT that they have requested a meeting with the Corp of Engineers here in MV that was originally scheduled for October 10th but had to be rescheduled for November 6th. Regarding the process, Mayor Sargent received from Scott Schram a meeting will be held on Friday with himself, Scott Schram and the Federal Department of Transportation and they will be looking at announcing their partnership to look at solutions for HWY 30 in MV. The work done in the last 10 years is making headway and we need to make sure we continue the progress. The DOT Commission meeting in Burlington on October 10th, we will still have a delegation attend the meeting.

Council member Tiffey inquired about the infrastructure fees. Mayor Sargent has requested this item be placed on an upcoming agenda.

Council member Struble inquired about the smoke tests in the sewer lines. There were several instances that they discovered were violations. Those individuals, depending on the severity of the violation, were notified by letter or in person.

Mayor Sargent announced the city did receive a violation notice in the last discharge from the lagoons. We are working on making sure the correct paperwork is completed and also working with PeopleService.

Mayor Sargent announced the smoke testing has been completed. One large area was found to drain directly into the sanitary sewer; the owner was notified and is being taken care of. Approximately 19 properties were found to have either broken lines, cross connections, and they will be receiving letters advising them of the violations. There are 6 manhole covers along E Erie that are vented type allowing storm water to enter into the system. Plastic inserts will be inserted to correct. The Library compressor – both compressors will have to be replaced - additional \$3,500.00 and the lowest bid is with Mumm Heating and A/C. There is a structural review of the water reservoir and if anyone is interested in reviewing please let Mayor Sargent know. There are repairs that will have to be made. The new street sweeper has arrived on August 20th. The road on 4th and 6th street entrances at the cemetery is completed. (Phase 1) The Contractor, Compass Utility, is scheduled to begin the water main and street pavement reconstruction on 5th Street from Huron Street to Michigan Street on Monday, September 11, 2017. The contractor will replace the water main in September and begin the street paving in October. The contractor anticipates the street replacement to take two months to complete. (Anticipating Phase I will be completed mid-November). During the water line replacements the street will remain open as much as possible. The contractors USG are mostly finished with the televising sewer lines in Willow Park for the II Study Inflow Inflowtration. A council meeting will be set for Thursday, September 7th.

Moved to adjourn by Council member Struble, seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Clint Sargent, Mayor

Attest:

Bob Thompson, Council Member