

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 23 APRIL 2018

18C-0153 – CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Renner called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers at 101 Green Street on 23 April 2018.

18C-0154 – ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following members were present: Bernstein, Fach, Hahn, Kieffer, Lincoln, Westemeier and Renner

18C-0155 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Mayor Renner announced a quorum of Board members present to conduct City business.

18C-0156– PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

18C-0157 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

GGMI Board - Lincoln reported that the Depot is coming along, and the flooring should be installed this week. The cleaning will be done next week.

18C-0158 – PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry Gronenthal, 6 Vermilion Lane, Hot Rod Catering – Gronenthal explained that he would like the City Council to change the Itinerant Merchant Ordinance within the municipal limits. Presently, he can only use his mobile kitchen according to a very narrowly defined set of criteria. He surveyed people in town, including a number of establishments, if they are in favor of a mobile hot dog stand. He displayed a petition where twenty-one people stated they like the idea. He requested to be on the next agenda.

Jean Dregne, 815 Shadow Bluff Drive – Dregne explained that Shadow Bluff Drive is in poor condition and the residents of the street request that it be repaved. She stated that they believe it makes sense to complete the paving this summer at the same time as the Gear Street project.

CONSENT AGENDA CA18-08

18C-0159 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2018

18C-0160 – APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 UTILITY BILL WRITE-OFFS

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve Consent Agenda, CA18-08.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Lincoln, Westemeier, Bernstein, Fach, Hahn, Kieffer, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

18C-0161 – WATER AND WASTEWATER OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT FROM AMERICAN WATER

Matt Trotter referred to his written report and stated that he is very happy with the process control for the water and the wastewater systems. He explained that he is obtaining good consistency with water quality from both operations. Trotter went on to say that his staff completed hydrant flushing, inspected the fire hydrants, and is developing a plan for painting, replacing and repairing hydrants. Obsolete hydrants will be abandoned.

Trotter reported on the water loss and explained that he provided Mark Moran and Andy Lewis a summary of his thoughts on addressing the issue.

He reported devoting considerable time to performing JULIE locates associated with the Gear Street project. There were over 90 locates in the last month—compared to a normal month of 30. He expects the locates to continue on Gear Street all summer, making it a very busy season.

He also reported that the jet machine is back in service after a major overhaul. The machine will be used to clean at the wastewater plant and jet sewer mains in some areas where problems have occurred in the past.

Alderman Fach asked if the reservoir on Horseshoe Mound or the towers ever have moss growing inside. Trotter stated that the good chlorine residual maintained in the water supply should prevent such growth.

18C-0162 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENTS

| # | ITEM | UNIT | QUANTITY | Louie's Trenching Service | | MNS Construction | |
|---|---|------|----------|---------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| | | | | UNIT COST \$ | AMOUNT \$ | UNIT COST \$ | AMOUNT \$ |
| 1 | Remove and replace fire hydrant. New hydrant and fittings supplied by city. Reinstate ground to original condition. | Each | 5 | 1840.00 | 9200.00 | 4400.00 | 22,000.00 |
| 2 | Remove and replace hydrant valve if required by city. New valve and fittings provided by city. | Each | 3 | 250.00 | 750.00 | 4400.00 | 13,200.00 |
| 3 | Install new hydrant valve if required by city. New valve and fittings provided by city. | Each | 2 | 350.00 | 700.00 | 4400.00 | 8800.00 |
| | TOTAL COST | | | | 10,650.00 | | 44,000.00 |

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Westemeier to approve the amount of \$10,650.00 by Louie's trenching Service for the removal and replacement of the hydrants and the removal and replacement of hydrant valves.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Bernstein, Fach, Kieffer, Lincoln, Westemeier, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Hahn

The motion carried.

18C-0163 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 OPERATING BUDGET

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Operating Budget with four clarifications.

Discussion:

Amended

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Kieffer, to make the following changes to the main motion:

1. Approve the changes listed in Addendum A on page 24 of the council packet. The changes will maintain a balanced budget.
2. Approve the following longevity stipend policy for non-union employees.

Longevity Stipend Policy:

Effective May 1, 2018, non-union employees shall be eligible for a Longevity Stipend every fifth year of employment with the City. The stipend shall be a payment equal to one-percent of the employee's annualized wage or salary for the fiscal year of each five-year anniversary. The Stipend shall be paid during the first payroll of the fiscal year and shall not be added to the base wage or salary.

3. Approve compensation changes for union employees in accordance with the union contracts: 2% increase for police union employees and no increase for public works union employees.
4. Approve a \$.75 per hour increase for non-union hourly employees and a 1.3% increase for non-union salaried employees.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Hahn, Kieffer, Lincoln, Westemeier, Bernstein, Fach, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

Amended

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Westemeier to delete the \$2,000.00 expenditure in the General Fund for TECDA.

Discussion: Fach stated that the TCEDA expense is for economic development. He explained that he believes the council has a responsibility to the community to make sure that the council offers competitive prices on water and sewer, and that the council offer a top-notch parks system. He explained that these items should be the focus of the City's economic development efforts and expenditures.

Roll Call: AYES: Westemeier, Bernstein, Fach, Hahn
NAYS: Kieffer, Lincoln, Renner

The motion carried.

Roll Call on the Main Motion as Amended:

AYES: Fach, Hahn, Kieffer, Lincoln, Westemeier, Bernstein, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

18C-0164 – WARRANTS

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the Warrants as presented, 18C-0164, with the addition of a payment to Earl Thompson Masonry in the amount of \$15,334.07 for contracted tuckpointing and maintenance to the Waterworks building.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Lincoln, Westemeier, Bernstein, Fach, Kieffer, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Hahn

The motion carried.

18C-0165 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Construction on Grace Episcopal Church - Bernstein received communication from a resident in her neighborhood concerned about the addition to Grace Church. She explained that a mine shaft was discovered while digging for the foundation. She requested a geotechnical engineer examine the situation.

Shadow Bluff Drive – Westemeier agreed with the residents of Shadow Bluff Drive, but he did not understand what they mean when the residents say it needs major repair. He asked if this means underground repair or just an overlay that usually would be added.

Shadow Bluff Drive – Fach stated that he appreciates the Shadow Bluff Drive people coming in. He explained that this is his ward and he will work toward getting something done as quickly as he can.

18C-0166 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Shadow Bluff Drive – In response to Westemeier's question, Moran explained that the damage to the surface and subsurface of the street could be repaired, but it would not be cost-effective in the opinion of the staff because the street is scheduled for complete overlay in three years.

Thank You - Moran commented that Utility Billing Clerk, Deb Price, continues to do a great job with collections. He stated that City bills over \$1.3 million dollars each year for water and sewer service and had only \$1200.00 in write-offs for the year.

Thank You – Moran thanked the City Council for suffering through the budget process and appreciated them passing the budget.

18C-0167 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Earth Day – Mayor Renner commented that it was a busy weekend and week with Earth Day activities, including the electric vehicle car show at City Hall and the Earth Day Fest.

Boy Scout weekend – The mayor stated that this coming weekend will be a busy as well.

18C-0168 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Westemeier to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES, Westemeier, Bernstein, Fach, Hahn, Kieffer, Lincoln, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Johnson
Recording Secretary