

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 04 APRIL 2016

16C-B008 – CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Terry Renner called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers at 101 Green Street on 04 April 2016.

16C-B009 – ROLL CALL

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

16C-B010 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

16C-B011 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

NEW BUSINESS

16C-B012 – REVIEW OF PROPOSED FY 2015-16 OPERATING BUDGET

Mark Moran, City Administrator, gave a brief overview of the areas left unresolved at the last meeting which included the following:

- TCEDA Donation (\$7,500)
- ARC Donation (\$20,000)
- History Museum Utilities Request (\$5,000)
- Radar Speed Control Sign (\$10,000)

Projects and purchased not funded

- Downtown Sidewalk Replacement (\$75,000)
- Sidewalk to Cobblestone (\$47,000)
- Employee Compensation

Moran reported the General Fund has a surplus of \$177,054 and 20 out of 23 funds are in compliance with fund balance requirements. Funding for these items would come out of the General Fund.

A question was raised if the Shuttle Fund money could be moved out. Moran advised staff is looking at the possibility of doing some work to the Commerce Street lot which would provide more parking. The cost would be approximately \$40,000. Washington Street would be combined with the lot to provide 12 additional stalls. .

Moran recommended attempting to maintain a balanced budget; however, stated if we needed to go into a deficit this would be the year to do it. He noted it wouldn't be irresponsible to go into a deficit budget.

Council discussed each item.

TCEDA – Council discussed and agreed to fund \$5,000 for TCEDA for economic development for the city.

ARC Funding – Council agreed to fund \$15,000 for the Galena ARC.

History Museum – Council agreed to fund \$5,000 for maintenance and electric for the museum.

Radar Speed Control Sign – Council discussed a radar speed control sign. A sign could be purchased on line for \$4,999. Elizabeth currently has one that was funded by the Dubuque Greyhound Park Racing Association. Hahn suggested looking into solar mounted post signs vs. the larger portable sign. He feels they would be more useful. Council agreed to fund \$5,000 for a solar speed sign with the recommendation that Chief Huntington look into a Dubuque Greyhound Park Racing Grant as well as investigate the sizes and portability of the signs.

Downtown Sidewalk Replacement – Council agreed to fund \$110,700 for downtown sidewalk replacement based on the repair plan presented.

Cobblestone Sidewalks – Council agreed to remove Cobblestone sidewalks and put the money toward downtown sidewalk repairs.

Employee Compensation – Council agreed to wait on discussions until the next meeting with the hopes we will get a firm handle on the Police negotiations.

16C-B013 – REVIEW OF BUDGET PROCESS SCHEDULE

The budget will be presented for approval at the April 25, 2016 meeting.

16C-B014 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Westemeier, to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk