

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 23 AUGUST 2021

21C-0331 – 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 August 2021.

21C-0332 – ROLL CALL

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

Absent: McCoy

21C-0333 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

21C-0334 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

21C-0335 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

No reports.

21C-0336 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA CA21-15

21C-0337 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2021

21C-0338 – ACCEPTANCE OF JUNE 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

21C-0338 – ACCEPTANCE OF CHANGE ORDER 36 FOR THE EAST SIDE UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

21C-0340 – APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY GROUPS MANAGING CITY PARKING LOTS DURING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY OF COUNTRY FAIR WEEKEND

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve Consent Agenda, CA21-15.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Kieffer, Westemeier, Wiene, Bernstein, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Hahn
ABSENT: McCoy

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

21C-0341 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY THE SHADOW BLUFF TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTING ON SHADOW BLUFF DRIVE

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the request by the Shadow Bluff Townhome Association for the installation of street lighting on Shadow Bluff Drive, 21C-0341.

Discussion: This will be added to the Capital Improvement Plan and will be budgeted for next year.

Roll Call: AYES: Kieffer, Westemeier, Wiene, Bernstein, Hahn, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSENT: McCoy

The motion carried.

21C-0342 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPEAL BY SUE AND MIKE SIMMONS OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS DENIAL FOR ALUMINUM SIDING ON 612 S. BENCH STREET

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the appeal by Sue and Mike Simmons of a Certificate of Appropriateness denial for the use of aluminum siding on 612 S. Bench Street.

Discussion: Westemeier advised the houses in the area have aluminum and steel siding. He didn't see a problem with them using aluminum siding. Kieffer agreed.

Bernstein stated she would like to see the Historic Preservation Commission be more specific in terms of what is allowed and isn't allowed. She feels when people don't have a clear understanding going in this is what happens.

Wiene stated there are other options out there such as smart board. The reason for not allowing the use of aluminum in this location is to preserve what we have. The Historic Preservation Commission follows the National Historic District guidelines. Wiene felt, given the location, it would be nice to keep what we have.

Roll Call: AYES: Westemeier, Bernstein, Hahn, Kieffer
NAYS: Wiene
ABSENT: McCoy

The motion carried.

21C-0343 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN THE CITY AND JO DAVIESS COUNTY TRANSIT

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve entering into an intergovernmental agreement for general public transportation between the City and Jo Daviess County Transit, 21C-0343.

Discussion: Council agreed this was a great deal for the city.

Roll Call: AYES: Westemeier, Wiene, Bernstein, Hahn, Kieffer, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSENT: McCoy

The motion carried.

21C-0344 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ISSUANCE OF A COMPREHENSIVE PARKING STUDY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Westemeier, to not enter into a Comprehensive Parking Study Request for Proposals at this time, 21C-0344.

Discussion: Hahn feels all studies have been extinguished until such time as we think we are going to build a ramp. He recommended exploring more possibilities of paid parking using a kiosk system.

Westemeier agreed adding that one option to look into when Main Street is opened back up, is making Commerce Street one way and adding diagonal parking along both sides of the street. Kieffer agreed.

Bernstein was in favor of looking into smart kiosks through the manufacturers. A small committee could be formed at that time to answer any questions.

Roll Call: AYES: Wienen, Bernstein, Hahn, Kieffer, Westemeier, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSENT: McCoy

The motion carried.

21C-0345 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR STREET PAVING

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve a contract for street paving with Helm Civil to pave the listed streets for the sum of \$248,663.00 adding an additional amount up to \$80,000 to pave additional streets since the cost was under budget.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Bernstein, Hahn, Kieffer, Westemeier, Wienen, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSENT: McCoy

The motion carried.

21C-0346 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON INSTALLING VIDEO CAMERAS IN THE DOWNTOWN AND OTHER PUBLIC SPACES

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve checking into the installation of video cameras in the downtown and other public spaces.

Discussion: Westemeier stated the cameras are long overdue. Wienen recommended cameras be added to the parks as well.

Bernstein would like to hear more specifics on what this is going to accomplish. Westemeier advised cameras will help with protection of public businesses and damage to public property. Cameras can be used to assist in solving police cases as well.

Hahn stated was in favor of looking into the installation of cameras. Information will be brought back to the council at a later date.

Roll Call: AYES: Hahn, Kieffer, Westemeier, Wienen, Bernstein, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSENT: McCoy

The motion carried.

21C-0347 – WARRANTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Wiene, to approve the Warrants as presented, 21C-0347.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Westemeier, Wiene, Bernstein, Kieffer, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Hahn
ABSENT: McCoy

The motion carried.

21C-0348 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Landfill – Wiene advised the landfill is getting pretty full and recommended doing a burn.

21C-0349 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Audit – All field work is complete. A final report will be received in the next 3-4 weeks.

Thank you – Moran thanked Janelle Keefer and the Public Works crew for getting the pool open on time and staffed in these challenging circumstances. In the end, we lost almost no days. The community appreciates the resources the city has put into the facility and those resources makes Janelle's job much easier in keeping it running.

21C-0350 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Landfill – Mayor Renner advised the city will do a burn at the landfill in the winter when people have their windows closed.

Pool – Mayor Renner thanked the Public Works Department and Janelle for a good pool season. He advised the lattice works should be removed as there are bees behind it.

21C-0351 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Hahn, to recess to Executive Session to discuss the following:

- Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance, Section 2 (c) (1)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes, Section 2(c) (21)

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Westemeier, Wiene, Bernstein, Hahn, Kieffer, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSENT: McCoy

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 6:55 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

21C-0352 – ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer to adjourn.

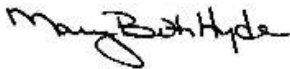
Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Hahn, Kieffer Westemeier, Wiene, Bernstein, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSENT: McCoy

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk