April 11, 2022

City Council Meeting Minutes

The April 11, 2022 Regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Steve Knepper. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Delaney, Kelchen, Oliphant, Hosch and Rausch answered roll call.

Motion Rausch, second Oliphant to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Mayor Knepper asked if anyone from the floor would like to address the council. Shirley Keyron McDermott asked about a tree that had been removed on property adjacent to the City pool. Sue Knepper spoke about possible ways to handle the future vacancies on the City Council. Terri Wollenberg also spoke about the process on filling a vacancy on the City Council.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council Minutes 3/28/22, Park Board Minutes 4/4/22, March 2022 Reports, Fund Balances and revenue by fund as follows: Gen $57,252.35, Spec Rev 119,856.93, Debt Svc 2,871.55, Water & Sewer 99,903.58, April Claims and Liquor License Renewal for Cascade Legion Post #528. Motion Oliphant, Second Delaney. Motion carried, all aye.

Library Board members Jacob Brindle and Monica Recker, along with Director Melissa Kane requested a special meeting with the City Council to go over the FEH Planning and Design Booklet and future plans for the library. A special joint meeting was set for Monday, April 18 at 5:00pm.

Resolution No 17-22 Approving the Buchanan Street Contract Documents. Clarification was made that change orders will be worked through in the field by staff and presented to the City Council as progress payment approvals are presented monthly. Motion Rausch, second Delaney. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Approve closing Pierce Street from 1st Avenue to 2nd Avenue, Saturday, May 14 from 9am to 8pm for the Chamber’s Wings and Brew event. Motion Rausch, second Oliphant. Motion carried, all aye.

Patrick Leitzen requested the City Council further discuss and consider an ordinance allowing backyard chickens. After discussion the City Council will gather more information and add this to a future agenda.

Resolution No 18-22 Annual Appointments. At the request of the City Council the Mayor agreed to amend his Committee Appointment list on the Personnel, Insurance and Finance and Building Permits. The Mayor Pro Tem appointment was removed from this resolution. Motion Rausch, second Kelchen to approve the amended Resolution #18-22. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Knepper recommended his appointment of Bill Hosch for Mayor Pro Tem. No action was taken due to a lack of a motion or second.

The Council discussed the installation of a fence above the retaining wall along the east side of the river. After discussion and the need for more information, Motion Delaney, second Oliphant to carry the fence installation issue forward to a future meeting. All aye.

The City Council will hold a workshop to discuss upcoming projects after the discussion with the Library Board on April 18 at 5:00 p.m..

General liability insurance changes in coverage were discussed. Motion Kelchen, second Rausch to add the following coverages: increase the general umbrella to $5M for $869, increase the WWTP and swimming pool pollution limits to $2M/$4M for $100 each, add the Loss of Benefits coverage for $446 and add the Land Use endorsement for $720. All aye.

Shirley Keyron McDermott presented an ordinance idea to limit the availability of funding programs such as TIF or Façade programs to only those who do not have any disputes with the City. Any person or business that has a dispute with the City would not be eligible to apply for such programs. The City Council took the idea under advisement.

Chief Heim stated he had nothing to report.

Interim Administrator Kotter stated that unless there was an objection that the entire City Council packet would be available on the City website. The Council supported that idea.

Motion Kelchen, second Hosch to adjourn the meeting at 7:45p.m. Motion carried.

Lisa A. Kotter, Interim City Administrator Steven Knepper, Mayor