

City Council Meeting December 8, 2015

Present: Mayor Rose Hanser, Councilpersons Greg Koczur, Lawretta Miller and John Williams
Absent: Councilperson Tom Jankowski
Also Present: City Judge Gail Beckham, Prosecuting Attorney Hanna Schantz, City Attorney Gary Ryder, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Police Chief Cory Hert, Building/Planning/Zoning Official Denise Sisson and Public Works Director Bryan Swan

Mayor Hanser called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk/Treasurer Richards called the Roll Call.

Consent Agenda:

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Miller had a question about the Fire Department's training awards. No public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 11/24/15 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 12/3/15

Departmental Reports:

Reports were given by Police Chief Hert, Building/Planning/Zoning Official Sisson, City Attorney Ryder, Public Works Director Swan and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards.

Public Comment:

City Judge Gail Beckham addressed the City Council regarding the City Court caseload, which has increased 43% over last year. Judge Beckham has submitted a letter expressing her interest in continuing to serve as City Judge. Judge Beckham also explained the presence of the computer in the Council Chambers/Courtroom.

Mayor Hanser opened the Public Hearing at 7:20 pm regarding the establishment of Water & Sewer Minimum Monthly Rates. No public comment received. Mayor Hanser closed the hearing at 7:21 pm.

There was no other comment from the public.

Unfinished Business:

Councilperson Miller moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-R21, establishing a minimum monthly water and sewer rate to be charged on accounts that are shut-off/not in use but have had active service since May 1, 2013. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilperson Miller asked if the City has ever considered giving a reduced rate to the larger users of the water system.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

New Business:

Councilperson Miller moved to approve renewing the prosecution services contract with Hanna Schantz as submitted. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mayor Hanser commented Attorney Schantz has had to deal with a couple of challenging situations this past year and was able to work through them successfully. She also works very well with the city's police department.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Miller moved to approve Engineering Task Order No. 20 Amendment #1 for the Willow Avenue Reconstruction Project. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilperson Koczur would like to have a meeting between the City Council, engineers and Public Works Director to go over the details of the Willow Avenue Reconstruction Project. The engineering estimate for the project is \$1.5-\$1.7 million for construction, not including engineering. Councilperson Williams asked why the construction engineering estimates are identified as 'cost-plus, not to exceed' instead of an hourly rate. Carl Jackson of Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson explained even though it is not expressly stated, they would be billing on an hourly basis. Councilperson Williams would like to delay action on this task order until after the first of the year when he takes office as Mayor. Councilperson Williams made a Summary Motion to table this item until after the first of the year and more discussions have occurred. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Williams clarified he is not being critical of the engineers or the project but would like more information and to be more comfortable with the project due to the cost of the project.

Councilperson Miller agreed with Councilperson Williams.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

The next regular meeting was rescheduled to Monday, December 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm per request of Councilperson Koczur.

Councilperson Williams will meet with Judge Beckham to discuss her re-appointment as City Judge since he will be making the appointment when he becomes Mayor.

Carl Jackson of Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson wanted to make the City Council aware of geotechnical soil boring that is scheduled for next week in preparation of the Willow Avenue Reconstruction. City Council had no objection to proceed with the boring. Mayor Hanser stated since the cost is expected to be under \$15,000 the city's purchasing policy will allow for this without City Council official action.

City Council went into Executive Session at 7:40 pm regarding the Reinlasoder litigation. City Council returned from Executive Session at 7:47 pm. No action was taken.

Adjournment:

Councilperson Koczur moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Hanser adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.