

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held May 2, 2016, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: Devin Renken, John Bisnette, Teri Cordill, Tonya Kuhn, and John Cary. Others in attendance: Terry Gradig, Bruce Berkley, Vickie Oviatt, Leon Kuhn, LaRae Cole, Mike Bristol, Ron Duran, John Lemon, Evan Joy.

Mayor Brush called the meeting to order and led in the flag salute.

Tonya moved, seconded by Devin, to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2016 meeting. Carried.

Leon and Tonya Kuhn approached the council with a request to vacate a portion of the alley behind their house at 404 Morgan Ave. They noted that this would hopefully keep people from driving across their yard and would also enable them to add a garden shed to the lot west of the alley. Following discussion, Devin moved to direct the city attorney to draft an ordinance vacating the alley from the north property line of 404 Morgan to the south property line, and retain city easements. John B. seconded the motion. Carried. Tonya abstained.

Officer Mike Bristol gave the law enforcement report for the period of April 1 – May 1, 2016. Terry asked about the number of tickets issued for semis on side streets. Mike will check on this. Council also discussed the progress of the abandoned vehicles and also enforcement of the STO Sec. 175.1 Compression Release Engine Braking System.

John Lemon, Code Enforcement Officer, reported on his response to a written complaint on mowing. He will do a drive around town to look things over later in the week.

City Attorney reported that Terry can put up signs regarding the engine braking prohibited. Terry will order five signs.

Bruce also presented an agreement between Bruce A. Berkley and Kelly M. Berkley. The Berkley's agree to donate, by Quit Claim deed, lots to be used as a roadway. Action was tabled.

Ron Duran, Animal Control, reported that he will begin sending notices for delinquent dog tags.

City Superintendent reported on the water treatment plant and the conference call that he and Doug Goetz, Wilson & Co., had with Calgon. Resin testing was one of the items suggested. Doug has prepared an amended agreement for engineering services. Council will review for the next meeting. Dates for the 2017 CDBG Water grant applications were reviewed.

Terry also reported that sewer lines were jetted in the south east part of town as well as the nursing home line. They are getting the swimming pool ready for opening day. They will be tearing out the sidewalk on the west side of Morgan Ave north of the railroad tracks. More lead and copper samples have been submitted for sampling.

Mayor Brush reported on communication she had with Sheri Naasz, Cushing Insurance Agency, regarding city insurance.

City Clerk reported that the audit was completed April 29<sup>th</sup>. Bruce said that he had a discussion with the auditor concerning a way to track the city sales tax ordinance.

Mayor Brush presented her appointments for the coming year. John C. moved, seconded by Teri, to approve the mayor's appointments of committees and officers. Carried.

Teri moved, seconded by Tonya, that John C. continue as council president. Carried. John C. abstained.

Tonya moved, seconded by John B., to approve a special event CMB license for the Downs Chamber. Carried.

John B. moved, seconded by Devin, to approve builders license #16-45 for Terwey Construction. Carried.

Tonya moved to approve building permit #16-05. Devin seconded the motion. Carried.

Devin moved to approve the animal permit for Jessica Reinert. John B. seconded the motion. Carried.

Bruce discussed overnight parking on city property. John B. moved, seconded by Devin, to allow free overnight parking at Roadside Park not to exceed three days and put up signage. Carried.

Devin reported that Nadine Sigle will meet with the First Impressions committee on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the city office. The committee consists of Devin Renken, John Bisnette, and Evan Joy.

John B. reported that Central Office Supply has left a couple of office chairs on a trial basis.

Teri presented a sample of a product called Dri-Dek for possible use on areas at the pool.

Mayor Brush had been contacted April 21st with a request to refund memorial hall rent for a postponed wedding reception, May 13-May 15. The contract reads that, if the lease agreement is canceled by the lessee at least 30 prior to the rental date, the rent will be refunded. Following discussion, Devin moved to refund \$600.00 rent to the Memorial Hall renter of May 13. Tonya seconded. Carried.

A thank you note was received from the Lakeside High School After Prom Committee and students.

Vouchers and payrolls were reviewed. Devin moved, seconded by Tonya, to approve the vouchers and payrolls as presented. Carried.

At 7:06 p.m., Teri moved to adjourn the meeting. Devin seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

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Jennifer Brush, Mayor

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Vickie Oviatt, Clerk