
**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL, 701 WASHINGTON ST.**

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

4:00 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on October 21, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Hasch, Snavelly, Lambertz, and Wentz.

Absent: Commissioner Matthew.

Other Officers: City Manager Amy Lange, City Clerk Stacey Smith, Finance Director Farha, City Attorney Justin Ferrell.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Pro-Tem Lambertz called the meeting to order.

The meeting was adjourned to the animal shelter and wastewater treatment plant to tour the improvements.

The meeting reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

Visitors: Toby Nosker, Jim Lowell, Ashley Hutchinson, Regina Belden, Creighton Remus. Staff present: Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Ric Fredrickson, Police Chief; Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Chris Atkins, Recreation Director.

There was no invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amy Lange added a discussion item on eminent domain for 326 W. 6th St., and a tower lease agreement for Nex-Tech for approval.

Commissioner Snavelly moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION AGENDA *(Items Deserving of Brief Discussion, Action may be taken)*

Resolution 2020-2110 Eminent Domain – 326 W. 6th St.

There was presented to the City Commission a Resolution starting the eminent domain process for 326 W. 6th St.

Justin Ferrell said the City has been attempting to acquire the 326 W. 6th St. property for several years. The house would be torn down, as well as the house the City owns to the west, with the creation of a parking lot directly west of the Brown Grand Theatre using remaining TIF funds. After making a verbal commitment with the city manager, the owner has demanded more money, much more than the property is worth. Communications with the owner have broken down. As the project will be for public purpose, the city attorney stated that eminent domain would be the next step, and he explained the process.

Mr. Ferrell said the City would not be bound by the original dollar amount, but would pay appraised value. There will be fees to proceed with eminent domain. If the commissioners wished at any time to stop the process, it could be done.

Thereupon, on motion of Commissioner Snavelly, seconded by Commissioner Hasch, the Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Yea: Commissioners Hasch, Lambertz, Snavelly, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2020-2110 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

ACTION AGENDA *(Action Expected)*

Minutes of October 7, 2020 Meeting

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the minutes of October 7, 2020. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

Appropriation Ordinance #19

Commissioner Snavelly moved to approve appropriation ordinance #19. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-2111 Employee Handbook Changes

There was presented to the City Commission a Resolution adopting the latest employee handbook changes.

Thereupon, on motion of Commissioner Hasch, seconded by Commissioner Snavelly, the Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Yea: Commissioners Hasch, Lambertz, Snavelly, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2020-2111 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

Addendum 3 to the Nex-Tech Water Tower Lease Agreement

Creighton Remus of Nex-Tech explained that with the upcoming painting on the east water tower, considerable cost was going to be expected of Nex-Tech, during the removal and replacement of the cell equipment. Nex-Tech has asked for a reduced lease payment to help offset the costs. Eliminating a lease payment for 48 months of \$750.00 a month would cover about half the costs associated with the updates.

Commissioner Snavelly moved to approve the Addendum 3 to the Nex-Tech Water Tower Lease Agreement. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Manager's Report

Amy Lange said she received a thank you from the chamber for the donation of the commission room tables. She said the next project with SPARK funds would be the police department lobby.

Staff Reports

Ric Fredrickson said the police department would be holding the drug take-back program at Wal-Mart this weekend.

Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports

Commissioner Lambertz said he appreciated staff and the passion for the jobs.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, at 6:03 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn to a study session to discuss the animal control ordinance.



/s/ Stacey Smith
City Clerk