

Minutes of the Public Hearing & Regular City Council Meeting

Evangelical Church – Fellowship Hall

April 5, 2021

Mayor Karlin opened the Public Hearing regarding the 2020 City/County Subdivision Regulations at 7:00PM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Rockeman gave the Invocation.

Others Attending are:

Council: Dan Thomasson, Justin Ferguson, Ken Rockeman, Leonard Woehler was absent.

City Attorney: Jim Lippert

City Staff: Nadine Stosich, Clerk/Treasurer, Kris Novotny, Public Works Director

City/County Staff: Josh Whaley, Deputy

Public: Barbara Selk, Linda Brunckhurst, Charli Smith, Mike Shirley, Angela Selby, Lana King, Crystal Bennett, Tony Carroccia, AJ Lorenzen, Christine Bakke

Press: Griffin Hansen

Jim Lippert reported that after reviewing our ordinances there is reference to the fact that the current City/County Subdivision Regulations will be on file with the City Clerk and be made available to anyone who wishes to review it. In his opinion, there is no need for a new ordinance, the Council just needs to approve the new regulations and ask the City Clerk to keep a copy on file for anyone who wishes to review it.

AJ Lorenzen asked for a quick overview of the new Subdivision Regulations and was told that the regulations just state what is required to create a new subdivision within our city limits.

Mayor Karlin closed the Public Hearing at 7:05PM.

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Councilman Rockeman moved to approve the minutes of the 3/15/2021 Regular City Council Meeting, seconded by Councilman Thomasson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Deputy Josh Whaley reported that all the numbers went up in March. There were 276 complaints, 23 cases and 43 offenses. Cases requiring additional man hours, as compared to routine complaints, are 59% within the city limits for the year to date. 7 cases involving juveniles started during the month of March. This does not include traffic violations or incidents not requiring that a case be started.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Karlin asked for a report of the tree issue on the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Bramble Street. Jim Lippert reported that the City Ordinances indicate that the City has jurisdiction to require removal of hazardous trees and bushes within the City Boulevard or rights of way. It is unclear to him as to whether the City could order that tree to be removed at this time. It was decided that Jim would write a letter to the land owner and request the removal of the tree.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Public Works Director, Kris Novotny reported that things are getting busier. Some street patching has been done with the more expensive mix. He is planning to start the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. project from McLeod to Hooper street next week. There have been complaints of someone using a metal detector and digging small divots in the grass at Lions Club Park. It is the opinion of the Public Works Director and the Sheriff's office that this gentleman is not causing problems and his actions are okay.

Kris Novotny asked the Council to approve a West 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue sewer extension. There are people interested in developing lots at the end of 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. It has already been annexed into the City and Kris believes it is the City's responsibility to provide services to those lots. Councilman Ferguson moved to approve the West 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue sewer extension, seconded by Councilman Thomasson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Kris Novotny wanted the Council to think about a West Railroad Avenue water extension. The cost would be close to \$160,000. He wasn't asking for approval at this time but wanted the Council to know that it will be coming.

Kris Novotny asked the Council to approve a Temporary Public Works Assistant. He would like someone that has a CDL. Kris will be able to keep this employee busy for most of the summer. Councilman Rockeman moved to allow Public Works to advertise for a temporary employee, seconded by Councilman Thomasson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the council present.

Kris Novotny, representing The Big Timber Baseball and Softball Association, asked the Council to approve a temporary fence at Lions Club Park around the softball field. Councilman Thomasson moved to approve the Big Timber Baseball and Softball Association to put up a temporary fence with the condition that they remove it every evening, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Crystal Bennett from Great West Engineering attended the meeting to bring the city good news. There is lots of federal money available through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 that can be used for water/sewer projects. The Council will need to decide what to do with this money. She recommended that we hold onto it until we receive further instruction on how it can be spent. Crystal also recommended that we go ahead with the SRF loan for the Phase 1 project to get our matching funds in place so that we can start construction as soon as possible. The Council would like Great West to go ahead with the SRF loan application for \$755,000.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve the 2020 City/County Subdivision Regulations, seconded by Councilman Rockeman. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Mr. Tony Carroccia has applied for a motorcycle dealership. His repair shop is located in the Manufactured and Industrial District. There are no definitions in the Zoning Ordinance that defines

dealers or dealerships. He is asking for a letter from the Council stating that this type of dealership is similar to one or more permitted uses and its operation is compatible with the uses permitted in the district as well. Councilman Thomasson moved to ask Lana King to write a letter of approval from the City Council to add ATV dealerships to the zoning, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

The Big Timber Chamber Of Commerce representative Christine Bakke asked the Council to approve April 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> as garbage pickup days. She would like approval to dump at the transfer site for free. Kris Novotny suggested that a roll-off dumpster be placed at the City Shop to be used during those clean-up days. Councilman Thomasson moved to approve the Chamber to dump in a roll off dumpster that we provide for them at the city yard from April 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, seconded by Councilman Rockeman. Motion carried by unanimous vote of Council present.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve the claims, payroll and overtime for March, seconded by Councilman Rockeman. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Councilman Rockeman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

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Rolland Karlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Nadine Stosich, Clerk/Treasurer