

KASSON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

6:00 PM

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular City Council meeting was held at City Hall on the 27th day of October, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Burton, Christensen, Egglar, Ferris and McKern

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE ABSENT: None

THE FOLLOWING WERE ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Timothy Ibisch, City Clerk Linda Rappe, City Engineer Brandon Theobald, Police Chief Josh Hanson, City Attorney Melanie Leth, Finance Director Nancy Zaworski, Dave Dubbels, and Chris Zeimer from ICS, Brian Todd, Rose Harris, Jerry Harris, Wayne Hendrickson, Don Hower and Everett Paulson

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

Move g.1 to before attorney report

Motion to Approve the Agenda as presented made by Councilperson Egglar, second by Councilperson Christensen with All Voting Aye

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from October 13, 2021

Claims processed after the October 13, 2021 regular meeting, as audited for payment in the amount of \$780,258.22

Committee/Commission/Board Minutes:

Fire Department Minutes

Byron Youth Football Gambling Permit for Pull Tabs at Events

Evaluations:

Kyle Wheeler Apprentice Line Worker Grade 12 Step 6, 36.54 to Grade 12 Step 7, 37.73

Eric Henderson Lead Journeyman Grade 13 Step 4, 36.66 to Grade 13 Step 5, 37.86

Energy Star Contract-2022

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented made by Councilperson Burton, second by Councilperson Ferris with All Voting Aye.

VISITORS TO THE COUNCIL

Lions Club – Lois Harris spoke on behalf of the Lion’s Club and thanked the Council for their support.

Tim Solomonson – HKGi – Park Concept – Administrator Ibisch stated that at the last meeting we had a concept of apartments in SW Kasson and this is a concept for parks in that area. Park Board and Planning Commission have seen these concepts and staff is looking for feedback on the concepts. Councilperson

Christensen stated that comments from the Parks Director was that there is a need for more ball fields, currently there is extensive use of the fields. There is not an actual timeframe for this, this is more long range planning. The roadway and parking lot are approximately 40-50% of the costs in Option A. Mayor Mckern stated that the City may be able to cost share or joint venture with the school and/or Mantorville to help fund this project.

Consensus is Option A with the possibility of mini golf and snow shoe/cross country ski trails. Mr. Solomonson stated that the next step would be layering some of the additional elements and think about phasing the projects in a logical order with cost analysis.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Care and Share will be sending a check for \$5000 for the Mental Health Initiative. \$2,500 is to be used for more Fire Department videos and the other half to go to the prepaid services at Fernbrooke.

PUBLIC FORUM

PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

ICS Emergency Services Concept – Mr. Ziemer went over the police station deficiencies. The back of the building needs some tuck pointing and the roof has a few leaks, some ventilation issues in evidence and gun cleaning areas. The structure is in fairly good shape. Chief Hanson stated the ration of officers should be 1.2 to 1.7 officers per 1000 residents, we have 9 current officers with another to be hired in 2022. The EMS committee meets next week. There are efficiencies in combining it with the Fire Station where there would not be duplications with kitchen, work out room and conference rooms. Mayor McKern stated that to stay within the goal of not raising taxes is to stay within the 6M range to make it so that we can pay as debt comes off. Finance Director Zaworski presented a debt schedule for the next 20 years. Zaworski also presented what the assumptions for the next few years would be for levy increases.

Service Territory Acquisition – Administrator Ibisch stated that the goal is to service the entire city by the city electric utility and right now that is not the case. We budget each year for buying electric service territory and staff feels lump sum payment is more prudent. Staff's recommendation is to move forward with this. The City has this money already set aside in the Electric Fund. **Motion to Approve The Purchase Of Service Territory made by Councilperson Egger, second by Councilperson Christensen with All Voting Aye.**

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator's Report – Administrator Ibisch went through his report.

EV implementation – this chart shows the number of electric vehicles by zip code.

Roof Corrections – this is part of the agreement we made with the Schwickerts program.

Updated Utility Sign-up sheets – this is a new form made by staff for signing up for Kasson utilities.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Watertower – most likely a request for bids will come to the next meeting.

Hwy 57 Reconstruction – All of the residents along the corridor have been sent right of entry forms and a public meeting for property owners will be Nov 4 at 9AM and 6PM at City Hall.

10th Ave NE - has been graded and paving this fall.

NW trail - is done and open, there is some restoration work to do.

PERSONNEL

ATTORNEY

Closed meeting 7:24PM

Closed Session w/Susan Hansen – Closed for Attorney/Client Privilege

Closed Session for Union Negotiations

Opened at 8:28PM

Outcome: The Council received an update on the legal issue with Reding from Attorney Susan Hanson, We have mediation on November 8.

The Outcome of the Union Negotiation Closed session: Mayor Mckern stated they updated the Council on the IBEW union negotiations. And the Personnel Committee has come to a tentative agreement with Police Officers – MNPEA. **Motion to Approve a Tentative Agreement with MNPEA Essential Employees made by Councilperson Egler, second by Councilperson Ferris with All Voting Aye.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was reviewed

Mayor McKern reminded everyone that the Council will meet at 5:00PM for a work session before the November 10 City Council Meeting and the second meeting in November is cancelled.

ADJOURN 8:30PM Motion to Adjourn made by Councilperson Burton, second by Councilperson Egler with all Voting Aye to Adjourn.

ATTEST:

Linda Rappe, City Clerk

Chris McKern, Mayor