

**PROCEEDINGS
OF
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020, 7:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; ROLL CALL.**

The Special Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor DeVore and Deputy City Clerk Amy Brown called roll.

Present: Councilmembers Chambers, Salzwedel, Yankovich and Mayor DeVore.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Michael Burns, Deputy City Clerk Amy Brown and Police Chief Chris Hurst.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.**

IT WAS MOVED BY CHAMBERS and seconded by YANKOVICH to approve the agenda as written.

YES: Mayor DeVore, Councilmember Salzwedel, Councilmember Yankovich, Councilmember Chambers.

NO: None. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED.

3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

None.

4. **SHOWBOAT BUDGET AND EXPECTATIONS OF MANAGEMENT OF SHOWBOAT.**

City Manager Michael Burns reviewed the Showboat Budget, and pointed out the amounts that have been approved, the amount that is outstanding for each of the contractors and then the amount that has been paid.

Burns went on to read his memo into record regarding the Chamber of Commerce's request on how the City wants to proceed with the Showboat Operations. He believes it is time for the Showboat to be placed in a separate non-profit LLC. The City will not own the boat nor be responsible for its management. His research has lead him to believe the Chamber of Commerce is best to manage this and they provide more flexibility to be successful than he believes the City may.

Burns believes the best possible scenario for the Showboat, is separation from the City's ownership to where it can be successful, and will allow for more flexibility. Furthermore, the Downtown Development Authority may only be responsible for public improvements and

cannot provide financial support to operations. In the future, there may be opportunities to assist when they are not committed with other issues.

The Showboat Committee and Chamber Board was also present and explained their research with comparisons such as John Ball Park Zoo and other similar entities. They also considered marketing, business, housekeeping, security etc. Concerns were also noted and questions raised of what the City would like to do.

The Councilmembers each voiced their concerns and provided comments.

It was noted the Showboat item will stay on the Council agenda in order to receive further discussion.

5. **COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

Councilmember Chambers stated Red Barn Antiques is selling photo prints of the new boat taken by Bruce Doll. All proceeds will go towards the Showboat.

Councilmember Yankovich thanked everyone for attending this meeting.

Mayor DeVore was at New Union Brewery where they have a replica of the last showboat that his Dad built in a case.

6. **ADJOURNMENT.**

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

DATE:

APPROVED:

Mike DeVore, Mayor

Susan Ullery, City Clerk