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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2020

Council Present: Mayor Lloyd Valentine, Councilor Mike Wagner, Councilor Troy Donohue, Councilor Jessica Ritchie, Councilor Mark Orr

Council Absent: None

Employees Present: Micki Valentine – City Recorder, Richard Berkey – Public Works, Brenda Harris – Librarian

Public Present: Barbara Orr, Sam Scott

Opened w/pledge: @ 6:30 pm by Mayor Lloyd Valentine

Additions to Agenda/Conflict of Interest/Ex-Parte/Bias: None declared

Presentations: None

Consent Agenda: The report provided is bills paid January 28th, 2020 – February 25th, 2020 and the minutes are from January 28th, 2020. *Mike motions to accept the consent agenda which includes the minutes and bills paid – Troy seconds – motion carried with all in favor – none opposed.*

Public Comment: None

Liaison Report: Sheriff's Report is read by Mayor Lloyd. Mike notes the extra hours this month. Jessica asks about a call where vehicle wasn't towed - Mike responds.

Correspondence: None

New Business

- Budget Preparation – Calendar – Goals – Micki wanted to review items for the budget. Street repair was discussed. Budget request forms have been distributed. Budget calendar is reviewed, and all seats are filled on the budget committee. Jessica asks about lights for welcome sign – discussion.
- Audit RFP Progress – RFP for audit was prepared with attorney's help. It was sent to 4 different firms and waiting for proposals.
- Mark Orr – Homeless Camping Ordinance – Mark asks if there are any rules about homeless camping – Micki said there is a sign at the park that states 'no camping'. She has included information from Salem's proposals. The City has put covers with locks over power outlets to discourage use. Council discusses adopting an ordinance that

addresses issue of blocking sidewalks and public areas (parks, library, city hall). Micki will send to our attorney.

- TMDL Annual Update – Micki met with the DEQ representative and included the report she submitted to DEQ. Troy asks about ditches and council discusses. City engineer checks on driveway approaches in the City.

Unfinished Business

- Sam Scott has a letter regarding 18th Street from his attorney and gives a copy to each councilor that they read. Mark asks if it involves the old office – Sam says the bank owns it. His daughter and kids live in the office. He is doing everything he can to obtain the property. The bank has been slow to respond. Micki got an update from the bank today that they are ready to move forward. The paperwork is being filed this week. Mark asks if Sam will have a legal right and Sam says once the papers are transferred into his name he will.
- Welcome Sign Update – Seth Philippi is waiting for approval from the Boy Scouts of America for the Eagle Scout project. So far, the expenses have been \$300 for engineered plans and \$270 for powder coating. Seth will be doing the footings and would like suggestions for the base..

Library Report

- Brenda says the library board did not meet this month and reads the report. Four new computers were installed. The four computers are enough (*to serve the patrons*). She reviews the attendance log. She is working on the summer reading program. Mark comments they get a lot of traffic between 11 and 2 on certain days.

Staff Report

- Public Works – Maintaining the properties.
- Cemetery – Maintaining. The cemetery maps are done just waiting to receive them from county.
- Parks – Micki emailed Brian Carroll (Linn Co. Parks & Rec.) about the beavers and he sent a reply with trapper names and phone numbers. A dead beaver was found on the west side of the ponds. If they are doing damage on private property, the owner can euthanize. Richard has finished the picnic tables.
- Library – None
- Streets – Micki has been keeping in touch with ODOT on the grant. The Birch St. sign was damaged and been reported to Linn County, but is hasn't been replaced. The population signs have been replaced.
- Office – One building permit for a shop and two mechanical/plumbing permits were applied for. The grocery store is still looking at Lyons. The flagpole project has been submitted for the grant and will be reviewed on the 18th. Micki attended the DEQ meeting. The computers have had a few problems and the phone is still having issues. Reminder for Councilors about the ethics email. The office will be open from 8am to 8p for the May election. For the November election - Mayor Lloyd Valentine, Councilor Mike Wagner and Councilor Mark Orr's positions will be up for election.
- Complaint List – Email from attorney is included about the 18th Street property. The bank will file pleadings with the court this week. Then the bank will be responsible for

the property. The bank may choose to sell the property and then pass responsibility for eviction and clean up to the purchaser. Mark asks about the trapper that Brian Carroll gave information about. He wonders why Linn County isn't paying. Troy said last time Brian was here he said Linn County was too broke to pay for it. Discussion

- Request for Quotes have been sent out for the 7th Street repair and Cemetery project.
- Financial Report – No questions.

Commissioners Report

- Cemetery – None
- Transportation & Parks – Troy says it's the same old issue of the beavers.
- Safety & Police – None
- Library – None
- Building Improvements – Mike says that ODOT came and put gravel in the sink hole by his property. ODOT also sucked out the drain and indicated they may lay some pavement this summer.

Councilor Requests/Future Agenda Requests/Announcements

- Mark would like any road work done to follow ODOT's rules.
- Jessica would like a time frame for 18th Street and Council discusses.

Next Meeting – The next Council meeting is on March 24, 2020 at 6:30pm. *Mike motions to adjourn the meeting – motion carried with all in favor – none opposed.*

Adjourned @ 8:10 pm

Transcribed by Carol Hendricks, Assistant City Recorder
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