

Regular Council Meeting
April 19, 2016

Meeting called to order by Mayor David George.

Councilmembers present; Jeff Bohn, Bob Franke, Joe Horan, Dan Poppinga, Steve Smothers.

Agenda approved with no additions.

Horan made a motion, second by Franke to approve the minutes as written. Roll Call; Ayes; Bohn, Franke, Horan, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None.

Councilmember Smothers reported that a MACC meeting will be held this Thursday night.

Superintendent Kirchoff reported on completed work projects. They are beginning the work to prepare the pool for opening. Line stripping in the business district will be started in the next few weeks. Kirchoff was requested to look into the requirements for angle parking and making 16th ST. in front of the MACC a two way street.

A copy of the police activity report was distributed.

Clerk Thompson presented the monthly financial report. Report will be placed on file. The MACC quarterly report was previously sent to all council members.

Members of the Manson Playground Committee were present to update the city council on the status of the new playground equipment fundraisers and installation schedule. The public works department will be removing some of the old equipment to make room for new equipment. Plans are to have the new equipment installed before the Crater Days activities.

Tristan Novak was present to discuss the downtown business district lots that the city owns. Novak informed the city council of his business endeavors and plans for the building adjacent to these lots.

Smothers made a motion, second by Bohn to approve of dust applications for the east and west ends of 12th Ave. Roll Call; Ayes; Bohn, Franke, Horan, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None.

Thelma McGough, community economic development coordinator, was present to discuss projects she has been working on. The baseball field improvements have been completed. New bases will be ordered to complete the project. McGough continues working on getting cost estimates for the electronic sign. The city received a Calhoun Co. Community Foundation grant to assist with the cost of sign. McGough will work on obtaining permission to install signs possibly on private property at the end of Main Street. McGough has been working with the MACC board on the multi-purpose room flooring replacement and with the Golden Eagles on a possible move to the MACC as the congregate meal site. Crater Days activity plans are being made.

Discussion was held on a proposed can redemption site that the city council has been working on establishing. Location would be in the area in front of the laundromat and up to four units would be available to rent for local legal non-profit organizations to collect cans. Bohn made a motion, second by Horan to purchase material for four units and to approve the application and policy for rental of units. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Franke, Horan, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None.

Poppinga made a motion, second by Horan to approve of Jeff Kirchoff and Dean Woltman attend the CEU training for renewal of their pool operator certification at Fort Dodge on June 20 at a cost of \$135 each. Roll Call; Ayes; Bohn, Franke, Horan, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None.

All property owners on the south side of 15th Ave. from Main Street to 15th St. have been contacted in reference to the installation of a new sidewalk. Plans are to proceed with installation as soon as contractor is available.

Horan made a motion, second by Franke to hire the following staff for the aquatic center: Justin Moody- Asst. manager \$8.75 per hour, Lifeguards - Emma Simpson – \$7.25 per hour, Morgan Estergaard - \$7.25 per hour, Chance Rice - \$7.25 per hour, Savannah Shultz – \$7.25 per hour, Becca Ellefson - \$7.00 per hour, and the following lifeguards all at \$6.75 per hour pending lifeguard certification Dawson Estergaard, Sammi Kraft, Devon Kirchoff, Melissa Byrne, Elizabeth Stange, Alex Vetter, Derek Girard, and Brandon King. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Franke, Horan, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None. Trudi Francis also has agreed to assist with swimming lessons.

The budget amendment hearing has been set for Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00 PM.

The tree inventory completed by the Department of Natural Resources has been further reviewed. Eighteen trees on city parking or property have been identified that are in need of being removed due to condition. Superintendent Kirchoff will be looking at trees to determine if public works department are able to remove. Owners of adjacent property will be contacted informing them trees will be removed.

Councilmember Franke reported on receiving a request from Dean Hoag in reference to a lot he has for sale in the Braginton Addition. The city council has no interest in purchasing lot at this time.

Superintendent Kirchoff will also be looking into what would be necessary to replace the street light pedestal on the Manson State Bank corner.

Horan made a motion, second by Bohn to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Franke, Horan, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None.

David George, Mayor

Attest; Becky Thompson