

CITY OF EVART
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

Present: Sherman, Keysor, Foster, Carlson, Elliott

Heather Pattee, City Clerk. Sarah Dvoracek, City Treasurer. Zackary Szakacs, City Manager.

Absent: None.

Guest: John Tanner, Larry Lauman, Patrick Muczynski, Sarah Parsons, Shila Kiander, Dave Johnson, Rick Machleit, Jim White, Mark Wilson, Rosie McKinstry, Al Weinberg.

Citizens Comments: Dave Johnson from Fleece and Vanderbrink asked for reconsideration on canceling our contract with them.

Amendments to the Agenda: 1.) Fleece and Vanderbrink under new business. 2.) Blight. 3.) City Hall Roof.

Motion moved by Keysor supported by Elliott to accept the agenda with the changes. Motion passed.

Motion moved by Foster supported by Keysor to approve the September 6, 2016 minutes. Motion passed.

LDFA: No report.

DDA: Al Weinberg reported that the summer concert series was finished, and donations were up. The building of the stage is complete. The DDA will be starting their goal session and will present them to Council.

Unfinished Business: 1.) Community Development Block Grant/ Rising Tide is to be left on agenda under unfinished business. 2.) Motion moved by Keysor supported by Foster to approve OHM as a consulting engineer. Motion does not carry.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Keysor, Foster

Nays: Carlson, Elliott, Sherman

Council recommends to open consulting engineer up for R.F.B. after the November elections.

3.) SAW Grant to be left on agenda under unfinished business.

New Business: 1.) Shila Kiander presented a power point presentation regarding the results of the audit she performed on the city's assessment records. Kiander's presentation summarized a 121 page report. The presentation explained the poor condition of the city's assessment records along with support documentation.

Motion moved by Foster supported by Keysor to have a city wide reappraisal in 2017 and contract Seth Lattimore for the physical field inspections of all parcels for a cost of \$22 for residential parcels and \$35 for commercial and industrial parcels and pay Sarah Dvoracek \$10 per parcel to reconcile each property for a total cost not to exceed \$26,000.00. Motion passed.

Council asked Jim White, City Attorney to research any legal recourse against the former Assessor.

2.) Motion moved by Sherman supported by Keysor to adopt the cemetery draft without the foundation language, adding moeleums, and changing the the fund on page #3 from general to special revenue or enterprise fund.

Motion passed. 3.) Motion moved by Elliott supported by Sherman in reconsideration of the motion to terminate Fleece and Vanderbrink contract. Motion passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Carlson, Elliott, Sherman

Nays: Foster, Keysor

Motion moved by Elliott supported by Sherman to continue the SAW Grant with Fleece and Vanderbrink as original contract that was signed. Motion not passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Carlson, Elliott

Nays: Sherman, Keysor, Foster

Motion moved by Keysor supported by Foster to move forward with OHM on the SAW Grant. Motion passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Sherman, Keysor, Foster

Nays: Elliott, Carlson

4.) Blight. Chief Beam stated that the blight issues will be dealt with. 5.) City Hall roof. Council asked John Tanner to give specs. On a new roof. Motion moved by Foster supported by Sherman to have City Manager Zackary Szakacs to put out an R.F.P. regarding a roof replacement. Motion passed.

Motion moved by Sherman supported by Carlson to accept the vendors list. Motion passed.

Treasurer/Assessor Report. 1.) This is the second week of the city audit. It is going well. They will be finished this week and will report to Council in November.

City Manager: 1.) Lab results of water show an increase in perchlorate. 2.) Project Rising Tide meetings. Will be focusing on a zoning rewrite, economic strategy, marketing plan, and housing strategies. 3.) COPS Grant. DOJ attorney want to have some discussion.

Police: No report.

Department of Public Works/Water: No report. Council member Foster asked Mark Wilson to look into MDOT Laws regarding the Neon sign at the Cyclone Carwash.

City Attorney: Working on Title and search work. Jim has been working on the Passport Grant. He has also been researching if the City owns City Hall or the DDA.

Citizens Comments: Rick Machleit stated his disappointment in not staying with Fleece and Vanderbrink, since we have a signed contract with them.

Motion moved by Keysor supported by Foster to adjourn at 8:43 pm. Motion passed.