

CITY OF CARLISLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 13, 2020; 6:30 P.M

Carlisle City Hall Council Chamber, 195 N. 1st St.

Elected Officials present were Mayor Drew Merrifield, Doug Hammerand, Ruth Randleman, Eric Goodhue, Dan McCulloch and Rob Van Ryswyk constituting a quorum. Also present were City Administrator Deven Markley, City Clerk Martha Becker, Police Chief Matt Koch, Library Director Stacy Goodhue and Carlisle Library Foundation President Marilynn Goodhue. Mayor Merrifield called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENTATIONS

Patrick Snell, External Affairs Coordinator at The Nature Conservancy and Jessica Maldonado, Public Affairs with PolicyWorks, 7745 Office Plaza Drive North Suite 170, Des Moines, IA gave a presentation to Council about a group solar program called Grow Solar. Snell and Maldonado explained to Council that the program is designed for homeowners and businesses to come together as a community to purchase and install solar at reduced prices. Council would need to pass a resolution in support of the program.

Aaron De Kock, Warren County Supervisor noted that although he was one of three on the board thinks that the County would be in support the program. Mayor Shaw, Mayor of Indianola, noted that his neighbor installed solar and will see a significant price reduction to his monthly energy bill. Dean Anderson, 120 East School Street, Carlisle Iowa noted that he had experience with solar panel manufacturing installation and is not in favor of the program as he doesn't think the cost savings is there.

CONSENT AGENDA & POSSIBLE ACTION

Motion by McCulloch, seconded by Randleman To APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT ITEMS.

- Approve City Council Minutes for Regular Council Minutes December 9, 2019
- Approve City Council Minutes for Regular Council Minutes December 23, 2019
- Approve City Council Minutes for Special Council Minutes December 26, 2019
- Receive and File City Administrator's Report
- Receive and File Police Department Monthly Report
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Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE, CHANGE ORDERS AND PAY REQUESTS

Goodhue made comment regarding the mowing invoice for the Randleman Ridge Townhome Association for property that is owned by the city behind Liberty Lane. It was explained that the association has had an outside source mow the property and the city reimburse the association. This has been an arrangement since 2013. Staff will investigate to see if there is a contract between the city and the homeowner's association and if the mowing can be done in house. Motion by McCulloch, seconded by Goodhue, to approve bills in the amount of \$122,859.97. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

OLD & NEW BUSINESS & POSSIBLE ACTION

Markley explained that the proposed resolution would set the city election for renovations to 100 N 1st Street and 195 North 1st Street. He also noted that he spoke with Polk County and due to the small amount of Carlisle citizens in Polk County they will cede all duties to Warren County. The Resolution outlines two propositions one of which is contingent on the other. Proposition A is a General Obligation Loan not to exceed \$1,850,000 for renovation of 100 N 1st Street and Proposition B is a General Obligation Loan not to exceed \$2,900,000 for renovation of 195 N 1st Street. Council would like the wording in Proposition A and Proposition B pertaining to the exceed amount to have a better verbal flow. Markley will note the requested change and pass on to Ahlers and Cooney for correction.

Motion by Randleman, seconded by Van Ryswyk to approve Resolution 2020011301, A RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL CITY ELECTION. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Markley reviewed the 7 in 7 Plan with Council and opened it up for discussion. Council voiced that there should be clarity with the public that other projects may arise during the next seven years that are not tied in with the 7 in 7 Plan. Council and Markley discussed the “how will we pay for these projects” (bullet point # 4 of handout) section of the plan which notes that the project in the plan will hold the current debt service levy stable through FY2026-2027. The discussion reflected back onto possible projects not listed in the 7 in 7 Plan that could arise and may affect the current debt levy. There was continued discussion regarding the wording in bullet point # 4 ending with no changes to the language. Shane Howard, 740 South 2nd Street, Carlisle Iowa spoke to Council expressing concerns on spending money on projects in the 7 in 7 Plan vs. setting funds aside for unforeseen projects that may arise. Marilyn Goodhue Carlisle Library Foundation President spoke to Council explaining that the library was built in 1981 and it was recognized at that time that there were space issues. She explained the need for more space for programs and projects that the library hosts. Markley touched briefly on the complexity of city budgets and possibly putting together a citizen’s academy for a better understanding of how budgets are put together. Council also noted that by utilizing existing buildings for the projects is saving money by not having to purchase property and build from scratch.

Motion by Goodhue, Seconded by Van Ryswyk to support the 7 in 7 Plan. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Drew Merrifield spoke to Council about putting cameras in the Council Chambers and making the meetings available for public that cannot attend. Council discussed not putting cameras in the current building as City Hall may be moving to a new building. It was also brought up that by having cameras in the chambers may inhibit those attending the meeting from speaking. There was discussion about having audio only vs. cameras as a first step towards putting in cameras. Staff will investigate if there is a timeline for keeping audio and video recordings of the meetings to ensure there would be enough data storage available. Aaron DeKock Warren County Supervisor and Mayor Shaw, Indianola Mayor noted that they record their meetings. Shaw explained the recorded for record keeping as well as to help with decorum. No action was taken and the item will be put on the next agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

City Administrator gave his report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor and Council gave their reports.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

None

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

January 18 - Budget Workshop #2 – 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

January 18 – Open Houses – CH/PD from 11:00 – Noon; Old GWB from Noon – 1:00 p.m.

January 22 – Condemnation Hearing – Bob & Deven Attending

January 23 – 1st Meet Carlisle Event - Library – Deven is speaker

January 25 – Mayor’s Coffee & Facility Open House – CH/PD from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

January 25 – Chamber Annual Dinner – Summerset Winery at 5:30 p.m.

January 28 – Open Houses – 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at both buildings

INFORMATION

None

Motion by Randleman, seconded by McCulloch to Adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Drew Merrifield, Mayor

Martha Becker, City Clerk

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