

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

AUGUST 8, 2016
203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Tom McCauley	Mayor	Karen Drown	Clerk
Michael Higbee	Council President	Regie Finney	Public Works Director
Pam McClain	Council Member	Scott Bybee	City Engineer
Kyle Hauser	Council Member	Michelle Olsen	Chamber of Commerce
Sue Gabardi	Council Member	Jim Schouten	Chamber Board President
Bill Nungester	City Attorney	Concerned Citizens	
Elizabeth Barker	Treasurer		

PUBLIC HEARING opened at 7:00 PM.

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

Scott Bybee presented an opening statement explaining the request to vacate Catalpa Street. He added this request had already had a public hearing in front of the Planning and Zoning Commission and they had passed it on to Council. After discussion tonight if the vacation was approved it would be sent to the County for their consideration. It was asked who had requested the vacation and Scott stated the property owners had made the request.

Mayor McCauley asked for testimony in support of the vacation. Teresa Holms who represents the property owner at 1540 East 4100 North, presented to Council a signed petition from the homeowners. She stated the easement decreases the property value for all the owners because of the possibility of a street being put down the middle of their properties.

Mayor McCauley asked for testimony against; there was none.

Mayor McCauley asked for testimony neutral; there was none.

Mayor McCauley closed the hearing at 7:08 PM.

REGULAR SESSION called to order at 7:09 PM.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ... Minutes of August 1, 2016: Pam McClain moved to approve the minutes; Sue Gabardi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Monthly Claims for Payment: Kyle Hauser moved to approve the monthly claims for payment; Pam McClain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Monthly Reports: Kyle Hauser moved to approve the monthly department head reports; Sue Gabardi seconded the motion. Michael asked if they were just voting on the one report that they received this time. Karen explained she had reminded department heads that she needs their monthly report by no later than the Wednesday prior to the first meeting. She added the reports not received this time would be in the packet for the working session in August. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Clerk/Treasurer Report: Michael Higbee moved to approve the clerk/treasurer report; Kyle Hauser seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Monthly Report: Scott reported to Council that it was official there had been 20 new residences so far this year. Planning and Zoning and Urban Renewal would both be meeting on August 17th.

Scott updated Council on the ICDBG project. The plans will be submitted to DEQ by next Friday. After the review the project will be put out to bid and completed this fall.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and Consideration of Catalpa Street: Michael moved to vacate Catalpa Street from Clear Lakes Road to Hatfield Lane. Pam seconded the motion. Scott explained there is no piping or infrastructure. There was discussion about a comment made regarding also looking at vacating E. Walnut Street and the most Eastern lane. He added that Catalpa would be the least critical of the streets out there. In regards to future vacations of streets in the area he stated it would have to be reviewed because he didn't want the city to shoot itself in the foot for the future of the area. He also corrected everyone that it was not an easement but in fact a deeded right-of-way for over 100 years. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Consideration of Chamber Trout Festival and Beer Garden: Michelle Olsen, Director of the Buhl Chamber of Commerce presented to Council the proposal for a Trout Festival and Beer Garden. With the event they would like to close Main Street from Broadway to 11th Ave. She stated the beer garden would be in the Senior Center parking lot and the back alley of that parking lot would be blocked off to secure the beer garden. The band would be setup near the front of the parking lot to allow both the beer garden and those in the street area to enjoy the music. She added there would be a kid's area in the Furniture Room parking lot. They are trying to do the BBQ competition and if approved they would need approval for the competitors to leave their trailers with overnight parking. The event would run from 1 PM to 10 PM so they would shut the streets down around noon. Michael moved to approve the Trout Festival with beer garden and close Main Street from Broadway to 11th Ave. Kyle seconded the motion. It was questioned if the Senior Center was ok with the beer garden in their parking lot. Michelle

stated that she had spoken with Lynette and they would go along if the city approved the event. Michelle stated she was going to talk with Papa Kelsey's and Vaquero restaurants and would like them to be a part of the festival. There was recommendation that notification be giving to all the businesses in that section. There was a discussion about insurance and Michelle explained all the Chamber events run under the Chamber insurance. Kyle asked about plans for clean-up. Michelle stated that those coming with food items will provide garbage cans and are being asked to bag it up and take it when they leave. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Request from Chamber to help with maintenance at Chamber Office: Jim Schouten, Buhl Chamber Board President, came before Council with a request for help with the mowing of the grass and weeding the Chamber grounds. He stated the Chamber has come on some hard times and was inquiring if the City could help. Jim added that currently the Chamber is spending about \$2000 annually on maintenance. There was a discussion if the City took over maintenance whether that would affect the grant that was received for the creation of the RV Park. Pam moved to participate in help with mowing and weeds on the Chamber grounds. Sue seconded the motion. Regie stated that at this time his budget for the next year was passed and there was no additional money at this time. There was an additional discussion about Chamber members helping with the maintenance. The discussion continued with Mayor McCauley questioning Elizabeth about the contingency money in the administration budget and if that could be used. She stated that council could choose to do that with some of that money but she didn't have a figure of what was in that line item. Council asked Jim about the Chamber fundraising efforts and he explained the golf tournament was down this year by 50% but Sagebrush Days was better than years past. There was a vote on the motion and it failed. Kyle moved to table this item until the August 22nd working session meeting. Michael seconded the item. There was no further discussion and the motion passed. Consensus of Council was to take a serious look at it.

COUNCIL CONCERNS – Karen asked Council members who would be attending the City pool party on Thursday, August 11th. Michael, Kyle and Pam would be attending; Sue and Mayor McCauley would not be attending.

Pam reminded Council she will be gone on August 22nd.

CITIZENS CONCERNS – None

MEETING ADJOURNED – Kyle Hauser moved that the meeting be adjourned; Pam McClain seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk