

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

JULY 10, 2017
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	Concerned Citizens	
Elizabeth Barker	Treasurer		

REGULAR SESSION called to order at 7:00 PM.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ... Minutes of June 26, 2017: Pam McClain moved to approve the minutes; Kyle Hauser 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: Pam McClain moved to approve the monthly department head reports; Michael Higbee seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Clerk/Treasurer Report: Pam McClain moved to approve the clerk/treasurer report; Michael Higbee seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Monthly Report: Scott explained they had very good bids come in for the URA/ICDBG project and he would go over those in details under that agenda item. He noted that because the numbers were so much lower than his estimates he called and checked with the contractor to confirm he was good with his numbers, which he was.

Scott also explained that there was a sewer line between 12th and 13th that has partially collapsed. The balance of the grant can be used to repair that line.

Project Area #1 is in McCollum and Project Area #2 would be water and sewer lines along Elm Street and out to the dorm building. Construction would begin in late August or early September because of the contractor's schedule.

Michael asked Scott about the special use permit of Oasis and the long term campers that stay there. He had been approached by a local business owner that has the residents using his restroom to shower and cleanup in the sink. Scott stated he would have to pull the permit and check the details.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of Cancer Benefit in Eastman Park: Kelly Strom presented to Council her proposed plan for a cancer benefit in Eastman Park for her good friend. It would be held September 9, 2017 from 2-7 pm. There would be a BBQ and raffle and they would also like to have a beer garden that would be hosted by Trout's Saloon. Michael asked her plan for security and checking ID's at the event. Kelly stated that Chrissie at Trout's was aware of all the requirements needed because they had done other events in the park. Kyle moved to approve the Cancer Benefit in Eastman Park with a beer garden. Pam seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Consideration and Awarding of Urban Renewal Project Bids: Scott announced that bids were opened June 22. URA Area 1 had available funds of \$599,850.00 with Cascade Pipeline bidding at \$417,584.00 and water service connection materials at \$24,200.00 which leaves remaining funds of \$158,066.00. Scott explained those funds could be used on the collapsed sewer line between 12th and 13th. Scott recommended awarding the bid to Cascade Pipeline. Michael moved to approve awarding the ICDBG Area 1 to Cascade Pipeline, Kyle seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

URA Area 2 had available funds of \$450,000.00 with Cascade Pipeline bidding at \$312,877.00 which leaves remaining funds of \$137,123.00. There was discussion about the road repair after the project is complete and Scott explained that if funds allow the road will be overlaid to the dorm building and possibly curb and sidewalk. Regie stated the curb would help with run off and managing and moving the water away from the road. Scott recommended awarding the bid to Cascade Pipeline. Michael moved to approve awarding the URA Area 2 to Cascade Pipeline, Pam seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Consideration of US Air Force Simulator at Buhl Airport: Mayor McCauley explained the United States Air Force would like to locate a threat simulator out at the Buhl Airport. He explained the unit would emit a threat simulation for the Air Force to use as a training tool. It would be manned while it is on site and it would be self-contained when it came to power. Michael moved to approve the agreement with the US Air Force to place a simulator at the airport. Kyle seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed

Discussion of Health and Dental Insurance for FY 2017-18: Karen explained that she learned at a meeting with Mary Comer of Starley-Leavitt that recent changes include not having to switch health care policies until the end of 2018. The administration is recommending that we hold with the plan that we currently have. The premium rates would remain the same until January of 2018 at which time there could be an increase but the plan and benefits would remain the same through 2018. Mary also stated the renewal date could be moved at that time to allow better numbers for the budgeting process. The renewal rates for January 2018 will be available mid-October. Mayor McCauley stated it had been discussed with department heads and that the budgets would remain with the increase that was budgeted and when the new rates come in January there would hope to be a buffer.

COUNCIL CONCERNS – Kyle commented that the city crews made the town look very nice for the Sagebrush Days events. There was a discussion about the events and the parade. Mayor McCauley explained that a number of people attended an exit meeting on July 10th to discuss the parade and what issues came up and how it might be handled differently next year. Michael commented there was a group of Boy Scouts that showed up the morning of July 4th to help hang sagebrush. Michael added that the boys were told it was against the law to hang sagebrush and it was suggested that they help with the fun run, which they did. Michelle Olsen with the Chamber of Commerce had mentioned to Karen that they would only be hanging sagebrush at the intersection of Main and Broadway because there had been complaints of the sagebrush setting off allergies.

Pam questioned if the parks were smoke free. There was a discussion and she would like to see an ordinance addressing that and also no vaping in public buildings and parks. She asked for it to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

There was a final discussion about the amount of sand that was in the sprinkler heads in the parks. Regie explained the crew is working on it as fast as they can. Michael commented that he had had several appliances with sand in the filters and also some of his sprinklers heads had to be replaced because they don't have the filters. Regie said he would talk with AJ about that concern.

CITIZENS CONCERNS – There were none.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Pam McClain moved that the meeting be adjourned; Kyle Hauser seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.