

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

The City Council held Council Meeting # 1593 on Monday, November 15, 2021, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Peggy Williams.

The pledge of Allegiance was completed, and Roll Call commenced. Present were Mayor Peggy Williams, Councilors Gary Beach, Kristin Smith, Brian Zimmerman, Zachariah McNew, Rob Dufficy, City Administrator Sam Sikes and Deputy Clerk Charlotte Luedecke. Councilor Hugh Taylor was absent.

Mayor Williams welcomed all present and prayer was offered by Matthew Coblenz.

Approve City Council Minutes #1592 dated November 2021. Councilor Dufficy **MADE A MOTION** to approve, and Councilor Smith **SECONDED**.

Councilors Beach, Smith, Zimmerman, McNew, and Dufficy voted **FOR**.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Announcements:** None

### **Committee Reports:**

Ordinances: Councilor Smith reported that a meeting was held last Monday to discuss recreational marijuana and the course to be taken. More meetings will be scheduled in the future.

Zoning: Councilor Smith reported that a meeting is scheduled for 22 November 2021.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** None

### **Old Business:**

**Adopt Ordinance 1995** – Zoning previously annexed property as Highway Commercial. (Second Reading)

Councilor Smith **MADE A MOTION** to approve, and Councilor McNew **SECONDED**.

Councilors Beach, Smith, Zimmerman, McNew, and Dufficy voted **FOR**.

**MOTION PASSED.**

### **New Business:**

Approve all business licensed received to date:

Councilor Smith **MADE A MOTION** to approve business license for Noble Industries, LLC, and Councilor McNew **SECONDED**.

Councilors Beach, Smith, Zimmerman, McNew, and Dufficy voted **FOR**.

**MOTION PASSED.**

### **Unfinished Business:**

**IP negotiations:** Mayor Williams and Councilor Smith had a meeting with Will from The Western News to bring him up to date for the article he is writing.

Councilor Zimmerman asked Mayor Williams if there had been any telephone calls with Allen Payne.

Mayor Williams replied no calls only emails.

**Noble Industries request for easement by Sewage Treatment Plant.** (In Committee): Councilor Zimmerman referred to the map provided and reported that because of the design, trying to get around the corner of the creek looks to be the best plan. There will be a bottomless culvert rather than a bridge. A letter has been sent to legal for review, there were a couple of items such as a date extension and some verbiage to be taken care of. The letter should be ready for the December 6, 2021, agenda. This letter will be permission from the Council for the easement, but the final easement will come with the final plans and that will be after the BNSF easement. This will get talks going, the whole process could take 5 years to get to that point.

Councilor Smith asked for clarification that this letter would state that the City would grant the easement if BNSF does their part.

Mayor Williams replied that it is contingent on final plan approval at the time Noble Investments are ready to build, there is a primary as well as an alternative plan. When ready to build, Noble will tell us which plan as well as the details.

Councilor Smith asked if the purposed easement was a concern for any buildings.

Mayor Williams replied that this was one of the concerns as it would have clipped the corner of the wet well, and by moving to a bottomless culvert's position away from our buildings has given us the necessary space.

Dave Kemmemer expressed concerns of flooding on county property.

### **General Comments from the Council:**

Mayor Williams announced that the Clerk/Treasurer position has been filled, Leann Monigold will be starting Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

There will be a Public Hearing December 6, 2021, at 6:15pm regarding a Conditional Use Permit for the old Elks building.

The City has submitted the paperwork for the Low-Income Heating & Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) to the State for approval and should be in effect soon.

Councilor Dufficy wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Adjournment:**

Councilor Dufficy MADE A Motion to adjourn and Councilor McNew SECONDED.

Councilors Beach, Smith, Zimmerman, McNew, and Dufficy voted FOR  
MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

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Mayor, Peggy Williams

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Deputy Clerk, Charlotte Luedecke