

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

The City Council held Council Meeting #1614 on Monday, October 3, 2022, 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, prayer was by Mark Smith, roll call commenced. Present were Mayor Williams, Councilors Gary Beach, Melissa Berke, Zach McNew, Hugh Taylor, Brian Zimmerman, Administrator Samuel Sikes, Clerk-Treasurer Leann Monigold, and (via Zoom) Councilors Kristin Smith, and City Attorney Dean Chisholm.

Mayor Williams welcomed all present.

### **Approve Council Minutes#1610 dated 1 August 2022:**

Councilor Beach **MADE A MOTION** to approve Council Minutes#1610 dated 1 August 2022, and Councilor Berke **SECONDED**.

Councilors Beach, Berke, McNew, Smith, and Zimmerman voted **FOR**. Councilor Taylor abstained to vote.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Announcements:** None

### **Committee Reports:**

**Administrator:** Administrator Sikes new curbing on 8<sup>th</sup> St. by Tungsten has been replaced, City properties are being prepped for winter, playground equipment has been proteded for the winter, city wide sprinkler systems have been winterized, Fireman's Park facilities have been closed for the season, Fred Brown Pavilion facilities will close for the season October 11<sup>th</sup>, leaf pickup will start late October or early November, asphalt has been ground and prepared to repave Fire/Police Department, city crew have been maintaining the visibility triangle for shrubs and trees.

Sewer department's underground storage tank is scheduled to be removed October 24<sup>th</sup>, couplers on the blower motors have been replaced, flappers for clarifiers will be replaced, and snow flags are being placed around equipment for winter plowing. Water department will be conducting annual Flower Creek Dam inspection to stay in compliance with DNRC and Rural Water standards.

**Police:** Chief Kessel reported 418 calls in August, 69 crime against persons, 47 property, 96 traffic stops, 141 miscellaneous, 19 car crashes, 15 mental health, 5 DUI, 9 drug, and 17 animal complaints. Hot August Nights was uneventful and Crown Vic has been fixed and now have a spare patrol car. 332 calls in September, 42 crimes against persons, 24 property, 78 traffic stops, 143 miscellaneous, 8 car crashes, 12 mental health, 1 drug, and 24 animal complaints.

**Zoning/Planning:** Councilor Smith announced the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Growth Policy on October 24th.

**Finance:** Clerk-Treasurer Monigold reported working with MMIA to transition the employee Delta Dental policy over to them from Peak One to provide \$1000 more in coverage for a \$0.75 increase in cost per month. MMIA is allowing us to transition midyear to finish our contract with Peak One.

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

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Approve Creek View Estates Blocks 4 & 5 a one-year preliminary plan extension to July 2, 2023:**

Jesse, County Planner, stated the original preliminary plat was set to expire July 1, 2022 and developer submitted an extension request on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June. Sanitation review is still being handled and a change of ownership is the reason for the request along with some revisions to the preliminary plat with the lot layout, adding sidewalks, and lot boundary adjustments.

Mayor Williams how the conditions requested in the initial approval were being addressed with the change of ownership and modification. Councilor Smith explained the conditions requested are still included in the document, the extension allows the new owner, Mr. Thompson, one more year to complete all conditions of approval before filing for a final plat.

Councilor Smith inquired if structures could be put outside of the flood plain. Jesse explained 10-15% of property is in the flood plain and fill material could be brought in to bring the structures up out of the flood plan.

Councilor Zimmerman **MADE A MOTION** to approve Creek View Estates Blocks 4 & 5 a one-year preliminary plan extension to July 2, 2023, and Councilor Beach **SECONDED**.

Councilors Beach, Berke, McNew, Smith, Taylor, and Zimmerman voted **FOR**.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Approve layout modification to Preliminary Plat:**

Councilor Zimmerman **MADE A MOTION** to approve layout modification to Preliminary Plat, and Councilor Beach **SECONDED**.

Councilors Beach, Berke, McNew, Smith, Taylor, and Zimmerman voted **FOR**.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Rotary Peace Pole:**

George Gerard introduced the Rotary Peace Pole, explaining there are over 240,000 peace poles around the world, and the word "Peace" is written on all four sides in English, Spanish, Norwegian, and French, requesting consideration it be placed somewhere in the city so it is visible to the public. Council discussed the possible locations to have it placed.

Councilor Zimmerman **MADE A MOTION** to approve George Gerard to place the Rotary Peace Pole in the pocket park between Timberline Auto and the City Police Department, and Councilor Smith **SECONDED**.

Councilors Beach, Berke, McNew, Smith, Taylor, and Zimmerman voted **FOR**.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Approve all claims received to date:**

Councilor McNew **MADE A MOTION** to approve all claims received to date, and Councilor Berke **SECONDED**.

Councilors Beach, Berke, McNew, Smith, Taylor, and Zimmerman voted **FOR**.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Approve all business licenses applications received to date:**

Ridgeview Adventure Therapy and Counseling Services.

Councilor Beach **MADE A MOTION** to approve all business licenses applications received to date, and Councilor Taylor **SECONDED**.

Councilors Beach, Berke, McNew, Smith, Taylor, and Zimmerman voted **FOR**.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Unfinished Business:** IP Settlement, Mayor Williams stated a meeting has been scheduled with EPA to meet with the Subcommittee on October 26th.

**General Comments from the Council:** Councilor Zimmerman gave recognition to Leroy Thom and artist Kyra Quinn for a great job completing the three entry signs for the city.

Councilor McNew suggested looking into finishing the mural behind the wings which were placed against the wall in the pocket park where the Rotary had been working with Todd Berget, before his passing several years ago, or placing them in an area with scenery in the background and requesting Council move forward with creating a name for the pocket park.

Mayor Williams announced the request from the Utility Billing Clerk to amend the water rules to allow us to send out electronic notices on delinquent accounts making it more efficient and cost-effective. The new system that was installed will allow for electronic notices to be sent and requested it be put into Water/Sewer Committee to look into changing that rule. Councilor Zimmerman accepted the Water/Sewer Committee would look into it the request.

**Adjournment:**

Councilor Berke **MADE A MOTION** to **Adjourn** and Councilor Zimmerman **SECONDED**.

Councilors Beach, Berke, McNew, Smith, Taylor, and Zimmerman voted **FOR**.

**MOTION PASSED.**

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:38 PM.

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Mayor Peggy Williams

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Clerk-Treasurer Leann Monigold