

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
STUDY SESSION
OF THE STREATOR CITY COUNCIL
204 S. BLOOMINGTON STREET
STREATOR, ILLINOIS 61364

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2018
10:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lansford called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

City manager discussed a few highlights of the budget such as reduction of TIF revenue and spending, completion of grant funded projects, elimination of RLF fund and increases in sewer project spending and pension contributions. Restricted and unrestricted reserves and tax levy were also discussed.

Revenues were discussed. Council would like to explore abolishing the new sweepstakes machines which are not regulated by the state. They would also like to have a study session for further discussion on the licensing and permit section of revenues.

Department Discussions:

Jeremy Palm, City Engineer discussed upcoming projects and grants. Building inspections currently done by Safebuilt were discussed and mentioned using Safebuilt to implement the new landlord inspection program in 2019. He also discussed the TIF funds and the projects in each fund. Mentioned the success of the façade grant program and the FHLB grant program. Discussed the current and upcoming sewer projects for the next year as well as the street program for 2019.

Mayor Lansford requested a motion to recess for lunch.

MOTION: Crouch called for a motion to recess for lunch; seconded by Scarbeary.

ROLL: Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

Time Recessed: 12:21 p.m.

Mayor Lansford requested a motion to reconvene the meeting.

MOTION: Brozak called for a motion to reconvene the meeting; seconded by Bedei.

ROLL: Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

Time Reconvened: 1:28 p.m.

Department Discussions:

Fire Chief, Gary Bird discussed water rescue training and commented that all but three firefighters have completed training. He also mentioned he will be giving a presentation to council on the Mobile Integrated Healthcare. Fire training classes will be taking place at the new fire training facility and we are working on becoming a regional training center for the University of Illinois and Illinois Valley Community College.

Council agreed they would like to see more aggressive enforcement regarding dogs running at other parks since we now have the dog park available.

Public works discussed the improvements slated for central park and city park in the upcoming year. They are also trying to identify which tasks may be outsourced to take some of the burden off of the department.

Veolia contract is expiring in 2019. An RFP will be going out. The council would also like to have a study to compare in-house versus out sourcing of the sewage treatment plant.

Anderson Fields is waiting for numbers on a proposed well for irrigation in 2019. Discussed other options for revenue such as renting out the clubhouse in the off season and increasing fees 5% overall with possible season passes for new members and early renewal incentives.

ADJOURNMENT

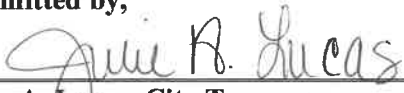
With no further items for discussion, Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to adjourn the Special COW Study Session.

MOTION: Scarbeary called for a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Bedei.

ROLL: Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

TIME ADJOURNED: 3:07 p.m.

Submitted by,



Julie A. Lucas, City Treasurer

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