

MINUTES STREATOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STREATOR CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2017 HELD AT THE CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 1:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Lansford called the meeting to order.

TIME The Committee of the Whole (Workshop) began at 1:31 p.m.

PRESENT Mayor Lansford, Councilwoman Tara Bedei, Councilman Ed Brozak, Councilman Brian Crouch, Councilman William Phelan

OTHERS PRESENT City Manager, Scot Wrighton, Patricia Henderson, City Clerk, Jeremy Palm, City Engineer, Larry Hake, Public Works Director, Sheryl Churney, City Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENT No one requested to speak

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- DISCUSSION RE: Mowing and maintenance of Derelict Properties NOT Owned by the City of Streator**
City Attorney Sheryl Churney was present to discuss with Council options the council can take to deter the costly maintenance of derelict properties that are maintained by the City, but not owned by the City. There are no guaranteed solutions to this problem. There was a consensus of the Council to proceed with having PIN #'s assigned to unassigned properties and proceeding with placing liens on properties not owned by the City from the past year; and to use priority liens where the law allows; and to selectively foreclose on accumulated liens where there is an expectation of cost recovery.
- Strategies & Policies for Removing Dilapidated Structures**
Council reviewed the 2017 budget and the list of structures scheduled for demolition in the City of Streator for the fiscal year. There was a consensus of the Council for the City Manager to proceed with a demolition project budget of approximately \$70,000 and to assign surplus funds to future funds to future demolitions and legal fees.
- City Council Policies Governing Support of Community Festivals and Special Events**
Council reviewed and discussed the direct and indirect costs to the City for supporting and assisting with community festivals and special events. There was a consensus of the Council to adopt a policy with an aggregate amount of \$2,000/year for each City Council approved "large event" to limit "direct" costs. The city will continue to fund "indirect" expenses but wanted to see an estimate of these expenses.

CITY OFFICIALS COMMENTS Councilwoman Bedei brought a concern to the Council regarding the mobile vending fee. After discussion there was a consensus of the council agreeing there is a need to review ordinances to update them.

ADJOURNMENT With no further items to discuss Mayor Lansford adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

ROLL Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, and Phelan.

NOTE: Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the City Clerk's office at (815) 672-2517, 24 hours prior to the meeting. Staff will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia L. Henderson
City Clerk