

MINUTES STREATOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
PROCEEDINGS OF THE STREATOR CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT 204 S. BLOOMINGTON STREET, STREATOR, ILLINOIS
MARCH 20, 2018

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Lansford called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

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

Staff members present: Wrighton and Henderson.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Toni Pettit, owner of the Baldwin House in Streator reported an incident to the Council that impacted her business. Some out-of-town guests coming to a wedding booked at the Silver Fox were scheduled to stay at the Baldwin House. They called to cancel because the groom told them he wanted everyone to stay in Ottawa because Streator was not safe. She was upset because of the reputation of our community.

DISCUSSION ITEMS-

1. Solid Waste Contract

Wrighton, City Manager, reported to the Council that two bids were received for the Solid Waste Contract for the city of Streator. Dave Schaab, Waste Management and Jim Pozzi, Republic Services were both there to answer question regarding their bids. The Council decided unanimously that new garbage containers were not necessary and that we should include a pilot program for residential pick-up of electronic and chemical household waste in the new contract.

2. Council Policy Statements: Second Applications for Downtown Facade Grants and Maintenance of City Owned Recreational Facilities

Wrighton, reported we are in need of policies for these two items. The Council decided unanimously that a second application for facade grants should endorse that the business must be in active status to apply for another grant. The Council also decided a policy for the maintenance of city owned recreational facilities was needed and asked the City Manager to follow the guidelines used in the letter to Chris Porter regarding the request for the Girl Softball League.

3. Controlling Long-term Employment Costs per II Group Health Plan

Wrighton reported to the Council that pensions are the city's largest cost, second is group health insurance, and lastly is worker's compensation which is up 6% this year and we did not make revisions in the budget to cover this increase. Wrighton also reported that a new committee, the Health Benefit Committee will meet this Thursday to review differences between group health plans. The Council was in total agreement to change our health group plan if there is a savings.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Mayor Lansford called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Crouch made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Scarbeary.

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

TIME: 3:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia L. Henderson, City Clerk