

MINUTES STREATOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STREATOR CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT OF JUNE 8, 2017 HELD AT OSF STREATOR MEDICAL GROUP SOUTH ASSEMBLY HALL AT 12:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Lansford called the meeting to order at 12:03 P.M.

PRESENT Mayor Lansford, Councilwoman Tara Bedei, Councilman Ed Brozak, Councilman Brian Crouch, Councilman Joe Scarbeary.

OTHERS PRESENT City Manager, Scot Wrighton, Jeremy Palm, City Engineer, Larry Hake, Public Works Director, Kurt Pastirik, Police Chief, Gary Bird, Fire Chief and Patricia Henderson, City Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENT No one requested to speak.

1. **OPENING EXERCISE: Thinking Differently** – Scott Wrighton, City Manager, led a team puzzle to demonstrate working together and to think differently to solve problems.

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2. **City Departments: The Year in Review/Performance Measure Reports**

Gary Bird, Fire Chief – reported the Fire Dept. is supplying smoke detectors to residents of Streator, purchase of new pumper will be an improvement to the dept., vials of life are saving lives, and the construction of the new fire training educational center is going out for bid next week. Councilman Scarbeary asked if he could intervene and reported to the Council the need for the City to purchase another ambulance for the city of Streator. Due to the turnaround time from the area hospitals we are using Grand Ridge and Ottawa ambulances to service our calls. After a brief discussion this item was tabled.

Jeremy Palm, City Engineer – reported on annexations and sewer projects city wide, as well as the numerous road construction projects that are underway in the city.

Larry Hake, Director of Public Works – reported on the reduction in city flooding issues, animal control cases have increased this year, security cameras in the parks have been productive. One question asked by Council was do we have a tree replacement program? Director Hake said we are replacing trees in the downtown areas.

Kurt Pastirik, Police Chief – reported that thefts have increased, the department is confident the rental registration program that is in the works will be a proactive step in this area, and he explained the need to reinstall the RSO officer in the schools.

At the end of these reports the department heads left the meeting.

3. **Updating City Council Priorities**

Wrighton turned the discussion to reviewing possible priorities for the city. Some ideas were:

- Possible projects remaining in 3 TIF districts
- Reviewing bonds
- Award cost on general fund
- Entrepreneurial opportunities and fundraising
- Expand trash and waste handling
- Broadband possibilities
- Limited electric utility tax
- Administration jurisdiction of Ordinance violations
- Act as a property developer when reasonable and no high risk is involved
- Increase telecommunication tax from 3-6%

4. **Continue/Amend/Stop/Start(CASS) Exercise**

This document is attached to the minutes

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

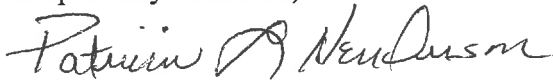
Councilman Scarbeary presented a hand-out to the council regarding an increase in income tax for the citizens of city of Streator. His justification was that this increase in income tax would pay for the city pensions for years ahead and the remaining percentage could be used to repair roads in the city.

ADJOURNMENT With no further items to discuss Mayor Lansford adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

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

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Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia L. Henderson
City Clerk