

MINUTES STREATOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STREATOR CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (WORKSHOP) MEETING OF JULY 12, 2011, HELD AT THE CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jimmie D. Lansford presiding.

TIME: The Committee of the Whole (Workshop) began at 1:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson and Mayor Lansford

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager, Paul C. Nicholson; City Engineer & Director of Community Development, Jeremy Palm; City Attorney, Stephen C. Myers; City Clerk, Pamela K. Leonard, Jeff Anderson, Police Chief, Tom Risley, Fire Chief and David Fussell, Director of Public Works.

CONSIDERATIONS:

1.) DISCUSSION REGARDING BAND PAVILION – CITY PARK.

Councilman Brozak discussed a concept regarding a band pavilion in City Park. Brozak stated that a committee has been formed and that Councilman Benner was a member of the committee. Mayor Lansford commented that the committee would be looking for donations and stated that the project was TIF eligible.

2.) DISCUSSION REGARDING STORM DRAINAGE MATTERS – PRAFCKE & LIZ MAR PLACE

Mayor Lansford commented on the Prafccke and Liz Mar Place issue. He suggested that the City needs to have a plan of action. The Mayor suggested the City set up an informational meeting for the homeowners of Liz Mar Place.

3.) DISCUSSION REGARDING ANDERSON FIELD – FENCE & GREENS

Paul C. Nicholson, City Manager, updated the Council regarding the recent issue regarding the greens at Anderson Field. Nicholson stated that all the greens would require re-seeding and since the incident, there has been an Anderson Field Greens Renovation Plan put in place so that an accident such as this does not happen again.

Jeremy Palm, City Engineer, updated the Council regarding the fence at fairway #6, stating that it would be necessary to have a deed or survey to know for sure who owns the property. Steve Myers, City Attorney, stated that a survey was necessary to establish ownership. If a survey shows the property is owned by the City, the fencing will be removed.

4.) DISCUSSION REGARDING SIGNS (Generally)

Nicholson stated that signage goes hand-in-hand with the overall image of the City and that the Public Works Department has replaced dozens of signs that were faded, damaged or in need of repair. Councilman Benner stated that there are some parking signs needed by St. Michaels, and a "Signal Your Turn" sign at 4th Street and North Shabbona.

5.) DISCUSSION REGARDING MARILLA PARK – BRIDGE & ACCESS OPTIONS

Nicholson commented on the issues with the Marilla Park Bridge and the necessity of the imposition of a load limit. He also posed the question of whether the east end of the park should be re-opened.

Palm stated that the bridge has been posted with a 5 ton weight limit and would have to be replaced and his guess was that it would cost approximately \$500,000.00 to replace and approximately \$300,000.00 to pave the road on the eastside and not have a bridge. Following discussion the Council requested a cost analysis of the different options to be presented to them.

6.) DISCUSSION REGARDING MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS (COUNCILMAN BROZAK'S LIST)

Councilman Brozak commented on the following:

- Questioned whether the tennis courts in Central and City Park should be removed,
- That Bridge Street from Murdock Street to Bloomington Street is in need of repair.
- That Park and Bloomington Street paving was going to be occurring.
- That the governor signed a bill for 3 billion dollars to be used for infrastructure projects.
- Northlawn School signs
- Signs on 700 block of East Lundy needs "No Parking" between the signs

7.) DISCUSSION REGARDING VERMILION RIVER BANK STABILIZATION BIDS

Palm reported that six (6) bids were received with the lowest bid from D Construction; the award of bid would be on the next Council packet for their approval. Palm also stated that the bid came in \$80,000.00 under his estimate.

8.) DISCUSSION REGARDING IMRF RESOLUTION

Mayor Lansford stated that at this time they were not ready to discuss this item.

9.) DISCUSSION REGARDING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT – POLICE DEPT/LASALLE COUNTY HOUSING

Nicholson reviewed this item stating that it was on again/off again due to funding issues. Jeff Anderson, Police Chief, stated that the police do patrol the area. Mayor Lansford stated that he will have a meeting to find out particulars.

SHORT SELECTED SUBJECTS:

a. Vacant Building Registry Update

David Fussell, Director of Public Works, updated Council with regard to the issue. Council suggested the City get rid of properties acquired through demolition, etc.

b. Mini-Park Water Line

Nicholson reported to Council on the item. Palm discussed the proposed easement agreement with Mr. Peek to enable water access to the park.

c. Park & Bloomington Resurfacing

Palm reported to Council on the item, stating that the low bidder was Streater Asphalt and that construction would start in the Fall of 2011.

d. Otter Creek Rebuild

Palm reported to Council regarding this item stating that the bid letting for the project would be January 2012.

e. WWTP Odor Update

Fussell reported to Council regarding the item, stating that the cleanout of the Kent Street Lagoons was due to the rains. Fussell reported that Veolia engineers will be reporting on additional steps needed to control odor issues.

f. Amusement Device Permit

Mayor Lansford reported to Council that the Police Department has been checking all permits.

g. Planning

Mayor Lansford announced that there would be a Council strategic planning session held in the Centru Bank board room on Thursday, July 21, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

h. Volunteer – Central Church of Christ

Mayor Lansford stated that he had been contacted by the Central Church of Christ, that they had approximately 100 volunteers ready to work on Friday, August 19th and Saturday, August 20th if the City has projects. Attorney Myers suggested that Nicholson talk to the City's insurance carrier regarding liability issues.

i. Tourism

Mayor Lansford reported that he received a letter from Ted Weber stating that there were 232 visitors to the Weber house in June and stated that on Wednesday, July 13th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. there would be a presentation on solar energy at Park Place.

Councilman Brozak commented that groups have shown interest in touring windmills.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: [5ILCS 120/2 (2) (6)] For the purpose of discussion of collective bargaining and discussion of sale or lease of public property.

Mayor Lansford requested a motion to adjourn to closed session.

MOTION: Benner made a motion to adjourn to closed session; seconded by Brozak.

ROLL: Ayes: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

TIME ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION: 3:25 p.m.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION: 4:00 p.m.

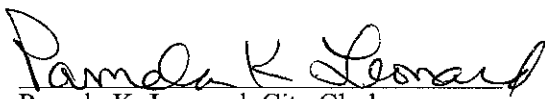
ADJOURNMENT: With no further items for discussion, Mayor Lansford called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Williamson moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting, seconded by Benner.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

The meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Pamela K. Leonard, City Clerk