

The Hiawatha City Council met in regular session in the Hiawatha Council Chambers on June 5, 2019. Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present: Dick Olson, Steve Dodson, Dennis Norton and Rob Archibald. Staff present: Finance Director Cindy Kudrna, Community Development Director Pat Parsley, City Engineer John Bender, Parks and Recreation Director Kelly Willadsen, and Police Chief Dennis Marks. Guests: Daniel Hoffmann. Not all attendees signed in for the meeting.

Norton moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Dodson. Motion carried.

Olson moved the approval of the following consent agenda items: Approval of bills; Regular Meetings April 17, 2019, May 1, 2019, Work Session Meeting May 8, 2019, and Special Meeting May 22, 2019; Receive and File Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees: Parks and Recreation March 12, 2019; Water Board May 21, 2019; Library Board May 14, 2019; History Commission April 8, 2019; Planning & Zoning May 20, 2019; RESOLUTION #19-103 approving sewer waiver on second water meter for 3012 Forrest Meadow Lane; Cigarette Violations approving Acknowledgement / Settlement Agreement for River Rat Vapes located at 310 East Blairs Ferry Road; City Engineer's Report, Mayor's Report and City Administrator's Report, seconded by Norton. Motion carried.

**Report from Council Members/Mayor/City Administrator**

Norton commented at the Crime Stoppers Meeting they agreed to have a golf outing on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and they are looking for sponsors and donations.

Dodson commented the last Water Board meeting was Deb Larson's last meeting of a long term of service to the City before her retirement.

Archibald commented the library was progressing and it's looking good.

**PUBLIC HEARING – to consider placing plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost on file for the 2019 Center Point Road and Willman Street Traffic Signal Project**

Mayor Bennett opened the public hearing to consider placing plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost on file for the 2019 Center Point Road and Willman Street Traffic Signal Project at 5:32 P.M.

No public or written comments were received at or prior to the public hearing. Public Hearing closed at 5:33 PM.

City Engineer John Bender indicated there were two bids received and they were both above the engineer's estimates. He discussed reasons behind this being weather, time of year and a busy season for construction. Available options were discussed including moving forward or rejecting all bids and going out for bid again in the future. Dodson asked what the mobilization fee is. Bender indicated that each contractor is different in what they include in that number. Usually it includes bonding costs, insurance costs, and overhead costs.

Norton indicated that although there are a lot of individuals who would like to see the traffic stop there, he doesn't think it's a major issue right now in terms of safety.

Bender indicated that the engineer's estimations are a little behind what the contractors are seeing. When one contractor is really high and the other is a little more reasonable that tells them the market is different than they were anticipating.

Olson questioned whether we should move forward at this point, and proposed tabling the discussion until Bender had more answers and information.

Bender indicated council has 30 or 60 days to do something with this but that he doesn't know if it will change a lot but we could talk to the contractor.

Several Council Members indicated they would like to table the discussion. Archibald indicated he would like to move forward with the project.

Norton presented RESOLUTION #19-104 awarding contract for the 2019 Center Point Road & Willman Street Traffic Signal Project to Boomerang Corporation in the amount of \$557,018.30, seconded by Archibald. Roll call vote: AYES: Archibald. NAYS: Olson, Norton, Dodson. ABSENT: Wichtendahl. **RESOLUTION #19-104 failed.**

**Consider Resolution approving design guidelines for Bennett's Bar and Grill property located at 408 North Center Point Road**

Mayor Bennett indicated Bennett's Bar and Grill will take the rest of the space in the building, sharing it with Barbers Etc.

Norton presented RESOLUTION #19-105 approving design guidelines for Bennett's Bar and Grill property located at 408 North Center Point Road, seconded by Archibald. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Dodson, Archibald, Norton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wichtendahl. **RESOLUTION #19-105 adopted.**

**Consider Resolution approving Big Dog in Town Dog Park Fundraiser**

Council members commented this was a great idea. Parks and Recreation Director Kelly Willadsen discussed the potential for the fundraiser, noting it would go through Fun Fest. They hope to get the winning dog involved in other special events. Dodson asked if they could nominate other individual's dogs and what Parks and Recreation would do if a dog is nominated twice. Willadsen noted that they would keep track of nominees so this wouldn't be an issue.

Archibald presented RESOLUTION #19-106 approving Big Dog in Town Dog Park Fundraiser, seconded by Norton. Roll call vote: AYES: Dodson, Archibald, Norton, Olson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wichtendahl. **RESOLUTION #19-106 adopted.**

**Consider Resolution to approve extra territorial plat for Pate Acres First Addition**

Norton presented RESOLUTION #19-107 to approve extra territorial plat for Pate Acres First Addition seconded by Dodson. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Norton, Archibald, Dodson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wichtendahl. **RESOLUTION #19-107 adopted.**

**Consider Resolution acknowledging and authorizing change order #1 for the Hiawatha Public Library Renovation and Expansion Project**

Olson presented RESOLUTION #19-108 acknowledging and authorizing change order #1 for the Hiawatha Public Library Renovation and Expansion Project, seconded by Dodson. Roll call vote: AYES: Archibald, Olson, Dodson, Norton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wichtendahl. **RESOLUTION #19-108 adopted.**

**Consider Resolution directing staff to proceed with Requests for Proposals and set a public hearing date (July 17, 2019 @ 5:30 P.M.) for rooftop solar of city facilities (Public Works and Public Library)**

Dodson presented RESOLUTION #19-109 directing staff to proceed with Requests for Proposals and set a public hearing date (July 17, 2019 @ 5:30 P.M.) for rooftop solar of city facilities (Public Works and Public Library), seconded by Olson. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Archibald, Dodson, Norton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wichtendahl. **RESOLUTION #19-109 adopted.**

**Consider a Resolution Letter of Support for the Marion YMCA Community Attraction and Tourism Grant**

Sara Mentzer, Director of Development at the YMCA of the Cedar Rapids Metro Area, spoke to the Council about the new Marion YMCA facility, what the new facility will offer to the community, and how the YMCA helps local citizens. Archibald asked how close to their financial goal they were. Sara indicated that they were within weeks of meeting their goal and though they hoped to open with a debt free building they believe now that will not happen. They are trying to roll out a \$2 million dollar community campaign to raise money small dollar amounts to bring down the debt at opening.

Archibald presented RESOLUTION #19-110 demonstrating City Council support of the Marion YMCA project, seconded by Dodson. Roll call vote: AYES: Dodson, Olson, Norton, Archibald. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wichtendahl. **RESOLUTION #19-110 adopted.**

**Possible Closed Session as per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j) to discuss the sale of particular real estate in connection with the Village Center Redevelopment project**

Norton moved entering closed session as per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j) to discuss the sale of particular real estate in connection with the Village Center Redevelopment Project at 5:50 P.M., seconded by Archibald. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Dodson, Archibald, Norton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wichtendahl. Motion carried.

**Discussion/Possible Action regarding sale of particular real estate discussed in closed session**

Archibald moved to go out of closed session and enter into regular session at 6:18 P.M., seconded by Norton.

Archibald presented RESOLUTION #19-111 authorizing staff to proceed with the notice of default for Village Center Project, seconded by Olson. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Dodson, Norton, Archibald. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wichtendahl. **RESOLUTION #19-111 adopted.**

There being no further discussion, Dodson moved to adjourn at 6:20 P.M., seconded by Archibald. Motion carried.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Amy Scheer, Deputy City Clerk