

CITY OF EYOTA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 23, 2016

Members Present: Tyrel Clark, Bryan Cornell and Ray Schuchard

Members Absent: Tony Nelson and Kurt Holst

Staff Present: Community Officer Deputy Johnson and Marlis Knowlton, Clerk/Treasurer

Call to Order: Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Agenda: Motion was made by Cornell and seconded by Schuchard to approve the agenda; just move 6.A after the consent agenda. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Schuchard and seconded by Cornell to approve the consent agenda item 4.A as presented. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried.

A. Minutes of the June 9, 2016 regular Council meeting

REPORTS:

Community Officer: Deputy Johnson discussed current calls, which have changed now that school is not in session. Reminder to drivers, please slow down and obey traffic signs especially stop signs. Problem area is Madison Avenue and Second Street SW.

Planning Commission: Knowlton reported the Commission discussed and has proposed a revised dance ordinance. The Commission also discussed the process of codifying the ordinances; and will start reviewing the animal and parking ordinances. The Council discussed changing the animal licensing process and gave direction to the Commission to research eliminating annual licensing and possibly replacing it with a onetime registration, if anything.

DESCASD Sewer Board: Schuchard reported assets and that the plant has had no violations. Sewer employee Paul Ihrke has resigned and the licensing requirements will be handled by contracted services until the other employee can obtain the required licenses. Nitrate level requirements may be imposed, until that is determined the plants permit renewal has been delayed.

Economic Development Authority (EDA): Clark reported on Arbor Gardens census, staffing, patio replacements and sidewalk project. The elevator had water in the pit, it has been cleaned and revised maintenance procedures are being established; including installing a simple water alarm in the pit. Cornell reported on the EDA finances and miscellaneous updates on continuing projects. The EDA did discuss the Minnesota Design Team's suggested goal to have a retail gap analysis done. Council requested this be placed on the next agenda.

Board Position: EDA recommended Darcy Higgins be appointed to fill Amy Brown's position. Motion was made by Schuchard and seconded by Cornell to appoint Darcy Higgins to the EDA. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried.

This position fills a new six year term beginning in 2016, ending December 2021.

Clerks Report: Knowlton gave an update on street construction projects and the wellhead protection project. Mayor Clark and Knowlton met with Dover Eyota School Superintendent Mike Carolan and School Board Chair Ron Pagel regarding storm water issues on the school grounds and where it comes from and where it goes. Clark will attend a school board meeting to discuss working together and moving forward with plans to make storm water management improvements. Knowlton also reported a public hearing had been held today by Olmsted County regarding David Castleberg's issue regarding wetlands on the property in the northwest corner of Highway 42 and the railroad tracks. Castleberg's request for an agricultural exemption was denied. Castleberg can now restore the wetlands, buy wetland credits or appeal the decision.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

Stars and Stripes Park – Caboose: Vince McConnell (citizen) has made a few repairs to the caboose but the entrance doors are deteriorating and need repair or replacing. A few bids were obtained; the bid from Region Millworks, Inc. was discussed in detail.

Motion was made by Cornell and seconded by Schuchard to approve McConnell's recommendation of Region Millworks' Option 1, to strip, rebuild and prime the doors for \$1,300. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Council also requested repairs to a couple windows are discussed with Region Millworks. McConnell will get volunteers to repaint the caboose; the City will provide the paint and materials.

Ordinance #143 Regulating Public Dances: A proposed ordinance was presented. Council requested to delay action until a full Council was present. No further action was taken.

Utility Rate Increases: The Council discussed the need to increase both the water and sanitary sewer rates.

Motion was made by Schuchard and seconded by Cornell to move RESOLUTION #2016-26, RESOLUTION APPROVING INCREASE IN SANITARY SEWER RATES; the rates for sanitary sewer service will be changed effective with the July 1st, 2016 billing to: base rate of \$12.40 per month and volume charge of \$6.10 per thousand gallons. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried. See "Exhibit 6.C.1"

Motion was made by Cornell and seconded by Schuchard to move RESOLUTION #2016-27, RESOLUTION APPROVING INCREASE IN WATER RATES; the rates for water service will be changed effective with the July 1st, 2016 billing to: base rate of \$5.55 per month and volume charge of \$3.55 per thousand gallons. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried. See "Exhibit 6.C.2"

Drug Drop Off Box: Bill Spitzer, a Whitewater Country Coalition anti-alcohol/drug project representative, suggested using existing grant money to establish a drug drop box here in city hall. The drop box in the Olmsted County Government Center is emptied every other day. The only other one is in Winona. One in St. Charles is also being proposed.

Two Law Enforcement Officers are required to empty the box and transport the drugs to Rochester. The Olmsted County Sheriff's Office and the Council are not in favor of a box in Eyota, mainly because of staffing limitations and time commitments.

The Council was in consensus to not put one of these boxes in city hall; and suggested the grant funds be donated to the DARE program for continued education.

Accounts Payable: Motion was made by Schuchard and seconded by Cornell to approve the accounts payable amount of \$47,936.62. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried. See "Exhibit 6.E"

Other Business: none

Adjourn: Motion was made by Cornell and seconded by Schuchard to adjourn the meeting. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Tyrel Clark
Mayor



Marti's Knowlton
Clerk/Treasurer