

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 1, 2016

Officials in Attendance: Mayor Dorothy Knauss; Councilmen John May, Payton Norvell and John Wight; Councilwomen Sharon Ludwig, Carra Nupp, Dee Henderson and Roberta McMillin

Staff Present: City Administrator Mike Frizzell, City Attorney Charles Schuerman, Clerk/Treasurer Pamela McCart

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Audience Comments: None

Announcements/Appointments, including:

- Mayor's Youth Award to Tiffany Carr.
- Will probably be bringing some documentation before Council at the July meeting to get the Wellness Program going again.

Executive Session to Discuss Pending/Threatened Litigation:

At 6:34pm the Mayor announced that the Council would go into executive session for 20 minutes. At 6:54pm the Mayor called the meeting back to order.

Presentation:

Fire Chief Dave DeVeau discussed the progression in training of his department from the time he started until present.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Councilwoman Nupp approving Consent Agenda consisting of:

- >May 4th Regular Minutes
- >May Payroll and Claim Vouchers

Seconded by Councilwoman Ludwig. Roll call vote taken with all votes in favor. Motion carried.

Committee/Commission Reports: None

City Administrator Report:

- At the last meeting the proposed resolution regarding cemetery reserves/rates was directed back to committee – Councilman May was in disagreement with charging the same rate of \$250 for opening/closings for cremains at both cemeteries when the Pioneer Cemetery is not perpetual care. Wilbert Vault no longer wished to perform ash internments and it had no issue with the City taking these over, so a new contract was signed with them. As a result the City needed to arrive at a rate for these services. I called Bill Danekas to find out what he charged because the rest of our rates were set this exact same way. We discussed it further at committee level and have not yet come up with a resolution. My homework is to contact other cemeteries to see what they charge for that service. With the help of Dorothy, we have come to realize that the charge for internments should be the same for both cemeteries because that is the cost for the service of digging the hole and placing the ashes in the ground. The difference in value between a perpetual and non-perpetual care cemetery is reflected in the difference in the cost of the lots themselves.
- All potholes have been fixed and the streets have been completely swept at this point and a weekly sweeping schedule is in place. Mowing has started early this year. Gary plans to start striping in a few weeks.



- The City was awarded \$949,000 in grant funding for Ehorn and Lincoln and \$273,900 for HWY 395 sidewalks. There were some extenuating circumstances with our engineers and they were not able to take on their normal workload. They asked which project the City would like to focus on and I told them Ehorn/Lincoln because federal grant funds are involved -- so we're focusing efforts on that project. I'm skeptical that the bid will come in under the amount awarded because it is so late in year. If bid results do come in over, we'll reject those bids and rebid in the spring.
- We went out to bid with regard to the airport grant from WSDOT Aviation. I don't have final numbers yet because there were some alternate bid items involved and it will depend on whether WSDOT is willing to kick in the extra money for those. Hope to have an answer next month.
- The Mayor added that DNR has corresponded that the airport appraisal is almost complete. Once it is finished, they will let us see it, we'll know how much they think the airport is worth, and we'll do whatever the Council desires at that point.

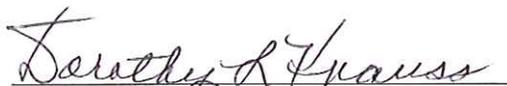
City Attorney Report: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- The Mayor stated the only reason we're talking about fireworks is because of the terrible fire seasons in the past. In that sort of a situation it would make sense that the City would have the authority to ban the discharge of fireworks - if fire danger is imminent. The State has said that if we pass anything more restrictive than state law then it cannot be effective sooner than one year after its adoption. So if we pass something now and something happens in July 2017, then I could in effect ban the discharge of fireworks within the City. Motion by Councilman May to adopt Ordinance #899 Revising Chapter 8.20 of the CMC regarding Fireworks (effective 6-15-17), seconded by Councilwoman McMillin. The Clerk read introduction of Ordinance #899. The City Attorney recommended changing the language in 8.20.030 from "The Mayor, after consulting with the fire chief, fire marshal, and other officials as may be deemed appropriate, . . ." to "The Mayor, after consulting with the fire chief or his designee as may be deemed appropriate, . . ." Motion by Councilman May to amend motion to include change in language in 8.20.030 as recommended by City Attorney, seconded by Councilwoman Nupp. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried. Roll call vote on amended motion taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:32 PM.


 Mayor Dorothy L. Knauss


 Clerk/Treasurer Pamela McCart