

Regular Council Meeting
City Hall
February 13, 2018
6:30 PM

Mayor Eastman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken with Councilors Joy Porter, Chris Robinson, and Gary Ventress present; Councilor Massender had resigned. Roll call was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the January meetings were approved in a motion by Councilor Robinson, second by Councilor Ventress and a vote of aye by all – motion passed.

The financial statement and accounts payable were reviewed by Council. Councilor Ventress motioned to pay the bills, second by Councilor Robinson, followed by a roll call vote with Councilors Porter, Robinson, and Ventress all voting aye – motion passed.

Mayor Eastman appointed Angel Vanderwilt to the empty council position; motion to approve by Councilor Porter, second by Councilor Ventress, followed by a roll call vote with Councilors Porter, Robinson and Ventress voting aye – motion passed. The City Clerk then swore in Angel Vanderwilt and she took a seat at the council table.

Council reviewed the Maine Street Path Bid Package. Councilor Porter motioned to approve, second by Councilor Robinson. A roll call vote was taken with Councilors Vanderwilt, Porter, Robinson and Ventress voting aye – motion passed. Councilor Porter motioned to amend her motion to include “contingent upon the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council confirming funding is available for funding cost reimbursement”, second by Councilor Robinson and a vote of aye by all – motion passed.

Councilor Porter motioned to approve the J-U-B Agreement for Professional Services for the bid process on the Maine Street Path, second by Councilor Ventress and a vote of aye by all – motion passed.

Tiffany Gallimore presented the Spirit Lake Urban Renewal Agency’s annual report.

Mayor Eastman re-appointed Joy Porter to the Historical Preservation Commission. Motion to approve by Councilor Ventress, second by Councilor Vanderwilt and a vote of aye by all – motion passed.

Mayor Eastman re-appointed Becki Gaddum to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion to approve by Councilor Robinson, second by Councilor Ventress and a vote of aye by all – motion passed.

Mayor Eastman appointed Roxy Martin and Dave Krise to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion to approve by Councilor Ventress, second by Councilor Porter and a vote of aye by all – motion passed.

Mayor Eastman read aloud the title paragraph of proposed Ordinance #577, amending the general penalty ordinance. Councilor Porter motioned to waive the reading rules and publish by summary, second by Councilor Ventress, followed by a roll call vote with Councilors Vanderwilt, Porter, Robinson and Ventress all voting aye – motion passed. Councilor Porter motioned to publish Ordinance #577 by summary, second by Councilor Robinson, followed by a vote of aye by all – motion passed.

Mayor Eastman read aloud a proclamation declaring April 2018 to be Fair Housing Month.

Councilor Porter motioned to approve the Septic System Replacement/Sanitary Sewer Utility Agreement that was a tabled from requests by Robert L. Wilhelm and Jim Ochenkoski in the January meeting, second by Councilor Robinson and a vote of aye by all – motion passed.

Larry Box requested Council consider allowing the Spirit Lake Seniors to acquire the community center. Panhandle Area Council had clarified that there is no restriction for the city to sell the community center. Discussion ensued regarding the building being owned by the entire town, and all should have a say on if the city should sell. Mr. Box explained he believed the grant to build the community center was intended for it to be turned over to the Seniors, but they failed to do so by a deadline. Mr. Box went on to explain many of the services Spirit Lake Seniors provide, and some of the updates needed at the center, and invited all to the Monday and Wednesday suppers. Mayor Eastman stated the city would set up some open meetings to keep things moving forward.

Carla Street cancelled her request.

Dean Massender explained his last duty as commander of the VFW, as his family is moving out of the area, was to request Maine Street for the Labor Day Parade and the City Park for the car show, as well as the Big Back-in on Father's Day, all as it has been done in the past; the only difference that the Chamber of Commerce had been responsible for the Big Back-in, but have turned the event over to the VFW. Councilor Porter motioned to approve, second by Councilor Ventress and a vote of aye by all – motion passed.

Director Laura Zimmerman presented the Park and Rec report.

Dennis Sanchez, Police Chief, presented the police report and requested closure of 4th Avenue from Maine to Washington for a Police Department open house, including a bounce house and fire trucks, from noon to 4 p.m. on May 19th in conjunction with the Armed Forces Day events. Motion to approve by Councilor Porter, second by Councilor Ventress and a vote of aye by all – motion passed.

Mayor and Council reviewed the Public Works report.

Councilor Ventress motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ochenkoski then requested information regarding his tabled request from last month, and was informed by Council that was the Septic System Replacement/Sanitary Sewer Utility Agreement that was approved earlier in this meeting, but would need to be amended to fit his specific property; additional discussion, including with Mr. Wilhelm, regarding a truly failed septic system and getting a second opinion from an different septic company. Second for adjourning the meeting made by Councilor Robinson and a vote of aye by all – motion passed.

Renee Eastman, Mayor

Attest:

Ann Clapper, Clerk