

**City Council
January 14, 2014**

Mayor Johnson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Tremblay, Boyle Barrett, Sundstrom, Rose, Irons and Howard. Also in attendance was City Administrator Schmidt. Mayor Johnson stated that Council member Montgomery is home with the flu. **Council member Tremblay moved to excuse Council member Montgomery. Council member Rose seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Mayor Johnson administered the Oaths of Office to new Council members Boyle Barrett, Rose and Sundstrom, and stated that she herself was sworn in by the City Clerk at City Hall earlier in the day.

Mayor Johnson asked if there are any additions or corrections to the agenda this evening, and stated she would like to add an Executive Session regarding the Taylor Property as agenda item #18. **Council member Tremblay moved to amend the agenda to include an Executive Session and approve the agenda as amended. Council member Boyle Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Admin/Finance & Public Safety: Council member Boyle Barrett stated they have not had a meeting, so there is no report.

Streets & Utilities: Council member Tremblay stated they also took the holiday off, and their next meeting will be the 21st.

Community Services & Economic Development: Council member Howard stated they have not had a meeting.

Council Member Comments:

There were none.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Johnson stated she has nothing to report.

Staff Reports:

City Planner Thompson stated that the Planning Commission met last night and will meet again in two weeks, and it wants to pass legislation concerning the membership of the Planning Commission, similar to what was done early last year. They have found that

there are some things that they want to clarify, and that ordinance will be coming to the Council soon.

Planning Commissioner Chair Chuck Helmer, P.O. Box 1543, Buckley. Mr. Helmer stated that he is the Chair of the Planning Commission because he arrived three minutes late to the last meeting. He is here tonight to propose a joint meeting between the City Council and the Planning Commission. He stated that the Planning Commission's meetings are scheduled for February 10th and the 24th, and they have adjusted those to start at 6:30 PM and they will conclude by 7 PM to allow us to jointly meet at 7 PM on one of those two days. Their objective is to introduce themselves to the Council, and vice versa, and they would like to discuss where they are in the process of the comp plan update, and they are possibly looking for some additional support if they need it to progress. They would also like a general discussion about how we relate to each other and how we work together. **City Council agreed to meet with the Planning Commission on Monday, February 24th, at 7 PM.**

Chief Arsanto stated that he has started working on stats, but the old CAD system crashed, and the decision was made to not spend the money to fix the old CAD system. He will get something to you by the next Council meeting. Chief Arsanto provided a brief update on how the new recruits are doing, and believes one graduates the academy the 6th of February and the other on the 6th of March.

Chief Predmore stated everyone should have received an invitation; please RSVP if you plan to be there.

City Administrator Schmidt stated that one of the power surges that went through this weekend, because of the high winds we think, was responsible for taking Well #2 off line; we believe that it burned out one of the phases in the pump. Now we may actually have to pull the pump. In the Utilities Committee that is one of the things we talked about doing anyway when we found the hole in Well #4 is going ahead with the possible investigation of Well #2. So, that may happen now that we have to pull the pump anyway. Everything is fine, but Well #2 will be out until we can get it investigated and repaired.

City Administrator Schmidt said we are still moving forward with the documents on the PSE sale; we are hoping to have the Purchase & Sale Agreement and the first reading of the Franchise Agreement to the Council on the 28th. We are still shooting for the goal of closing the transaction by the 1st of March. Right now that is a tentative goal.

City Administrator Schmidt said three employees from the Gas Department were given an opportunity to do a ride-along with PSE, and we actually have one and possibly two of our employees considering accepting their proposal. They have to give them an answer by Friday, and I should know more for the Council by the next meeting. Mayor Johnson stated that PSE made them a very good offer.

MAIN AGENDA

Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem

Council member Howard moved to nominate Council member Tremblay for the position of Mayor Pro Tem. There were 3 votes.

Council member Rose moved to nominate Council member Boyle Barrett for the position of Mayor Pro Tem. There were 4 votes.

Council member Boyle Barrett was appointed Mayor Pro Tem for the next two years.

Council Standing Committee Appointments

Council member Tremblay moved that the Committees are constituted thusly:
Admin & Finance: Boyle Barrett is the Chair, and Rose & Irons are members.
Community Services & Public Safety: Rose is Chair, and Montgomery and Boyle Barrett are members.

Transportation & Utilities: Tremblay is Chair, and Howard & Sundstrom are members.

Council member Boyle Barrett seconded the motion.

Council member Tremblay said we discussed Economic Development in our study session and it was felt that Economic Development belongs to everyone, and is something each committee should include on their agendas and be involved in. **Motion carried 5/1.**

TIB Grant Funding Agreements – Phase II Realignment Project

Council member Tremblay moved to approve the TIB Grant Funding Agreement for the Phase II Realignment Project. Council member Boyle Barrett seconded the motion. A short discussion ensued. **Motion carried.**

DOE Grant Funding Agreement – 2013 -2015 Stormwater Capacity Grant

Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve the Funding Agreement between the City and the State DOE for the 2013-15 Stormwater Capacity Grant. Council member Rose seconded the motion. City Administrator Schmidt said this is a two part grant. The first component is \$50,000 for NPDES compliance, which is similar to what we received in the past. We're hoping to use a chunk of this money to help support our rain barrel program for the next couple years, and the rest can be used for maintenance and education of our NPDES program. The second component of \$120,000 is for design of a stormwater project for infiltration and inflow, and we had selected working on the north parking lot and DOE approved that. So, a large portion of this \$120,000 will go to the design of that. Discussion continued. **Motion carried.**

DSHS Lease Amendment – Adding East Lease Area

Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve Addendum #1 to the Lease Agreement between DSHS and the City for farm land, buildings and facilities on the DSHS Ag Facility. Council member Tremblay seconded the motion. Mayor Johnson stated that this is the property east of Levesque. City Administrator Schmidt provided a brief overview and a short discussion ensued regarding lease rates. **Motion carried.**

Agreement: Addendum #1 – City Ag Property Lease (Carel – Flying K Bar)

Council member Rose moved to approve Addendum #1 to the Lease Agreement between the City and the Flying K-C Livestock (Ken Carel) for farm land, buildings and facilities on the DSHS Ag Facility. Council member Boyle Barrett seconded the motion. City Administrator Schmidt provided an explanation. A brief discussion ensued regarding lease rates. **Motion carried.**

Agreement – Local #286 Bargaining Unit Contract 2014-2015

Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve the 2014-2015 Labor Agreement between the City and the Local #286 Operating Engineers for PW and clerical employees. Council member Tremblay seconded the motion. City Administrator Schmidt said with the exception of some minor housekeeping language in the contract itself, it basically boiled down to salaries and wages. We agreed to 2.5% for 2014, 3% for 2015. The Union had asked for 15%; 5% per year for the next three years. He and the Mayor agreed to go with two years and then sit down at that time and look at the City's revenue picture going forward, and then renegotiate. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the 4/10 work schedule language and the granting of 10 hour holiday pay. **Motion carried 5/1.**

Memorandum of Understanding: City & Local #286 (Employee Transfers)

Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve the MOU between the City and Local #286 Bargaining Unit regarding employee transfers. Council member Howard seconded the motion. City Administrator Schmidt stated that this basically freezes the salaries of those employees being transferred within the City during the time that they are obtaining certifications in new positions, after the closure of the gas system. **Motion carried 5/1.**

Memorandum of Understanding: City & Local #286 (Employee Healthcare Contribution)

Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve the MOU between the City and the Local #286 Bargaining Unit associated with employee healthcare contribution rates. Council member Howard seconded the motion. City Administrator Schmidt provided a brief explanation. **Motion carried 5/1.**

Engineering Scope of Work – G&O Design of North Parking Lot Rehab & Retrofit

Council member Tremblay moved to approve the Engineering Scope of Work for Gray & Osborne to design the north parking lot rehab and stormwater retrofit. Council member Rose seconded the motion. A brief discussion ensued. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Howard moved for approval of the Consent Agenda. Council member Tremblay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes of December 10, 2013 City Council Meeting and January 7, 2014 City Council Workshop

Claim check numbers 50912 through 50983, in the amount of \$195,042.67, for the period of December 11, 2013 through December 31, 2013; Treasurer check numbers 11504 through 11513, in the amount of \$21,383.18 for the month of December 2013; Payroll check numbers 33853 through 33926, in the amount of \$333,730.52 for the month of December 2013; and Claim check numbers 50984 through 51056, in the amount of \$361,735.36 for the period of January 1, 2014 through January 14, 2014 are hereby approved and ordered paid this 14th day of January 2014.

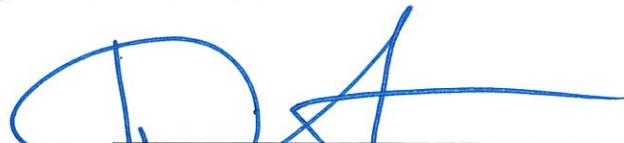
City Council retreated into Executive Session at 8:06 PM, for approximately 10 minutes, to discuss real estate, with no action to follow.

Council returned from Executive Session and reconvened the City Council meeting at 8:12 PM.

Council member Tremblay moved to adjourn the meeting. Council member Howard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.


Mayor Pro-Tem


City Administrator