

KASSON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, April 22 2020

6:00 PM

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular City Council meeting was held at City Hall on the 22nd day of April, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. With a work session at 5:00PM regarding the 2019 Audit results.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Burton, Egger, Ferris, McKern and Zelinske

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE ABSENT: None

THE FOLLOWING WERE ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Tim Ibisch, City Attorney Melanie Leth, City Engineer Theobald, Finance Director Zaworski, Alex Nuehring, Mike Bubany, Jason Wilker and Julie Nagorski

PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

Move: M7 to Consent A.2.e. Resolution for Distributed Energy Resources

Add: C.1 Budget Discussion

Add: L1. Closed Session for Litigation Update on Wilker

Motion to Approve the Agenda as Amended made by Councilperson Zelinske, second by Councilperson Burton with All Voting Aye.

COUNCIL

Approve agenda - Make additions, deletions or corrections at this time.

Consent Agenda

Minutes from March 25, 2020

Claims processed after the March 25, 2020 regular meeting, as audited for payment in the amount of \$474,829.84

Acknowledge Committee Minutes

Park Board Minutes March - Draft

Evaluations:

Ron Unger Park and Rec Director Grade 13 Step 7 At Top of Scale

Kyle Wheeler Apprentice Lineworker inc to Grade 11 Step 5 \$32.25 Remove from Probation effective 4-14-20

Eric Henderson Journeyman Lineworker inc to Grade 11 Step 7 \$34.38 Remove from Probation effective 4-14-20

Corey Carstensen Parks/Streets PWW Grade 7 Step 7 At Top of Scale

Resolution for Distributed Energy Resources

Resolution #4.1-20

A resolution adopting Kasson Public Utilities Policy Regarding Distributed Energy Resources and Net Metering and Rules Governing the Interconnection of Cogeneration and Small Power Production Facilities.

(on file)

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda made by Councilperson Ferris, second by Councilperson Egger with All Voting Aye.

VISITORS TO THE COUNCIL

Mike Bubany of David Drown and Associates presented the possible refunding of the pool bonds that were issued in 2013. His recommendation is to use MN Rural Water Association's loan program. This will save the City over \$53,000.

Motion to Approve the Resolution made by Councilperson Egger, second by Councilperson Burton with All Voting Aye.

Resolution #4.2-20

***Resolution Providing for the Issuance and Sale of a \$1,583,000 General Obligation Refunding Note, Series 2020B, and Levying a Tax for the Payment Thereof
(on file)***

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McKern thanked the staff for their hard work and reminded everyone how hard the open businesses are trying to keep up and to thank them when you go there. **Motion to give authority to the City Administrator and Finance Director that purchases are at their discretion, made by Mayor McKern, second by Councilperson Zelinske with All Voting Aye.**

PUBLIC FORUM

PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE REPORT

Blaines 14th Preliminary Plat – This will be deferred to the next meeting

Wilker Conditional Use Permit – This resolution will be moved until the discussion is finished at the Attorney's Closed Session.

Park Board Update – Councilperson Egger stated that the Park Board decided that the latest the pool would open would be July 15 and since they need two weeks to get it ready to be open the Council decision would have to be made by July 4. The Park Board would like to keep it open until Labor Day. It costs between \$20,000 and \$25,000 just to open the pool. The software upgrade the pool was going to get for this year will be put off until next year. If the pool is not going to open by the normal opening day the seasonal passes checks will be returned.

For Softball/Baseball the Park Board is waiting on the State regulations but Ron Unger stated that the fields need to be kept up regardless.

Regarding the stone wall, Egger stated that he was contacted by someone putting a proposal together. Egger stated that the wall would have to be done purely by donations; the City is not in a position to contribute now.

OLD BUSINESS

Liquor License Proration – Administrator Ibisch stated the staff will prorate the licenses next year for the amount of months they have had to be closed in 2020 instead of refunding payments.

NEW BUSINESS

Ice Arena – the Ice Arena Board has met and the decision has been made to take the ice out and close until further notice. Mr. Howarth has been temporarily been shifted to the Parks/Streets department rather than

being furloughed. Mayor McKern stated the issue of the contract with the Fair Board and the City regarding the ice at the Ice Arena.

Request from American Legion – Administrator Ibsch stated that this should be on a case by case basis. This may also be an issue with the license and/or insurance.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Report – Administrator Ibsch stated that the streets position that was approved has been put on hold and he suggests a hiring freeze.

Ibsch addressed a redeployment of workers to keep them working, the Library staff is determining how to/if the summer programs will be held, the police department has asked for a credit card reader and the Administrator and Finance Director do not feel it in the best interest to get this right now. Administrator Ibsch stated that through CMMPAS we can use “Go to Meeting” free.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

2020 Crack Filling

Crack Filling Map

Bid Tabulation – the bids came in at budget.

Resolution Awarding 2020 Crack Sealing – motion to Approve the Resolution made by Councilperson Burton, Second by Councilperson Zelinske with All Voting Aye.

Resolution #4.3-20

***A Resolution Awarding and Approving 2020 Crack Filling Quotes
(on file)***

2020 Chip Sealing

Chip Sealing Map

Bid Tabulation – the bids came in lower than expected and the Council would like to leave the budgeted amount in to move to staff patching or save it in the budget.

Resolution Awarding 2020 Chip Sealing – Motion to Approve the Resolution made by Councilperson Egger, Second by Councilperson Ferris with All Voting Aye.

Resolution #4.4-20

***A Resolution Awarding and Approving 2020 Chip Sealing Quotes
(on file)***

16th Street N.E. Improvements

Revised plan change order #1 & #2 – Change order #1 would likely be funded by MnDOT, this includes adding additional curb and gutter and extending it to 16th street and accommodating a trail extension to a potential new development that may happen on the north side of 16th St NE, the cost of this is \$38,600. Change order #2 would be funded by the water utility and this would be a water main extension to accommodate the potential development to the east on 16th St NE., this would be \$9,000. **Motion to Approve the Change orders made by Councilperson Egger, second by Councilperson Zelinske with All Voting Aye.**

PERSONNEL

ATTORNEY REPORT

Closed Session Regarding the Wilker Litigation

Closed at 6:48PM

Opened at 8:15PM

Mayor McKern stated that they had an update on the Wilker litigation and a settlement agreement that all parties have signed.

Motion to Approve the Conditional Use Permit to Allow for Continued Operations based on the recommendation from the Planning Commission made by Councilperson Burton, second by Councilperson Egger with All Voting Aye.

Resolution #4.5-20
Resolution Approving a Conditional Use Permit to Allow for Continued Operations
(on file)

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was reviewed.

ADJOURN 8:17PM

Motion to Adjourn made by Councilperson Burton, second by Councilperson Ferris with all voting Aye to Adjourn.

ATTEST:

Linda Rappe, City Clerk

Chris McKern, Mayor