

KASSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 27 2020

6:00 PM

4:15PM Police Chief Interviews

The Council interviewed Jesse Reding and Josh Hanson

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular City Council meeting was held at City Hall on the 13th day of May, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

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 Ibsch, City Clerk Linda Rappe and Finance Director Nancy Zaworski, City Attorney Melanie Leth, City Engineer Brandon Theobald, David Dubbels and Fire Chief Joe Fitch

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

Add: C.1 Permit for legion

Add L.2 Shopko property discussion

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from May 13, 2020

Claims processed after the May 13, 2020 regular meeting, as audited for payment in the amount of \$1,108,072.39

Pay Request #1 CCTV HyDro Clean \$54,879.45

Acknowledge Committee Minutes

Park Board Minutes April 21, 2020

Evaluations:

Amy Johnson Admin Assistant inc. Grade 6 Step 2 \$20.90 eff 5/20/20

Resolution Certifying Delinquent Claims to the County Auditor

Resolution #5.2-20

***Resolution Certifying Delinquent Claims to the County Auditor
(on file)***

Pay Request #3 16th St NE Imp Carl Bolander & Sons LLC \$541,240.49

Motion to Approve made by Councilperson Egger, second by Councilperson Ferris with All voting Aye.

VISITORS TO THE COUNCIL

MAYOR'S REPORT

The permit for the Legion is for outdoor seating. This can be handled later in the agenda in the Administrator's Report and can be handled at a staff level.

Do not call the Mayor to open businesses it was not he who closed them, please call the Governor's office.

PUBLIC FORUM

PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE REPORT

Swimming Pool Report – Administrator Ibisch stated that there is a desire from some members of the community to try to open and we are still waiting on some guidelines and the Park Board will have another meeting in June to decide and bring that recommendation to the Council. Councilperson Egger stated that the Park Board will wait and see what the health department says and what the CDC guidelines will be. Councilman Egger stated that the Park Board did away with season passes and swimming lessons for this season.

Mayor McKern stated that if we can follow guidelines then he would be in favor of opening the pool if at all possible. Administrator Ibisch stated that since all pools around us are closed we anticipate being very busy.

Councilperson Ferris stated that there will be questions if there will be reserved time for Kasson residents only.

The baseball/softball bases will be put in but there will be authorized for training and the state has authorized 9 players and one coach can be on the field.

OLD BUSINESS

Summary Publication for Franchise Ordinance – Motion to Approve the Summary Publication of the Cable Franchise Ordinance made by Councilperson Burton, second by Councilperson Ferris with All Voting Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Policy Handbook first read – no need for action tonight only first read and we will take comments and send to personnel committee. Finance Director Zaworski had comments on the catastrophic sick leave policy.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Administrator's Report – Administrator Ibisch gave an overview of his report. A minor Legacy Grant was started for the WPA wall at the direction of the Park Board. There would be costs to the City with this grant.

Administrator Ibisch stated that the Finance Director would like to transfer some money from other funds for the 3rd, 4th and 5th street project and redirecting the debt service to be able to close this out.

Events Permit/formalized process – The Council decided that a policy is sufficient and a resolution is not needed to let the staff make the decision on the applications for outdoor seating. Attorney Leth mentioned that the business should have insurance to cover wherever they want to set up and to have the liquor license include the location.

PERSONNEL

Police Chief Recommendation – The candidates were extremely close, two incredibly well qualified candidates. Motion to Offer the Position to Josh Hanson made by Councilperson McKern,

second by Councilperson Egger pending a favorable background check. Ayes: Egger, Zelinske and McKern Nays: Ferris and Burton

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The Council asked Engineer Theobald when 16th St NE will be open, Theobald stated it will be striped and opened in the next week.

Councilperson Zelinske asked where MnDOT is on the roundabouts. Theobald stated that we have submitted the geometric design to MnDOT and they are reviewing that. It will eventually go on a website for public comment and review.

Mayor McKern asked if the DOT be doing any repairs on Mantorville Ave since they are tearing it up next year. Theobald will be asking for some maintenance on Mantorville Ave with pothole filling

Mayor McKern also asked how far are we in sewer televising. Theobald stated we are ¼ done and have found a few problems but we will have to go through videos more thoroughly.

ATTORNEY

Discussion on Shopko building - do we want to close without a trail easement being resolved. The agreement says that they would negotiate in good faith but it never got finalized. Mayor Mckern stated that he is fine with discussing the trail easement post-closing, the Council agreed.

Closed Session - Possible Litigation

Closed at 6:49

Open 7:26pm

Mayor McKern stated that they had a discussion regarding possible litigation regarding the Heaser variance application.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was reviewed

ADJOURN 7:28PM

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

ATTEST:

Linda Rappe, City Clerk

Chris McKern, Mayor