

KASSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

6:00 PM

Mayor Pro-Tem Burton called the work session to order at 5:00 PM

5:00 Work Session – Mike Bubany, David Drown and Assoc -

Mike Bubany presented the capital financial plan, he presented where we are now and projects that are planned in the future and how they affect the plan.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular City Council meeting was held at City Hall on the 8th day of July, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Burton, Egglar, Ferris and Zelinske

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE ABSENT: McKern

THE FOLLOWING WERE ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Tim Ibisch, City Clerk Linda Rappe and Finance Director Nancy Zaworski, City Attorney Melanie Leth, City Engineer Brandon Theobald, Police Chief Josh Hanson, David Dubbels, Coy Borgstrom, Aaron Thompson and Renee Berg

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

Add: B.1 Coy Borgstrom

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from June 24, 2020

Claims processed after the June 24, 2020 regular meeting, as audited for payment in the amount of \$339,125.23

Resolution Accepting Fire Department Donation

Resolution #7.1-20

***Resolution Accepting Donations for the Kasson Fire Department
(on file)***

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

VISITORS TO THE COUNCIL

Coy Borgstrom – 20 E Veterans Memorial Hwy – Mr. Borgstrom presented a transfer case for meter set up for 30 amp or an 8000 kw generator and this would be for when the power goes out. A ronc transfer switch is what is usually used for a generator. The homeowner owns all of the equipment and is responsible for all equipment. Jarrod Nelson, the City Electric Supervisor has concerns regarding this system. This generator would bypass the city electric. But the generator does run on gas. Mr. Borgstrom stated “These are allowed in the City of Kasson – in Windsor Court and South Fork reason being is that

they are People's Coop". Mr. Borgstrom also stated that these default to the power company until the generator is plugged in and turned on.

Administrator Ibisch would like the Electric Supervisor to come to the meeting to explain his perspective on these. This will be brought back to the next meeting and this gives everyone time to think about this. Xcel Energy and City of Rochester does not allow them but most municipal utilities do.

MAYOR'S REPORT

PUBLIC FORUM

PUBLIC HEARING

Easement Vacation of all easements in Hack's 2nd Subdivision - Staff report, Administrator Ibisch stated the City needs to vacate the current easements in order for the mylars for Thompson addition to be filed. Public Hearing opened

Aaron Thompson – 504 16 St NE – this needs to be done for them to be able to file their final plat to move forward on the subdivision.

Public Hearing closed

Councilperson Ferris asked if this is a formality and Administrator Ibisch stated it is. Councilperson Egger asked about the outlot and Brandon stated that there is drainage across that and if there is further development that will be for the developer to figure out.

Motion to Approve the Vacation of the Easements for Hacks 2nd Subdivision made by Mayor Pro Tem Burton, second by Councilperson Zelinske with All Voting Aye.

Resolution #7.2-20

*Resolution Vacating All Easements in Hacks 2nd Subdivision
(on file)*

COMMITTEE REPORT

Park Board Minutes – DRAFT June 2020

Recommendation to change large group weekday morning rate to \$200

Recommendation to change parent/tot and lap swim to \$3 a person

Recommendation to change softball fees to \$150 for the City and \$87 for Festival in the Park

Administrator Ibisch stated that these prices will exacerbate the loses at the pool, the reasoning for the changes is that there were no passes and lessons this year. The pool is already charging these prices. The City wants to support the families of Kasson. **Motion to Approve the Recommendations of the Park Board made by Councilperson Egger, second by Councilperson Ferris with All Voting Aye.**

OLD BUSINESS

Council Salary Discussion – There was discussion and any changes to the ordinance will take effect on January 1, 2021. The Council preferred option 1 but will come back to a future meeting when the Mayor is attending.

Personnel Policy Update – The suggestions from the council were integrated. **Motion to Approve made by Councilperson Ferris, second by Councilperson Zelinske with All Voting Aye.**

NEW BUSINESS

American Legion Parade – the American Legion is asking to hold a 100th anniversary parade on August 15, 2020. The parade would be fairly small. **Motion to Approve made by Councilperson Egger, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Burton with All Voting Aye.**

Upgrade Technology – Administrator Ibisch stated that he is looking at potentially upgrading the City Hall garage as a council chamber. We will be using the CARES money for this project. This will include

technology for remote meetings. Administrator Ibsch asked the Council what they would like to see? Administrator Ibsch stated that upgrading police cameraing and servers is also a possibility. Councilperson Egger suggested a television on a rolling stand as well as a wall. Mayor Pro Tem Burton would like better audio since it is hard to hear when uploaded to youtube. Ibsch will proceed with looking at different versions.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Administrator's Memo – Administrator Ibsch went over his report. Chip sealing is starting tomorrow, stay off main street tomorrow morning it is starting at 6:30 am. Ibsch has had complaints from residents regarding paying sewer on water when watering sod. His stance is to continue to charge the sewer charge and once you make an exception everyone wants one.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

ADA Transition Plan – draft – Engineer Theobald went through the draft plan and would like any comments and he has an organization he would like to send it to for comments. To make everything compliant is about \$6.2M

Councilperson Ferris would like to have public comment on the plan. Engineer Theobald stated that an informal public hearing would be held. This is a moving document. Engineer Theobald asked the Council to send an email if you have further comments.

PERSONNEL

Firefighter Resignation – Motion to Accept the Resignation of Nick Fitch from the Kasson Fire Department made by Councilperson Ferris, second by Councilperson Egger with All Voting Aye.

The Council thanked Nick for his service.

ATTORNEY

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was reviewed

ADJOURN 7:17M

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

ATTEST:

Linda Rappe, City Clerk

Duane Burton, Mayor Pro Tem