

CITY OF PLAINFIELD
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 14, 2015

Invocation for the Plainfield City Council meeting was given by Tom Geise and Pledge of Allegiance was also led by Geise.

The Plainfield City Council met in regular monthly session April 14, 2015 in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 7:00pm with Mayor Tom Geise presiding and Council Members Blake Franzen, David Lehman and Kathy Remley present. Council Members Clyde Balvanz and Joe Schmall were absent. The following Department Heads were in attendance: City Clerk Brittney Lentz and Maintenance Superintendent Andy Luck; along with Matt Saur with MSA Professional Services.

Motion by Remley seconded by Lehman to approve the agenda. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Luck addressed the Council about complaints he has received from citizens about a resident burning garbage in a burn barrel and the lack of address numbers on houses, as this is required by City ordinance. Discussion was held on both subjects, but no action was taken at this time.

Motion by Franzen seconded by Remley to approve the consent agenda; which included the minutes of March 10, 2015, bills for April 2015 and the Clerk's Reports. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Ralph White entered at 7:06pm.

Saur spoke with the Council about the water and sewer system evaluations they are conducting. After the sewer system televising is completed they will compile the results from both evaluations and make a presentation to the Council at the May or June meeting.

Council discussed the Cemetery Sign/Map Project. Discussion was also held on the need for stump grinding and black dirt after the dead trees are removed.

Motion by Franzen seconded by Lehman to approve a building permit for 702 1st Street to build a 30'x40' garage with a 30'x8' porch; and to allow a variance for the west property line setback to 4 feet. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Remley seconded by Lehman to approve a building permit for 110 Lincoln Street to build a 32'x40' garage. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Lehman seconded by Franzen to approve a building permit for 302 Mill Street to pour concrete driveways on the south and east sides of the current building. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Building permit for 527 Short Street was tabled until the May meeting.

Building permit fees were discussed. Consensus of the Council was to raise permit fees from \$10 to \$35 and in the event that work has commenced without first obtaining a permit (currently \$20) or if a resident would like to start their project before final approval at an official Council meeting (currently \$10) to \$70. City Clerk Lentz will prepare a resolution to raise fees, for consideration by the Council, at the May meeting.

Employee evaluation forms were given to the Mayor and Council members and employees were given self-evaluation forms to be filled out and returned. After forms are returned the Employee Relations committee will compile the results and formal reviews will be conducted before the June Council meeting.

Council reviewed the investment summary for Summit Software from Data Technologies for utility billing and financials. No action was taken at this time.

Motion by Remley seconded by Lehman to accept the monthly department reports. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the recommended additions to the Water Tower Lease renewal with Cedar Wapsi Communications, Inc. (a wholly owned subsidiary of Butler-Bremer). Motion by Lehman seconded by Remley to approve the Water Tower Lease with Cedar Wapsi Communications, Inc., with the Attorney recommended additions to F(5). Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the Personnel Policy and proposed Computer Use, Cell Phone and Social Media Policies. No action was taken at this time.

Motion by Remley seconded by Franzen to set the FY15 Budget Amendment Public Hearing for Tuesday, May 12th at 7:05pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion Remley seconded Franzen to adjourn the meeting at 8:49pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Attest: Brittney Lentz
City Clerk/ Treasurer

Tom Geise
Mayor

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