

CITY OF PLAINFIELD
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 14, 2015

Invocation for the Plainfield City Council meeting was given by Pastors Stephen Moore and Alex Chavez of Horton Baptist Church and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Geise.

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

Motion by Balvanz seconded by Franzen to approve the agenda. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Balvanz seconded by Remley to approve the consent agenda; which included the minutes of June 9, 2015, bills for July 2015, with the addition of a bill to TJ Digital for \$35.00, and the Clerk's Reports. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Tom Poppe entered at 7:04pm.

Motion by Balvanz seconded by Lehman to approve a building permit for 630 1st Street to build a privacy fence. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Lehman seconded by Franzen to approve the ICAP insurance policy. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Balvanz seconded by Remley to approve the MidAmerican Energy LED Street Lighting Installation Agreement with the standard conversion option. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Handicap Accessibility grant the City received from Bremer County Community Foundation. Motion by Remley seconded by Lehman to contact local contractors for additional estimates; if estimates come in under the set amount, Superintendent Luck and Council Member Franzen are to proceed with scheduling the project for completion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the contract and investment summary for Summit Software from Data Technologies for utility billing, financials, payroll, ACH module and cemetery management software. Motion by Balvanz seconded by Remley to approve the contract with Data Technologies, Inc. for \$12,145. Roll call vote- Ayes: Balvanz, Franzen, Lehman and Remley. Nays: None. Absent: Schmall. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on safety training with INRCOG/IAMU and IMWCA online. Consensus of the Council was to use IMWCA online training.

Council also discussed a new sign and flagpole at City Hall. Peggy Luck will design the sign to mimic the Welcome Sign and submit to Council for approval.

Fire Department member physicals were discussed. Mayor Geise will schedule physicals, to be done at the Fire Station, for August 25th from 5-8pm. Fire Chief Poppe reported he will need to order a new set of gear in the near future if a new member is approved.

The need to replace the Skatepark Rules sign at the park was discussed. Mayor Geise will contact a few students that have shown interest in community service projects.

Council Member Balvanz brought up the need for paint on the City building by the water tower. Maintenance Superintendent Luck was directed to contact Art Mehmen for an estimate.

Discussion was held regarding the fading of street signs. Luck will start compiling a list of signs that need replacing. The Directional Sign Replacement Program with the IDOT was discussed. Consensus of the Council was to apply for the program. Superintendent Luck was directed to start filling out the spreadsheet for the application process and submit to the Council at the August meeting. City Council would also like to submit a Bremer County Community Foundation Grant in 2016 for the replacement of street signs, as it is a very costly project. Council Member Remley brought up a citizen request for a "Children at Play" sign on 2nd Street, due to speeding vehicles. The Sheriff's Department will be contacted about the problem.

Superintendent Luck reported on the need to dig up the water services at 200 & 300 Cedar Street to correct a leak and prevent further problems.

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

Council discussed the Personnel Policy and proposed Computer Use, Cell Phone and Social Media Policies. Resolutions for each policy will be placed on the agenda for approval at the August Council meeting.

Motion Remley seconded Lehman to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Attest: Brittney Lentz
City Clerk/ Treasurer

Tom Geise
Mayor

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