

Mayor Dave Olson called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. September 9, 2019 with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council present: Mayor David Olson, Tony Schultz, Cheryl Sanden, and Emily Krage. Staff present: Randy Thesing, Ed Jacobs, Chris Peterson, Chief Hurley, and Fire Chief Skifton.

Public comment: None

Appeal of fine for dogs: Chief Hurley explained he issued a citation to Gaines for Dog at large and failure to license dog, \$75 each. Discussion was to follow ordinance and take no action. (*see department reports*)

Variance Request: Peterson explained the request for reduction of setback for deck. Planning Commission recommended approval. Peterson requested that if the council approve, they set a minimum distance required between the west property line and the deck steps. MOTION BY SANDEN, SECONDED BY KRAGE TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE WITH A MINIMUM OF ONE FOOT BETWEEN THE PROPOERTY LINE AND DECK STEPS; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

City Code Violations: Peterson explained she sent an order to 409 E. Cedar. The owner has shown effort to clean up the property, so this item is tabled for now.

City Council Vacancy Appointement: All five interested parties filled out a questionnaire. MOTION BY SCHULTZ, SECONDED BY KRAGE TO APPOINT CODY MATHERS; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Curb Ramp request for NW Quadrant Chase/Maple: Peterson explained the city has paid 100% for installation of ramps in other cases. Thesing agreed it would be a good idea to put one in at this location. MOTION BY SCHULTZ, SECONDED BY SANDEN TO GO AHEAD AND INSTALL RAMP; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

315 S. Chase Street: Peterson explained that the County followed process to offer the property to the city. MOTION BY SCHULTZ, SECONDED BY KRAGE TO DECLINE THE OPTION TO PURCHASE 315 S. CHASE STREET.

Water Treatment Facility - Pay Estimate #11 Wapasha Construction: MOTION BY KRAGE, SECONDED BY SANDEN TO PAY WAPASHA CONSTRUCTION'S ESTIMATE #11 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$327,192.69 FOR WORK DONE ON THE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

City Park Deed Restriction: Peterson explained this restriction would limit the City Park to outdoor recreation. This was a requirement to receive the grant from the MN DNR for the playground project. MOTION BY SCHULTZ, SECONDED BY SANDEN TO APPROVE THE CITY PARK DEED RESTRICTION.

Removal of two Elm Trees in City Park: Jacobs explained that the elm trees are showing signs of disease. A bid was received for \$3200 to take trees down. MOTION BY SCHULTZ, SECONDED BY SANDEN TO REMOVE THE TREES, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Purchase of Real Estate – Sanden Building: Peterson presented a resolution to approve the purchase of 109 W. Cedar Street including approval of the purchase agreement with contingencies of inspection, survey, and financing. MOTION BY SCHULTZ, SECONDED BY KRAGE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION, MOTION CARRIED. SANDEN ABSTAINED.

Preliminary 2020 Budget and Tax Levy: Peterson presented the preliminary draft budget and tax levy which includes a proposed 3% increase in tax levy for taxes collected in 2020. MOTION BY SANDEN, SECONDED BY SCHULTZ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Financial Report, Bills, and Minutes: MOTION BY KRAGE, SECONDED BY SANDEN, TO APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Department Reports:

Thesing reported on the progress at the Water Treatment Plan and stated the water main flushing is coming up the week of October 7th. They have two blacktop patch areas on the schedule. Sanden asked if they could sweep the lower end of Grant Street.

Police Report. Hurley pointed out that Cindy Gaines is now present. Cindy pointed out that the dog only got out because the gate was left open by a utility crew. The council discussed forgiving one of the two fines. MOTION MADE BY SCHULTZ, SECONDED BY KRAGE, TO FORGIVE THE \$75 FINE FOR DOG AT LARGE DUE TO GATE LEFT OPEN BY 3RD PARTY.

Peterson reported she will be working on grant applications to raise the additional money needed to complete the purchase and minimal improvements to the 109 W. Cedar St. property.

Adjourn: MOTION BY SANDEN, SECONDED BY SCHULTZ, TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 7:00 PM; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.