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Council Proceedings

Regular Session Minutes-Approved

Monday, April 11th, 2016, 7:00PM

The Sheffield City Council Regular Session was called to order at Sheffield City Hall by Mayor Nick Wilson at 7:00PM on Monday April 11th 2016. Council Members in attendance were Jim Hegarty, JC McCaslin, Mike McKee, Ron Simmons, & Brad Mulford. Also in attendance were Pat Nuehring, Public Works Director and Police Chief Ed Hanig

Mayor Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

McCaslin made a motion to approve the agenda. Hegarty seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wilson announced that it was the time and place for the public forum. Dave Schoning was present to talk with council regarding his campaign for County Supervisor. He explained to the council that he feels more can be done for the smaller communities in our county and that's one of his main reasons for running in the election. He also thanked the council for their years of service to the town. Michelle Hartman was present and requested more speed limit signs on South Lincoln or for it to be patrolled better. She also requested that the vandalism at Galvin's Park be addressed. Brad Mulford addressed the council regarding the city's ordinance banning poultry and asked if they would consider waving this ordinance for them to have a couple chickens on their property.

McKee made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular March session. McCaslin seconded, motion carried unanimously. Hegarty made a motion to approve the minutes from the March special session, Mulford seconded and it carried unanimously.

Hegarty made a motion to approve the clerk's monthly finance report and Mulford seconded the motion, it carried unanimously.

In old business:

- A proposal to switch city phone services from Frontier to Mediacom was presented with more information requested by the council at a previous meeting. McCaslin said that the fire department would like to stay with Frontier for reliability purposes. Simmons made a motion to approve a resolution, which authorized the change of phone services from Frontier to Mediacom for the City Hall and Police Dept phone lines. Mulford seconded the motion and roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Hegarty, McCaslin, McKee, Simmons, & Mulford. Mayor Wilson declared the resolution approved, adopted, and numbered 16-57.
- Gary LaRue was present representing Deb's Wild Horse Saloon on the matter of leasing the alley between his property and the old Marty's building from the city. He recommended throwing out the lease and dismissing the proposal as it has caused a lot of issues with neighbors. The council agreed and the topic was dismissed.

In new business:

- A resolution accepting the donation of a set of flags in honor of Robert Brady (from Shirley Brady and family) and showing appreciation of Robert's years of service to the city was presented. Hegarty motioned to approve the resolution, McCaslin seconded the motion and roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Hegarty, McCaslin, McKee, Simmons, & Mulford. Mayor Wilson declared the resolution approved, adopted, and numbered 16-53.
- Nicole Teskey of 220 South 5th Street was present to ask for an extension on her delinquent utility bill. She was requesting an extension until Friday April 15th. McKee expressed concern for her request as it seems to happen every two months. Hegarty motioned to approve the extension to April 15th, Mulford seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- The West Fork School District has requested a school bus stop sign be located on South Lincoln near Brickyard Road to alert motorists to the busses stopping. They have agreed to pay for the sign and the county will put it up. McCaslin motioned to allow the signs to be placed, Mulford seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Karen Mitchell from the Franklin County Development Association to give the council an annual update on the county's economic status.

- Sheri Bogue, representing the Sheffield Betterment Foundation was present to request the use of the City Park for People in the Park on August 20th. Simmons motioned to approve a resolution granting the use, Hegarty seconded the motion, and roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Hearty, McCaslin, McKee, Simmons, & Mulford. Mayor Wilson declared the resolution approved, adopted, and numbered 16-52.
- Gary LaRue was present to request the use of city streets to hold a car show the same day as People in the Park. Andy O'Connor was present from the Sheffield Community Club and stated that they were thinking the same thing. The council was unanimous that it was a good idea and urged the two groups to work together to make it the best possible. McKee motioned to approve a resolution approving a car show on city streets, Mulford seconded the motion and roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Hegarty, McCaslin, McKee, Simmons, & Hegarty. Mayor Wilson declared the resolution approved, adopted, and numbered 16-55.
- The city clerk proposed the idea of offering an incentive for purchasing a season pool pass before the pool opens. Hegarty motioned to approve the incentive of: \$5 gift certificate to the concession stand when an individual season pass is purchased and a \$10 gift certificate to the concession stand when a family pass is purchased. The incentive will be offered for two weeks prior to the pool opening May 1st – 15th. McCaslin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- McCaslin had spoken with Denny Swieter of Swieter Salvage regarding an appliance pick-up day. He will do it just like he did last year. Appliances will be picked-up free of charge, TV's and computer monitors will be \$25. Residents will need to pay for their items and pick-up a sticker prior to the day from City Hall. MCCaslin will work with Swieter to set a date.
- Hegarty proposed the idea of purchasing new, cushioned chairs for the council chambers. He wants something more comfortable during long meetings. Simmons showed concern about spending the money on them. Mayor Wilson explained that they will only be purchased if a good deal can be found and the city will not spend more than \$1000 on them. Hegarty made a motion approving the purchase, Mulford seconded the motion and roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Hegarty, McCaslin, Mulford. Nays were McKee & Simmons. The motion passed.
- Mulford proposed the idea of participating in the early changeover of street lights from standard to LED. He recommended doing so on main street. It would cost the city around \$1000 initially and that would be paid back in savings over three years. McCaslin made the motion to have Mid-American replace the remaining 10 lights on main street, Hegarty seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- A resolution setting a public hearing for a budget amendment was presented. Hegarty motioned to approve the resolution, Mulford seconded the motion and roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Hegarty, McCaslin, McKee, Simmons, & Mulford. Mayor Wilson declared the resolution approved, adopted, and numbered 16-56.
- The plans for the new City Park bathrooms were presented. One quote had been obtained from Schrock Concrete. Hegarty suggested getting more than one bid/quote. McKee and McCaslin will come back to the next meeting with additional figures from other contractors. Currently the city has \$18,000 in grant money for the bathroom, but will be looking to fund the remaining amount other ways. McKee motioned to table the decision until the May meeting, McCaslin seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Mayor/Council Comments – The City Clerk presented an idea for a Summer Rec program for kids in the park. She will be looking for donations to fund the program and will lead it. The Fire Dept. spoke regarding CEU's needed for certification. Anyone who does not have their 24 hours work of CEU's in the 2-year period will be removed from the department. Any fire fighter with 30 years of service (or more) will be grandfathered into the program. Hegarty informed the council that a local farmer has offered about 6 tire rims for fire rings at Galvin's park. Hegarty was also curious about the damage being done to Galvin's Park.

Mulford motioned to adjourn the meeting, Simmons seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Adjournment at 8:20PM.

