

Emmetsburg City Council Proceedings
Monday, August 14, 2017
6:00 PM

The Emmetsburg City Council met on the above date in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Myrna Hedding calling the meeting to order and the following council members answering the roll call: Ryan Berkland, Brian Malm, Mike Hermansen, Bill Burdick and Brian Campbell. Todd Bell was absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion carried to adopt the agenda as presented along with the following consent agenda: previous minutes of July 24, 2017 and August 7, 2017; July 2017 claims totaling \$570,871.23; June 2017 financial reports; and PACGDC home ownership grants: Jayden Johnson at 404 Harrison St, Travis & Erin Cogdill at 2005 Palmer St, Daniel Carter at 803 Des Moines St, Nytasha Truog at 2504 – 8th St and John Mortimore at 2506 – 6th St.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

City Administrator John Bird explained that the FIT committee has requested the donation of crushed concrete to extend the rock trail that runs on the East side of the lake. It was the consensus of the council to grant said request. Bird also reported that Building Inspector Clint Young has inspected the property located at 1705 – 7th Street and it is now in compliance with the city code. Discussion was also held on the possibility of placing signage near Lawler Street during the N40/Lawler Street project so that public is aware that the community center, campground and golf course are open

Police Chief Eric Hanson introduced newly hired police officers Jac Netsch and Carter Daniel.

Public Properties Director Frank Kliegl informed the council that Tim Kinnetz has generously donated the purchase of four checkerboard game tables to be placed in each of the four city parks. The checkerboard game tables are being donated in honor his grandparents Leo & Annabell. A recognition plaque will be placed on one of the benches of each table at each park. Discussion was also held regarding the trees in the downtown business area.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Malm reported on the Public Properties committee meeting held on August 14, 2017 at 5:15 PM in the City Hall council room regarding possible repairs to 17th Street. Malm reported that it was the recommendation of the committee to direct administration to set a meeting up with Palo Alto County Engineer Walter Davis-Oeth, Palo Alto County Attorney Peter Hart, City Attorney Brian Thul, City Administrator John Bird, Public Properties Director Frank Kliegl and himself to discuss the situation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Palo Alto County Economic Development members Val Newhouse and Craig Merrill were present to request the council consider reinstating their per capita support. Following discussion, it was determined that a Finance Committee meeting would be set in the near future to investigate if any funds were available to reinstate the contribution.

It was introduced, seconded and carried to approve the Planning & Zoning Commission's recommendation to approve Resolution No. 17-17 – A Resolution Approving the Final Plat & Dedication of Wentzel's First Addition to Emmetsburg, IA.

Discussion was held on whether the council wished to hold a public hearing on the changes in building permit fees. A public hearing is not required by law but the council felt that it was important

to hold so that the community was informed of the situation. Motion carried to approve setting a public hearing on August 28, 2017 at 6:00 PM on the building permit ordinance.

No action was taken on approving, waiving or adopting Ordinance No. 573 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 155 of the Emmetsburg City Code Relating to Building Permits due to the decision to hold a public hearing prior to consideration of said ordinance.

Motion carried with regret to accept Police Chief Eric Hanson’s resignation effective January 19, 2018.

It was introduced, seconded and carried to approve Resolution No. 17-18 – A Resolution of Obligation for Loan Agreement.

ADJOURN

With no further discussion to come before the council the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Myrna Hedding

ATTEST:

Kimberly Kibbie, City Clerk