

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Gerald Waltrip at 7:00pm.

Roll Call: Present – Mayor Waltrip, Council members Melonis, Paterson, Schomer and Cumberledge. Also present Attorney Mike O’Bradovich and Deputy Clerk Lisa Ruehle.

Absent – Council member Corcoran.

This Public Hearing was for the authorization of a loan agreement and the issuance of Notes not to exceed \$635,000 General Obligation Refunding Capital Loan Notes. Mike O’Bradovich stated that the savings would be about \$35,000 in the interim. There were not comments from the public. Moved by Council member Melonis seconded by council member Paterson to close the public hearing. Ayes: Unanimous.

The Public Hearing was adjourned.

Regular City Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gerald Waltrip at 7:05pm.

I. Roll Call: Present – Mayor Waltrip, Council members Melonis, Paterson, Schomer, and Cumberledge. Also present Attorney Mike O’Bradovich and Deputy Clerk Lisa Ruehle. Absent – Council member Corcoran.

II. Approval of the Agenda

The Mayor would like to delete item 8c. Moved by council member Melonis seconded by council member Cumberledge to approve the agenda with the deletion. Ayes: Unanimous.

III. Consent Agenda

Council member Paterson would like to move item F to the main agenda for discussion. Moved by council member Paterson seconded by council member Cumberledge to approve the consent agenda items with the change. Ayes: Unanimous.

IV. New Business

A. Bond Issue

Attorney Mike O’Bradovich stated that items 1 through 5 are resolutions to refinance bonds as discussed at the Public Hearing and he gave an explanation of the resolutions.

1. Moved by council member Paterson seconded by council member Melonis to approve the resolution to approve Bond Council Engagement Agreement. Ayes: Unanimous.

2. Moved by council member Melonis seconded by council member Paterson to approve Disclosure Counsel Engagement Agreement. Ayes: Unanimous.

3. Moved by council member Melonis seconded by council member Paterson to approve a resolution ratifying, confirming and approving Publication of Notice of Public Hearing for the Issuance of not to exceed \$635,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes. Ayes: Unanimous.

4. Moved by council member Melonis seconded by council member Paterson to approve the resolution instituting proceedings to take additional action for the Issuance of not to exceed \$635,000 General Obligation Refunding Capital Loan Notes. Ayes: Unanimous.
5. Moved by council member Melonis seconded by council member Cumberledge to approve the resolution approving distribution of the preliminary official statement. Ayes: Unanimous.

B. Communications from the Public

1. Three bids were received for the trash hauling contract. One from Waste Management included basic services for \$12.20 per household for year 1; \$12.50 per household for year 2; and \$12.85 per household for year 3. Second bid was from Red River Waste Systems. Their basic service bid was \$8.94 per household for all three years. The Third bid was from Papillion Sanitation and included three options – Option 1 is \$8.25 for trash and \$4.00 for recycling per household. Option 2 is \$8.25 for trash and \$3.25 for recycling every two weeks per household. Option 3 is \$7.00 per household for two 96 gal containers every other week. Option 4 is for \$7.00 per household for two 96 gal containers and \$4.00 for recycling.
2. There was discussion and questions of each trash contractor and the council members asked the public about their views in using 96 gal containers. Attorney Mike O’Bradovich stated that all bids were the same whether they included containers or not. A couple of motions were started and withdrawn. Moved by council member Paterson seconded by council member Schomer to table the awarding of a contract until the April 14th meeting at 6:00pm. Ayes: Unanimous
3. Chris Larson from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources was present to give an update of the vegetation in the lake. There was discussion of the different plants in the lake and how they intend to handle the problems. They want to start tomorrow since warmer weather has come earlier than usual. Their treatment is not harmful to the fish. The Mayor stated to just keep council members Cumberledge and Paterson informed.
4. The Hilton Hampton Inn would like approval of their final plans upon approval of the Planning Board. The Planning Board has not had the opportunity to view them yet. This could be added to the April 14th special meeting. Moved by council member Melonis seconded by council member Cumberledge to approve the final plans contingent on approval and recommendation by the Planning Board. Ayes: Unanimous.
5. Jonesy’s Taco House would like to open at 1116 Locust Street. The Planning Board gave approval. Moved by council member Cumberledge seconded by council member Paterson to have Jonesy’s Taco House open their restaurant in the old Ampe’s Restaurant location. Ayes: Unanimous.
6. Deb Kessler was present to ask why we have to get rid of the Water Rescue program that we have had for forty years or so. Council member Cumberledge stated that we do not have up to date equipment for them and they are underutilized. The Mayor stated that since most of the lake does not belong to Carter Lake other entities need to step up and provide coverage. Council member Paterson stated that it was discussed at budget meetings and decided not to fund it anymore. We can’t make everyone happy.

7. Janet Bell was present to discuss the treatment of Library personnel. There is negativity toward the Library personnel and derogatory remarks made at meetings. They have picked up the added cost of doing the Inside Carter Lake and have done a good job but no thanks was given. They had 1123 patrons during February, 2016 alone and the Children's Librarian even goes to area daycares. When the Resource Center closed they packed up all their office items and redistributed things to other departments and again receive no thanks. They are a staff of three with the lowest budget and seem to be the most productive. Maybe it warrants a look at what other departments are doing. A study should be done as to why other departments can't do the same.
 8. Bill Dahlheimer asked if the disc from the meeting can run on channel 22 sooner than it does and for longer than it does. Waiting until Thursdays after the meetings is too long. The Mayor stated that we will work on that. He also asked about work orders and using them for documentation when someone calls City Hall and a message is taken for the appropriate department. Council member Paterson stated that there is no formal procedure for that but he will be proposing something in the next couple of months. Also he wanted clarification on the trees on Locust Street and also along Avenue Q we have lost some trees over the years. He would volunteer to help out the Parks and/or Maintenance Departments to plant some trees. Council member Melonis stated that the Parks Department probably has a long range tree planting plan in place.
 9. MAPA is instituting a Heartland 2050 program. They would like to offer us membership and would like the Mayor to be a liaison at meetings. The Mayor indicated that he does go to meetings a MAPA and will continue to do so. The cost of the membership for Heartland 2050 is \$400. Moved by council member Cumberledge seconded by council member Paterson to approve the membership. Ayes: Cumberledge, Paterson and Schomer. Nay: Melonis.
 10. American Tower would like to extend their cell tower lease. Mike O'Bradovich stated that when the tower was installed we had to allow them to put their disks on it. They would like an extension of the contract to 2029 with a \$15,000 bonus plus five years with additional five year options. They do pay \$870 rent per month for the space. Moved by council member Cumberledge seconded by council member Paterson to table this issue. Ayes: Unanimous.
 11. We will be getting a letter from the State of Iowa that they will be turning over the tank fund at 902 Locust Street to the City.
 12. Moved by council member Cumberledge seconded by council member Melonis to approve the liquor license renewal for Best Western. Ayes: Unanimous.
 13. Moved by council member Cumberledge seconded by council member Melonis to approved the liquor license renewal for Dollar General. It was stated that the Building Inspector is talking to them about getting some issues resolved. The council didn't know what the issues are so considered holding off on the license. A roll call vote was asked for. Ayes: Unanimous.
- C. Communications from the Departments
1. Fire Department – no report.
 2. Planning Board update – no report.

3. Storm Water Committee – The Mayor is working on putting together a current committee.
4. Mayor Waltrip
 - a. The Mayor awarded the 2016 Citizen of the Year to Dee Harrison, Wanda Simonetti and Dorothy Lodes for their work on the History book for Carter Lake that was just published. They worked for years on the project.
 - b. The Library air conditioning units need to be replaced. The Mayor would like to use funds from the CIP budget and maybe have to do a budget amendment. Moved by council member Cumberledge seconded by council member Paterson to get the units fixed. Ayes: Cumberledge, Paterson and Melonis. Abstain: Schomer.
 - c. The Mayor reported that Casey’s General Store has an issue with the City right of way. Currently the fence that is there encompasses 10 feet of City Right of way and they would like the City to deed it to them like it is now. The City sign that is in the Street there could go on the east side of that corner. Moved by council member Cumberledge seconded by council member Paterson to proceed with the right of way as asked. Ayes: Cumberledge, Paterson and Schomer. Nay: Melonis. Mike O’Bradovich indicated that it would have to go to the Planning Board for review to vacate the right of way and then a public hearing would have to be held. The April Planning Board meeting is April 11th. Moved by council member Paterson seconded by council member Cumberledge to set a public hearing for April 14th. Ayes: Unanimous.
 - d. The Mayor would like to extend the SWIPCO contract for Clerk service for another 30 days. We do have two applications that came in today. Moved by council member Cumberledge seconded by council member Paterson to extend the contract. Ayes: Unanimous.
 - e. The Mayor indicated that we need to look at the PeopleService contract to see where we want to go in the future. We are currently on a one year extension of the contract. Moved by council member Paterson to table for 30 days for review. Seconded by council member Melonis with stipulation to have the representatives here to answer questions. No vote was taken.
5. Council member Melonis gave a report on her research of dual compensation for an elected official who is also an employee. She contacted several State entities and all gave an opinion that it might not be legal however after all is said and done it comes down to the County Attorney who has said before that he would do nothing. Council member Melonis also contacted McConkey and Gronstal and both stated as elected officials they will try and get the law clarified for future. The Mayor complimented council member Melonis on her research and stated that he said from the beginning it was not a City matter.
6. The Deputy Clerk stated that she would like the Council to waive the late fees for pet licenses this year. The Animal Control ordinances were changed last summer including the time period for licensing pets but most citizens do not know the new date and no notification was given. Moved by council member Cumberledge seconded by council member Melonis to change the late fee assessment from March 1 to May 1 for this year. Ayes: Unanimous.

V. Resolutions

- A. Moved by council member Cumberledge seconded by council member Paterson to table the resolution for supporting the Home Based Iowa Initiative for further review and put it on the agenda for April 14th. Ayes: Unanimous.
- B. Moved by council member Melonis seconded by council member Cumberledge to approved the tax abatement for 1306 Mayper Drive. Ayes: Unanimous.
- C. Council member Paterson wanted to discuss the resolution on a salary increase for the Police Chief based on his employment contract. He stated that it is not an employment contract but a letter of understanding. Mike O’Bradovich stated that it is not a contract. Moved by council member Paterson seconded by council member Cumberledge to table this resolution for wording used and discussion if whether it should be given or not. Ayes: Cumberledge, Paterson and Schomer. Nay: Melonis.

VI. Comments

Dorothy Lodes thanked the Mayor for the Citizen of the Year honor but also said that thanks go to Theresa, Mary and Jennie who work at the Library to help get the project finished.

Bob Wahl wanted to inform people of a website called next door Carter Lake and he checks it every few days. It is a good tool for information to keep neighbors abreast of things in their neighborhood.

Wanda Simonetti expressed sympathy to the Waltrip family and the Mayor for the loss of his brother.

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for two original Carter Lake citizens who have passed away, Fred “Shag” Skinner and Leonard Waltrip.

Chris Ethan stated that the City Parade, festival and fireworks is scheduled for June 4th. Volunteers are needed and you can contact him to volunteer

Council member Schomer reported that until we get the trash contract approved we do not know the date of the Citywide clean up and Citywide garage sales. Also thanks to Lone Mountain Trucking for the \$1000 donation to the Library and a \$1000 donation to the Fire Department. Library personnel can be available to help the Clerk’s office until a new Clerk is in place. Congratulations to Dee Harrison, Wanda Simonetti, and Dorothy Lodes for the award.

The meeting was adjourned.

Lisa Ruehle, Deputy Clerk

Gerald Waltrip, Mayor