

City of Carter Lake
City Hall – 950 Locust St.
Public Hearing, Special City Council Meeting and Council Workshop
Proceedings: Monday, July 28, 2014 – 7:00 PM

Mayor Gerald Waltrip called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Present – Council members Dave Huey, Ed Aldmeyer, Ron Cumberledge,
Barb Melonis and Barb Hawkins.
Also present – City Attorney Joe Thornton and City Clerk Doreen Mowery

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor announced this was the time for a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the Unified Land Development Ordinances to include a new section entitled “P-I/Planned Industrial District”. There were no comments from the public. The Clerk reported that she had not received any written or oral comments regarding the proposed amendment. Moved by council member Aldmeyer seconded by council member Hawkins to close the public hearing. Ayes Unanimous.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:02 PM.

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. The council received and reviewed an ordinance to amend the Unified Land Development Ordinances to include a new Section “P-I/Planned Industrial District”. Moved by council member Hawkins seconded by council member Huey to adopt the ordinance on the first consideration. Ayes: Unanimous.
Moved by council member Aldmeyer seconded by council member Huey to suspend the requirement that an ordinance must be considered and voted upon for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed and to waive the second and third considerations of the ordinance and adopt the ordinance. Ayes: Unanimous.
2. Moved by council member Aldmeyer seconded by council member Cumberledge to adopt a resolution setting the date and time for a public hearing regarding the Application to Change Zoning by Fleetpark LLC from the current zoning of Business Park District to P-I/Planned Industrial District for Monday, August 11, 2014 at 7:00 PM. Ayes: Unanimous.
3. Jeannine Poldberg was present and questioned whether there is actually a need for additional employees at the Resource Center. She was at their office recently and there was an employee that was not working very hard and she was not impressed. Michelle Badalucco stated that the employees that are on staff are very much needed. Council member Cumberledge questioned why there have not been any monthly reports recently. Michelle stated they are on her desk and she is working on getting them current. There are two full time employees and two part-time employees. The part-time employees are scheduled to cover when there are children present. The part-time person works about 12 hours per week. The position they are questioning has been in the budget since 2008. They assist with the youth programs and

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community events and activities. The full time coordinator position has been in effect for well over 10 years. The Program Coordinator is grant funded. The two part-time positions and the Director position are paid for with City funds. The hours of operation vary depending on what events are occurring. The family events are usually at night. The Mayor questioned who does the hiring when a position is filled. There is a Prevention Coalition that has a hiring sub-committee. The Mayor has never seen an ad and he has never had anyone ask him about another employee. He stated he wrote a letter to all department heads that if someone new was going to be hired he wanted to interview the applicants. Michaela has worked for the City for about 7 years and she recently stepped down to one of the part-time position. Past practices were that the Prevention Coalition did the hiring. There are approximately 15 people on the Coalition. They have monthly meetings and monitor the events of the Resource Center. Council member Aldmeyer asked the Mayor to redistribute the letter. The clerk has no record of a letter being sent by the Mayor regarding hiring. When there are openings at the Resource Center they post it throughout town, put it in the newspaper and contact several area colleges. There were approximately 8 applicants for the recent opening. When the Mayor is in office he always wants to know who is working for the City. Sharon Paterson is concerned with nepotism. Michelle stated they went through the applicants thoroughly and Heather Rothmeyer was the best applicant for the position.

This special city council meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Attorney Thornton left the meeting at this time.

WORKSHOP

1. Shannon Dunlap presented the council with some proposed changes in the animal control ordinances. Council member Aldmeyer is okay with the proposals on dangerous dogs. He is not in favor of a domestic fowl ordinance. Council member Hawkins is also in favor of the dangerous dog ordinances as well as the domestic fowl ordinance. Council member Huey is concerned about liability if an animal causes damage. He would like to make sure the owner is held liable and not the City. He is also concerned about the cost of taking chickens and other animals to the humane society. Shannon is proposing allowing pit bulls but changing the ban to be for any dangerous animals. The council would like a responsible owner clause added to the proposed ordinance. Council members Melonis and Hawkins will assist Shannon in drafting ordinances to send to the Attorney. Shannon stated that another issue is citations that are issued and never paid. The owners are not being held responsible. The Mayor will work on getting the tickets cleared up. The Mayor will ask the Attorney to clear up the animal control tickets. Shannon would like the council to also consider a breed ambassador program. Council member Huey would like the Chief to address where the money is going to come from to pay for the bills from the Nebraska Humane Society. Police officers fill in when there is not an

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animal control officer on duty or available. Animals at large are the most common call that the animal control officer receives.

2. Council member Aldmeyer stated that the council does not have written permission from Ron Rothmeyer or Phill Newton to go into closed session to negotiate wages. He does not want to discuss their job performance or negotiate wages in open session.

Jeannine Poldberg commended the council on their discussion on animal control. She objected to paying the new Resource Center employee \$15 per hour. Her grandson has worked in the Parks Department all summer and did not get pay anything near \$15 per hour. She will take a look at current salaries and come back and make some suggestions for the council on what employees should be getting paid.

Jan Bell stated that chicken excrements are airborne pathogens. She also stated that there are more pit bulls in town than what the animal control officer is aware of.

This workshop was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Doreen Mowery, City Clerk

Gerald Waltrip, Mayor