

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020 COLD SPRING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Heinen at 6:30 p.m. The following City Council members were found to be present: Mayor Dave Heinen, and Council Members Jayme Knapp, Doug Schmitz and Gary Theisen. Absent: Shannon Miller. Others present: Brigid Murphy, Brian Lintgen, Jason Blum, Jason Spoden, Jon Stueve, Rich Schreiner, Dan Weber, Andrew Suby, Rich Feneis, Wendy Gilk, Brent Neisinger and Angie Mueller.

APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY THEISEN, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA OF THE JANUARY 28, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – January 14, 2020

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Dan Weber stated that he would begin providing a monthly report from the Fire Department. He stated that there have been 26 calls in December and 32 calls so far in January. He stated that firefighter interviews will be held on Saturday, February 8th. He requested that residents shovel around fire hydrants and stated that on February 7th they will announce the headline acts for Firefest.

ADVOCATES FOR HEALTH AED UPDATE

Rich Feneis from Advocates for Health gave the Council an update on the AED Save Station Program. He also presented information from the fundraising committee on the ongoing maintenance costs for the testing, batteries and pads for each station. He stated that the committee is hoping the City will be willing to cover these costs which would come into effect in 2022. The Council was supportive being all the AED's initial costs so far have been covered by donations and the grant from CentraCare. The Council stated they would further discuss the additional funding options at their annual budget meeting in the fall.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KNAPP, SECONDED BY THEISEN, TO BUDGET FOR THE MAINTENANCE COSTS OF MONITORING, BATTERIES AND PADS FOR THE AED SAVE STATIONS FOR 2022. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

RELEASE AND TERMINATION OF BUSINESS SUBSIDY/DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ESTOPPEL AGREEMENT COLD SPRING BREWING COMPANY

Murphy explained that the Brewery is refinancing with Capital One and are requesting that the original business subsidy/development agreement be released and a new one executed to the financing plan with Capital One.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THEISEN, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE RELEASE AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT WITH COLD SPRING BREWING COMPANY. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

BUSINESS SUBSIDY/DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ESTOPPEL AND AGREEMENT COLD SPRING BREWING COMPANY

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE BUSINESS SUBSIDY/DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ESTOPPEL AND AGREEMENT WITH COLD SPRING BREWING COMPANY. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

PAY RAISE OF CITY COUNCIL

Murphy explained that the Council can approve a pay increase at any time but that the pay raise would only be effective in December 2020, after the next election. Councilor Theisen explained for the public that Council members attend much more than just two City Council meetings a month due to their participation in other boards and commissions.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KNAPP, SECONDED BY THEISEN, TO APPROVE A PAY RAISE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF \$25.00 PER MONTH INCREASE; AND FURTHERMORE, TO BE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2020. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT**A. Purchase and Installation of New Radio Read Water Meters**

Stueve explained this is the second half of the radio read water meter replacement plan.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THEISEN, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 254 KAMSTRUP WATER METERS FROM DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP AT A COST OF \$48,185.00 AND FOR INSTALLATION BY MIDWEST TESTING AT A COST OF \$21,121.30 AND FURTHERMORE, FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$69,306.30 TO BE PAID OUT OF WATER DEPARTMENT CAPITAL EXPENDITURES LINE ITEM #6413. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

B. DNR Meeting Update

Stueve updated the Council on the meeting between the DNR and Cold Spring Brewing Company. He stated the bad news is the DNR will be cutting the Brewery's pumping capacity from 165 million gallons per year to 20 million gallons per year and will be requiring the Brewery to shut down Well #3. He stated the good news is that Well #8 and #9 on the Froehle site will be coming online soon and that there is enough water at these wells to supply the Brewery's needs. He stated that boring a water line through downtown will not be easy and that there would be huge costs to the Brewery. The Council urged staff to contact the local legislators to get them involved and aware of these issues.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT**A. County Road 158/1st Street South Update**

Lintgen stated that since Stearns County will be taking the lead on the project, they will also hold the contract for the project. He stated an agreement with the County will be presented at the next meeting. He stated that he recently learned that the County will be paying 100% of the costs for the storm sewer. He stated that it had come to his attention that there was a misunderstanding on the portion of the costs between 14th and 17th Avenue North. He stated that the County had let him know that the costs for that portion will be shared between the City and the County which will result an \$80,000 increase for the City's share of the cost. The Council was disappointed and felt that those costs will need to be assessed to the three affected property owners. Murphy explained that she is working to find out if another public hearing will be required for those assessments.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KNAPP, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR 1ST STREET SOUTH RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND ORDERING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

B. Water Treatment Update

Lintgen stated that meetings are continuing with staff and they are getting closer to nailing down specifics. He stated that soil boring results will be in soon and they can begin to discuss ponding on the site.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**A. Squad Update and Request to Purchase the 2020 Vehicle**

Chief Blum stated that the squad car ordered in July of 2019 is set to be manufactured in March of 2020. He stated that they are giving a discount of \$750 for the delay in the order. He explained that he would like to put in an order for the squad purchase that is budgeted for 2020, which should be manufactured in April of 2020 if motors are available.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KNAPP, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2020 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY FROM SCHWIETERS MONTEVIDEO AT A COST OF \$32,994.00 AND FURTHERMORE, TO BE PAID OUT OF GAMBLING FUND 26-30-34-6311. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

B. Request to Purchase a Squad Radio

Chief Blum stated that a radio is needed for the new squad car which was ordered in July of 2019.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THEISEN, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A MOTOROLA APX6500 LI SQUAD RADIO FROM GRANITE ELECTRONICS AT THE COST OF \$3,759.75 AND FURTHERMORE, TO BE PAID OUT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET CAPITAL EXPENDITURES LINE ITEM #6413. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

C. Request to Purchase Two Motorola Portable Radios APX6000

Chief Blum explained that he had budgeted for replacement of two portable radios so that the old radios get cycled out.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO MOTOROLA PORTABLE RADIOS APX6000 FROM GRANITE CITY ELECTRONICS AT A COST OF \$8,832.56 AND FURTHERMORE, TO BE PAID OUT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET EQUIPMENT LINE ITEM #6311. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

D. Other

Chief Blum reminded residents to lock their vehicles if they are parked outdoors. He stated that several vehicles in both Cold Spring and Richmond had been gone through during the early morning hours and all of them had been left unlocked.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Fire Hall RFP Review Discussion

Murphy explained that the RFPs are due on February 20th and she wondered whether the Council would like to first review them or to have a committee review them beforehand. The Council agreed that staff input was desired and stated that staff should review them first including the Chiefs, then the Planning Commission and lastly, the Council.

B. Financial Rating Update

Murphy stated that the City’s financial rating has been upgraded from an A to an A+. She stated the rating will be beneficial especially since the City will need to bond this year for the 1st Street South reconstruction project. The Council asked Murphy to see what the cost would be to meet with the City’s financial advisors to discuss ways to continue to improve in areas where the City is only receiving an adequate level rating.

C. Drainage and Utility Easement with KB Company, LLC

Murphy explained that the City needs an additional easement from KB Company, LLC for the water lines from the new well site. She stated that the current easement extends to the southwest corner of their property and the City will need it to extend north along the western property line of the parcel.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THEISEN, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO A DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENT WITH KB COMPANY, LLC ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON GREYSTONE ROAD WITH PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 36.23654.0000 AT A COST OF \$100.00. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

LIST OF BILLS AND ADDITIONS

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ACCORDING TO THE LIST TOTALING \$135,000.82 AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST TOTALING \$4,982.61 PRESENTED BY CITY STAFF. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

ADJOURN

MOTION WAS MADE BY THEISEN, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO ADJOURN AT 7:40 P.M., SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

David Heinen, Mayor

Brigid Murphy, City Administrator