

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 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, Shannon Miller, Doug Schmitz and Gary Theisen. Absent: none. Others present: Brigid Murphy, Jason Blum, Brian Lintgen, Connie Rausch, Abby Faulkner, Jim Rausch, Rich Schreiner, Lynn Feldhege, Mary Kiess, Sue Dege, Kris Dockendorf, Jon Stueve, John Willenbring, Amy Hunter, Craig Guggenberger, Rick Utecht and Angie Mueller.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Amy Hunt presented information to the Council on the Leaders Partnering to End Poverty (LPEP) Program and the Blandin Foundation. She stated that Jodi Pfarr would be hosting a LPEP workshop for the Rocori Community on October 8, 2019 at the District Education Facility.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY MILLER, SECONDED BY THEISEN, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – September 10, 2019

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY MILLER, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

FIRE SERVICE CONTRACT DISCUSSION

City Attorney Sue Dege recapped that there is a discrepancy in the payment terms on the fire service contracts and the City has not received full payment from any of the three townships. She stated that Wakefield Township has requested to meet with the City about the budget which the City is contractually obligated to do. The Council agreed that they would be in favor of meeting with each individual township and discussed meeting dates with the preferred date being October 10th at 7 pm.

ADOPT PROPOSED PRELIMINARY LEVY – RESOLUTION NO. 2019-23

Finance Director, Kris Dockendorf explained the proposed resolution for the preliminary levy. Councilor Theisen stated that at beginning of the budget discussions it looked as though there would be a 7% increase in the levy rate but by tightening the budget the proposed increase is instead 0.88%.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THEISEN, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2019-23, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PRELIMINARY 2020 TAX LEVY, COLLECTIBLE IN 2020. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

REQUEST TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL TO R-2 P.U.D – DONALD KIESS REVOCABLE TRUST

Lynn Feldhege and Mary Kiess were present to request the zoning change from downtown commercial to R-2 P.U.D. on a vacant lot which is located to the west of the new Granite Landing Apartments.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THEISEN, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 373, AN ORDINANCE REZONING PARCEL NUMBER 48.29733.0000 FROM C-1 DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL TO R-2 MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL P.U.D. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-21 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LOT CONSOLIDATION FOR THE CITY OF COLD SPRING

Murphy explained the request on behalf of the City to consolidate two lots for the future water treatment plant building. She explained that the without the consolidation the future building would not be able to meet setback requirements from the property lines.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MILLER, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2019-21, A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSOLIDATING PARCEL NO. 48.29686.0790 AND 48.29686.0800 FOR THE CITY OF COLD SPRING. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

Stueve stated that they are still waiting for the arrival of the lab grade nitrates to conduct a final test on the pilot study. He stated that staff will be meeting with Stantec and Cold Spring Brewing Company officials to continue discussion on the DEED infrastructure grant application for a new wastewater line directly connected to the wastewater treatment plant.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT

A. County Road 158/1st Street South

Lintgen reported the public improvement hearing will be held at the next Council meeting.

B. Wastewater Treatment Facility

Lintgen stated that pretreatment options are being considered for at the City wastewater treatment plant as part of the DEED grant.

C. River Links Fourth Addition

Lintgen reported that the road has been paved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

A. Monthly Reports for July

Chief Blum provided a monthly report for July.

B. AED Save Stations Update

Chief Blum stated that between the cities of Richmond and Cold Spring a grant has been given from CentraCare to pay the cost of ten AEDs for the Save Stations. He stated that the cost for the physical stations that house the AEDs will be a cost that the communities will have to pay for which is \$2,700 per unit. He stated that staff from Advocates for Health would provide assistance in determining the optimal physical locations for the stations.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Cold Spring Creek Dam Removal Update

Murphy explained that after meeting with Greg Berg and the Creekview neighborhood residents she learned that the request to have the dam removed needs to be initiated by the landowners along the creek and they are not interested in submitting a request. The neighbors instead provided a signed document stating their position of wishing to not have any changes made to the dam.

MONTHLY BOARD & COMMISSION UPDATES

Councilor Miller explained that the Planning Commission had discussed the zoning items that were approved at tonight’s meeting. There were no meetings for the Park Board, Heritage Preservation Committee, and Rocori Trail Construction Board. Councilor Knapp reported that there were no new updates for the EDA.

LIST OF BILLS AND ADDITIONS

MOTION WAS MADE BY THEISEN, SECONDED BY MILLER, TO REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ACCORDING TO THE LIST TOTALING \$130,114.38 AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST TOTALING \$6,628.24 PRESENTED BY CITY STAFF. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

ADJOURN

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO ADJOURN AT 7:03 P.M., SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

Dave Heinen, Mayor

Brigid Murphy, City Administrator