

Proceedings of Manawa Common Council meeting held Monday March 20, 2017 called to order at 6:00 PM at the Manawa Municipal Building by Mayor Smith pursuant to open meeting regulations, roll call and Pledge of Allegiance. Aldermen present on roll: Frazier, Miller, Brown, Eck, Brost. Absent: Timm. City Employees: Hass, J. Gorman, B. Gorman; Audience: Dennis Steigenberger, Jerry Wiessinger, Cody Simonis, Jane Myhra.

Moved Frazier/Miller to approve agenda of March 20th. Carried.

Moved Eck/Frazier to approve Council meeting minutes of February 20th, and March 6th Special Council meeting. Carried.

Moved Miller/Brost to pay all bills as presented in the amount of \$563,464.05. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Moved Frazier/Brown to open Public Hearing at 6:03 pm for Special Event Permit Guide update to the Manawa Municipal Code of Ordinances. Carried. No one appeared at the public hearing.

Moved Eck/Frazier to close Public Hearing at 6:05 pm for Special Event Permit Guide. Carried.

AUDIENCE: Gordon Meyer did not appear to discuss number of dogs in a residential district.

FINANCE: Cedar Corporation contract: Moved Eck/Frazier to approve a two year advisory consulting contract with Cedar Corporation that includes attendance of up to ten council/committee meetings a year with a fee of \$7,800.00 for 2017 and \$6,300.00 for 2018. Carried.

Aramark contract: New information was received that the Aramark contract does not expire until 2019.

IMPROVEMENTS: Vacate portion of Inn Street: Moved Frazier/Miller to start process to vacate a portion of Inn Street. Discussion: Dennis Steigenberger presented some points to the Council – an easement is required, needs televising to find underground lines, manhole needs to be placed at end of street according to DNR regulations at cost of \$3,000 - \$3,500, the manhole would be on Store property, the legal process could cost up to \$1,500, we also need a shut off valve at a cost of \$300 to \$500. Mr. Wiessinger thought the costs were becoming excessive. The City will continue with televising the line before anything further is done with the request. Carried.

Street Sweeper: New street sweeper arrived Wed. March 15th, old sweeper to be bid out with 2009 Edge.

PROTECTION: Monthly fire meeting: Eck noted that at the last meeting a UTV was purchased with donations at no cost to the tax payer, 2% dues was being audited, pancake breakfast scheduled for April 2, 2017. Next meeting March 21st.

Mayor: Recognized Ellen Connor for 28 years of service at the library and Mark Hass for 7 years of service in DPW.

DPW: Mayor introduced the new DPW Cody Simonis who will start on April 3, 2017. He was pleased to come back to his home town and hoped that the department will work well together.

Police Chief: Any discussion on monthly police report: noted a lot of calls and many at the school district. Chief stated that both part-time officers had passed psych tests and waiting for results for medical tests.

Fire Chief: Not present.

Attorney: The Mayor noted that the attorney is working on the paper work for 103 S. Bridge project. He also stated that he had spoken with Attorney Meg from Stafford and Rosenbaum

that the City had won a court decision today regarding the Sturm Foods values and that the assessments will remain the same.

Library: It was noted that the library is doing some concrete repair work to begin on April 10th to be completed within 30 calendar days.

City Clerk: Financial Report: General Fund: \$68,990.15; Government Pool: \$147,735.60; Kolbe project: \$400,000.00.

Resolution 2017-2: Moved Brown/Eck to adopt Resolution 2017-2 to close loopholes that shift a greater property tax burden from commercial to residential homeowners. Carried.

Resolution 2017-3: Moved Miller/Brown to adopt Resolution 2017-3 to hold the City Board of Review on May 15, 2017 from 3:45 PM to 5:45 PM and the Open Book on April 27, 2017 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Carried.

Special Events Permit: Moved Frazier/Brown to approve Special Events Permit Guide updating the City of Manawa Municipal Code. Carried.

Operator's License: Moved Eck/Frazier to approve an operator license for Corrie Bass. Carried. The City Clerk recognized Angie Jacobsen for her fine work in taking excellent minutes at the February Council meeting and running the election on February 21st.

Closed Session: Moved Eck/Frazier to adjourn into closed session at 6:37 pm per 19.85(1)&(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and deliberation or negotiating the purchasing of public property, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session to discuss a Grievance 17-00170 with a City employee. Carried. Moved Frazier/Miller to return to open session at 7:15 pm to make any recommendations arising from closed session. The Mayor noted that the City will continue with our Attorney to proceed to the next step.

Moved Brown/Eck to adjourn at 7:16 pm.

Cheryl Hass, City Clerk