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CITY COUNCIL MEETING Minutes January 19, 2020

After the pledge and invocation, Mayor Stinson called the meeting to order.

Amy Hurst

Present

Joyce Carson

Present

Craig Owen

Present

Sebastian Ernst

Present

Darryl Ammerman

Present

Luke Price

Present

Also Present: Attorney Brandon Voelker

<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> – November 17, 2020; December 1, 2020; December 29, 2020; January 5, 2021

MOTION: Luke Price made a motion to approve all minutes with a correction to the December 29th meeting as noted it was not a zoom meeting, seconded Joyce Carson. Motion carried 6-0-0.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Stinson turned the discussion to Luke Price on the issue of the lights on the US 27 Bridge and street light project.

Mr. Price began with the street light replacement by stating he had two different vendors he had spoken to; LightMart located in Illinois was approximately \$200/light, DRK Enterprises located in New Hampshire quoted approximately \$250/light. He stated that City Supervisor Gary Lea had contacted Brownstown Electric, which is a current vendor of the City and they quoted approximately \$286/light. It was stated the first two vendors offered 5-year warranty on the lights whereas Brownstown offered a 10-year warranty and were GE LED lights. It was Mr. Price's recommendation to purchase from Brownstown as we have an established relationship with Brownstown and for a few dollars more, were getting a longer warranty on the lights. There was discussion on where to start the installation and Mr. Price stated there were 75 lights from the area of Dollar General Market, up 27 through to Shelby and to the intersection of Maple avenue; called the "outer loop area". The secondary streets would be the next phase. Gary Lea felt it would take about 30 minutes per light to change out/install the new LED lights. The lights would be purchased out of the Electric Reserve account.

MOTION: Sebastian Ernst made a motion to approve the purchase of 75 lights for the "outer loop" project, seconded by Amy Hurst. Motion carried 6-0-0

Discussion then began on the lights on the US27 bridge. Luke explained the bases holding the existing lights are in serious disrepair. He had sent the bolt pattern to his contacts and was told they do not exist to be purchased as they are obsolete. This would mean some sort of reinforcement would need to be

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fabricated to hold new light poles. He and several other members said they knew of a couple metal fabricators that could do that work. Mr. Price said he would like to recommend installing new decorative poles/lights as was on the bridge going into Shoemakertown. There were 7 lights on the bridge needing replaced and he had looked at 8' poles. Those lights cost an average of \$3500/pole. After discussion it was decided to replace the existing light bulbs (not poles) and enlist the help of the State and County for traffic control when ready to change. Total replacement with decorative lights was tabled until more research could be done in order to get quotes on rebuilding mounts for new poles.

Tim Morrison was present to discuss the stage property and his proposal. Mr. Morrison stated he had a new idea that he would like to discuss and bring before Council. His proposal of the stage area is still on the table, but he would like to also include a water feature with landscaping similar to what is called a "splash pad". There was discussion on who would be responsible for the water and electric to operate such a facility and what, if any liability the City might incur with their insurance. At the conclusion Attorney Brandon Voelker advised Mr. Morrison that he needed to submit a documented proposal and/or plan via email to him. Once he reviewed the specifics, he would draft an agreement for all parties to consider and agree upon. Sebastian Ernst suggested to Mr. Morrison that he might reach out to Brett Price, the Zoning Administrator who might be helpful in developing a design/drawing of his plans.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Department Ordinance-Discussion was held on the current ordinance regarding the Fire Department and areas that needed to be amended. City Clerk Ramona Williams said there was another ordinance amending the pay for the Chief and Assistant Chief positions, as well as the firemen. It was her suggestion the existing ordinances be repealed and start over. Attorney Brandon Voelker asked that each Councilmember send him their thoughts and wishes for changes and he would begin working on a draft.

East Pendleton Water District-Mayor Stinson reported that East Pendleton Water District was interested in hooking into our sewer line and requesting a rate. They would need to install a line from Four Oaks/Oakhaven subdivision to our line at Hammer. There were many questions asked and it was decided Mayor Stinson would arrange a meeting between Wayne Lonaker, Gary Lea, Andy Richie, Brandon Voelker, and himself to get clarification of what is needed and expected from the City. This was tabled until more information is gathered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Sebastian Ernst made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Darryl Ammerman. All aye 6-0-0.

Ron Stinson, Mayor

Attest: City Clerk