

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 11, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ray Schultz (via Zoom)
Mayor Pro tem Sherrie Williams (via Zoom)
Councilwomen Kelly Ewing and Lori Shierry
Councilmen Andy Payne and Brad Wynn

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PERSONNEL: Jerry Flemming, City Manager
David Sherrill, Public Works Director
Jason Griffin, Parks and Recreation Director
David Mauldwin, Police Lieutenant
Amie Schultz, Library Director
Janice Newman, City Secretary

VISITORS: Dolores Hamilton (via Zoom) Michael Baker
Robert Harper Patty Hoover

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Invocation.

The City Manager gave the invocation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Recognition of Special Guest(s)/Action(s).

There were no recognition of special guest(s)/action(s).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Citizens' Input.

No individuals registered to participate in the citizens' input.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: General Consent.

A. Acceptance and Approval of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 14, 2020.

B. Acceptance and Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Adjustment Meeting of December 14, 2020.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Payne accepting and approving the general consent agenda as presented. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Appointment.

- A. Accept the Resignation of Mr. Tim Sheppard From the Board of Adjustment.

The City Manager explained that Mr. Sheppard has moved out of town and submitted his resignation from the Board of Adjustment. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Ewing accepting the resignation of Mr. Tim Sheppard from the Board of Adjustment. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

- B. Discuss and Consider Appointments to the Board of Adjustment.

It was noted the Board of Adjustment now has three vacancies. Staff was directed to advertise for applicants in the newspaper, the City's website and Facebook page.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Public Appearance.

- A. A Public Appearance by Mr. Robert Harper to Discuss a Proposed Lighthouse for Lake Gordon.

Mr. Robert Harper addressed the Council on a proposed lighthouse on the island at Lake Gordon. He stated he has an architect friend who has prepared conceptual plans at no cost. The City Manager reminded the Council that the Strategic Plan approved by the City Council on July 13, 2020 included a strategy to consider a lighthouse on the island at Lake Gordon. Over the past three annual Community Chow Down events, \$2,357.41 has been received in donations for a lighthouse. Mr. Harper presented the City Council with t-shirts he had made that are green with "Iowa Park" and a picture of a lighthouse. His thoughts are if this idea goes through, the City could sell t-shirts as part of a fund raiser. Councilwoman Williams stated that she fully supports this project and believes it would be a terrific brand for the City. The Mayor suggest the possibility of having a contest for the lighthouse design. The City Manager stated the 4B has indicated they are interested in this project.

- (i) Action as a Result of Public Appearance.

No action was taken at this time.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: City Manager's Report.

- A. Receive a Report From the Parks and Recreation Director on Proposed Playground Equipment Improvements.

The Parks and Recreation Director presented a proposal for playground equipment improvements at Murphree Park. This is the second most utilized park and is located at 805 North Bond. It currently has a baseball backstop, slide, swing set, multi-use climber, two covered tables and two grills. He presented several photos of the existing antiquated playground equipment with some parts not meeting recommended safety guidelines. There is a lack of adequate impact attenuating surfacing, lack of adequate shading and the baseball backstop is in need of repairs. He put together several costs including landscaping, surfacing, park furniture and playground equipment and plans to present this to the 4B for their consideration. It was the consensus of the Council that they would like to see improvements to Murphree Park. Councilwoman Shierry stated if the 4B cannot pay all of the cost, she would like to see it in the next City's budget.

B. Discuss and Consider the Local State of Disaster for Public Health Emergency Adopted by City Council on March 23, 2020.

The City Manager briefed the Council on the latest information he had. Municipal Court has been canceled until further notice to redefine how the City handles the court during the pandemic and must be approved by the State. Staff recommends that the declaration remain in effect.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of January, 2021.

Mayor Ray Schultz

ATTEST:

City Secretary Janice Newman