

PROPERTY AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MAY 2, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman John Sonsalla at 7:00 PM. Present at roll call were: John Sonsalla and Felix Perez. Excused absence: Dave Gough. Also present were: Mayor Dave Breunig, Steve Pickett, Cindy Corley, Don Osterday, Bob Crist, Al Hinderman, Brien Cleary, Doug Lindstrom, Jeremy Williams, Julie Pluemer and Phil Risseeuw.

Motion by Sonsalla second by Perez that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion by Perez second by Sonsalla to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Under comments from citizens present, Mayor Breunig reported Bob Crist has requested to continue to use the large group room on the second floor for their Alcohol Anonymous meetings. Bob Crist attended the meeting to present this request and answer questions. He stated the AA group meets every Tuesday evening at 8:00 PM, for approximately one hour. Representatives of Laf. Co. Human Services allowed them to use the large group room for years at no cost, for this weekly meeting. Laf. Co. Human Services have now told them there is no room for them to meet at their new location. Mr. Crist stated he would also be interested in using the Senior Center room, since it has a kitchen. It was explained to those present the Senior Center room is covered by a room rental agreement; and there is a per time charge to use that room. Mr. Crist stated they do not have any funds to be able to pay rent.

Discussion was then held concerning this request. This matter was not listed on the meeting agenda as an action item. The Senior Center room is not always available on Tuesday nights. It was suggested the group pay a minimum amount of \$5.00 per week to use the Senior Center. After discussion and consideration, no official action was taken concerning this request.

Mayor Breunig then introduced Julie Pluemer, representing Southwest Tech, to those present. Julie reported Southwest Tech was also allowed to use the large group room on the second floor of the Municipal Building for their GED or HSED program. She stated the GED/HSED program meets Tuesday and Wednesday during the school year for 4 ½ hours each day. Representatives of Laf. Co. Human Services allowed them to use the large group room at no cost. And Laf. Co. Human Services have now told them there is no room for them to meet at their new location. Julie also reported representatives of two other groups would like to also share the use of the large group room. One group is the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and the other group is the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act.

At this time those present physically walked through the second floor area of the Municipal Building vacated by representatives of Lafayette County, to see areas being talked about during this meeting. After the tour, Bob Crist and Julie Pluemer left the meeting, and the rest of those present returned to the Council room to continue the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning future plans for the second floor area of the Municipal Building formerly rented to Lafayette County. Discussion items included the following:

- Upon inspection of the area, the entire office area needs new carpeting. In addition, all interior walls will need repair and painting. It was suggested some of these expenses should fall on Lafayette County; however the terms of the lease agreement need to be reviewed to see if that is possible.
- Will we ever be able to find someone to rent that large of an area? It was reported there are realty firms that help you find possible renters.
- Should we do more advertising?
- Should we consider alternative uses for the rental space, such as apartments? The apartments could be similar to the Main Street condos.

After discussion and consideration, it was the consensus of those present to contact contractor Steve Brunkow and seek his opinion on the apartment option.

Discussion was then held concerning the request from Darlington Community Child Care Center to lease additional space in the Municipal Building. A copy of their current lease agreement was included in the agenda packet for reference. One of the options discussed earlier was to relocate the Council room to the large group room on the second floor of the Municipal Building. Based on the conversations held with other parties earlier during this meeting, relocation of the Council room may no longer be an option. It was the consensus of those present not to consider this request at this time.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Pereza second by Sonsalla to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseeuw, Clerk-Treasurer