

PROPERTY AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES APRIL 30, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Bev Anderson at 7:00 PM. Present at roll call were: Bev Anderson and Don Osterday. Excused absence: Dave Gough. Also present were: Mayor Dave Breunig, Cindy Corley, John Sonsalla, Jeremy Williams, Bill Wamsley and Phil Risseeuw.

Motion by Osterday second by Anderson that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried. Motion by Osterday second by Anderson to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Under unfinished business, Alderperson Anderson reported that at the library, they have several items they would like to sell. Those items include older computer equipment that is no longer in use, and several books. Mrs. Anderson asked if those present felt we should stay with current City policy and advertise these items for sale in the newspaper; or just post a list of items for sale in several locations around the City. It was the consensus of those present due to the cost of advertising these items for sale, it was permissible to simply post a list of items available in several locations. It was also suggested to ask Aaron Wolfe to examine the computer equipment, and ask him to provide a sale price for the equipment.

Mayor Breunig then stated he had someone ask him for permission to display vehicles for sale on the old NAPA parking lot; or lease the lot for that purpose. It was reported according to DNR and FEMA regulations, property acquired with flood mitigation funding shall only be used for open space and recreational purposes, and shall not be leased for any purpose.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning the disposition of the pump house on W. River Street. The property contains the original city well, and pump equipment that sent the water to the water reservoir on Summit Ave. The roof has deteriorated and is beyond repair; and the well needs to be abandoned and filled in. Jeremy Williams reported there is \$750.00 in cost sharing money available from Lafayette County. There also are some salvage items in the building that can be sold for scrap. That money can be used to offset the cost of demolition and well abandonment.

Alderperson Anderson reported some people are interested in acquiring some of the building bricks. And Alderperson Osterday stated he felt it would be nice to leave the back wall of the building as a historical marker, and place a plaque on the wall stating the historical significance of that site. After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Anderson to recommend to the Council the demolition of the building, and abandoning of the well. Motion carried. Jeremy Williams stated during building demolition, some of the bricks can be moved behind the City garage, and those who are interested in acquiring some bricks, and pick them up behind the City garage.

Discussion was then held concerning replacement of the trees in the two islands in the Municipal Building parking lot. Alderperson Anderson stated she had discussed this matter with several people, and they all felt some type of tree should be placed in the two new islands. Jeremy Williams suggested a type of maple tree; and others suggested a type of evergreen tree that wouldn't shed leaves in the fall. After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Anderson to recommend to the Council the replacement of the trees in the two islands in the Municipal Building parking lot. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning a request from representatives of Darlington Community Child Care Center, Inc., for the City to purchase a key fab entry system for the Child Care portion of the Municipal Building. Bill Wamsley, President of the Child Care Board attended the meeting to present their request and answer questions. Mr. Wamsley explained due to recent events around the country, the employees of the Child Care don't feel safe. They feel if they had additional door locks, if someone was trying to break into their premises, the door locks would give them extra time to react. Bill said he obtained a quote from Tuescher Electric for the proposed key fab entry system, which came to \$4,849.40.

Discussion items included the following:

- Who should pay for this expense? Should this be a taxpayer's expense, or should this be the responsibility of the Child Care business entity.
- The City is the landlord, and the Child Care Center is the renter.
- The system would place key fab locks on three doors. The exterior door facing the parking lot and the two access doors in the hallway.
- It was suggested this may not be the best security system option to use in their situation. It was suggested a camera and door buzzer system similar to those at the school buildings maybe better.
- Mr. Wamsley suggested the Child Care Center may be willing to pay for this system themselves, in exchange for an agreement from the City for no future rent increases for a set number of years.

After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Anderson to table this matter at this time, to allow for additional research and discussion by both parties. Motion carried.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Osterday second by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer