

COMMON COUNCIL  
AUGUST 7, 2017  
7:00 PM

Mayor Shane Evans called the meeting to order and led everyone present in the pledge to our flag.

Roll Call: Carolyn Pearson, Brian Garrison, Richard Traeger, Dale Seward and Mike Shockley were present.

Minutes from the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0)

Reports:

There were no questions from the council for the department heads or the Mayor.

Community Center: Mike Shockley reported they held a luncheon fund raiser and it went well. Doors have been ordered and should have the front door installed this week. Dale Seward stated they had doubled their investment on the fund raiser. Brenda Daly provided a letter from North Central Health Services informing the Council that NCHS cannot provide funds for a government owned structure.

Area Plan: Dale Seward stated there was nothing really to report from the Area Plan Commission.

New Business:

- a. Discussion of zoning assignments for unassigned properties. Mayor Evans presented the Council with Resolution 2017-7 Recommending Zoning Assignments for Unassigned Properties within city limits. Everett Snoeberger stated the properties south of Main Street and west of HHH floods and he feels these parcels should remain agriculture. Lynn Carson and Janet Ayres stated they had purchased farm land 30 years ago. This land has historical significance as site of first settlers. At this time, they want to continue cash renting the land and leave as stands. Mayor Evans stated he had discussed this with Doug Wagner and Mr. Wagner stated it would not matter what the city zones, the land would be grandfathered. Jeff Watson stated this would change property taxes. Assessment takes into consideration land use and taxed as so.

Mayor Evans asked for council comments. Mike Shockley had questions concerning if possible to build if grandfathered. Not sure if want to rezone or variance. Dale Seward stated he had not had sufficient time to review the materials and desires to research agricultural designations. Carolyn Pearson understands we would make a recommendation to Area Plan and if Area Plan approved it would come back to us and we would then do an ordinance for the 25 parcels. The Council requested research be done on agricultural zones within city limits and whether new zoning assignments will impact property taxes and desired for the mayor to respond to e-mails and letters regarding the zoning designation. Dale Seward made the motion to table the discussion. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried. (5-0)

- b. Ordinance 2017-11 Wedding Ceremonies. This ordinance would allow the clerk treasurer to charge for weddings. Judge Craig Wellnitz also preforms ceremonies. Carolyn Pearson stated she had talked to Judge Wellnitz and the code in the ordinance had been repealed. The date is wrong in the last section. Carolyn Pearson also noted Judge Wellnitz is not in favor of charging a fee. Makenzie Martin, city attorney, stated she had formed this ordinance off several other cities and towns. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to table this matter. Second by Dale Seward. Motion carried. (5-0)
- c. Strategic Planning. Mayor Evans asked for questions from the council on the document he had provided of a proposal for procedure of developing a strategic plan for the city. Carolyn Pearson wanted to know if this was necessary for grant applications. Mayor Evans stated it was not required but a good way to look to the future. Carolyn Pearson suggested a special meeting for discussing the plan. Richard Traeger suggested the Council receive public input before the meeting. Mike Shockley suggested having members of the community organizations be invited to discuss the matter. Mayor Evans provided a recommendation that public notice of the input period be sent out next Monday, have a visioning meeting with the public in mid-September, have a special Council meeting in October, and have adoption of the strategic plan by the Council later in the year.

Announcements: Mayor Evans announced the Budget Workshops, Old Settler, Board of Public Works and Safety meetings and work sessions, Fire Territory meeting, Board of Aviation Commissioners, and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board dates, locations, and times for the month of August.

Council Comments:

Dale Seward questioned Mayor Evans on position on Board of Zoning Appeal. Mayor Evans announced Mary Ann Burton had agreed to serve and Kirk Germond would remain on the APC.

Dale Seward questioned Mayor Evans on position on BOW. Mayor Evans stated no appointment had been made.

Dale Seward asked about progress on the shed on North High Street.

Mike Shockley thanked all the interested parties of the zoning issue for attending and expressing their thoughts.

Carolyn Pearson urged everyone to get on board with the Community Center. She stated Mr. Watson had estimated about \$100,000 would be needed to get the building ready to open the doors.

Public Comments:

Everett Snoeberger warns everyone of agriculture zoning. "Urban agriculture" precludes farm animals. He suggested the city research urban agricultural designations.

With no further business before the council, Carolyn Pearson made the motion to adjourn. Second by Dale Seward. Motion carried. (5-0) Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

*Shane Evans*

Mayor Shane Evans

*Brian Garrison*

Brian Garrison

*Dale Seward*

Dale Seward

*Leanne Aldrich*

Leanne Aldrich, Attest

*Carolyn Pearson*

Carolyn Pearson

*Richard Traeger*

Richard Traeger

*Mike Shockley*

Mike Shockley