

FEBRUARY 12, 2008

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons David Tryggestad, John Bjerke, Gary Krause, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem, Gail Frie, Jeff Clifton, and Terry Noble present. Alderperson Mark Polsean was absent. Also present were Administrator Jeff Gohlke, Clerk John Severson, Assistant Police Chief Daron Jefson, Attorney David Jenkins and Assistant Administrator Matt Giese, Drew and Geri Shonka, John O'Conner, Leigh Anders, Mike Bankes, Tom Wilson, Ed Barlow, Tony Baxter, Paula Grenier, David Whited-Ford, Susan Barendregt, Steve Loveless, Angie Smalley Scotland, Vicki Ramsay, Bjorn Leonards, T.J. Semanchin and Lynn Chakoian.

2. Approval of the January 29, 2008 Regular Council Minutes.

Motion by Alderperson Krause to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2008 meeting. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment.

Paula Grenier suggested tabling the discussion on the proposed animal ordinance so additional public input can be heard. Drew Shonka presented a petition signed by 72 people asking:

- 1) that the city consider and adopt an ordinance that clearly defines the acceptable limits for keeping non-dangerous, non-polluting animals, such as chickens, that allows for their care and keeping within city limits.
- 2) that the city consider and adopts an ordinance regarding property owners choices that allows them to choose what to plant in their own front yards, back yards and boulevards, within agreed-upon limits, again allowing for the safety, health, and enjoyment of other city residents.

Tom Wilson suggested the a public hearing be held to discuss animals and planting in yards and boulevards. Mike Bankes also recommended that a public meeting be held concerning animals and planting.

4. Plan Commission recommendation – Proposal to change the zoning of Lot 1 of Certified Survey map No.437 (lying adjacent to and on the east side of C.T.H. “B” and west of Sherwood Dr. extended) from A-1 Agriculture Transition District to R-1 Single and Two Family Residential District.

Jeff Golke reviewed with the Council the proposed zoning change involving land owned by the Grace Evangelical Free Church. The Plan Commission after public hearing recommended approval of the zoning change. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the zoning change from A-1 Agriculture Transition to R-1 Single and Two Family Residential. Seconded by Alderperson Noble. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

5. Ordinance regarding animals. Second reading.

Motion by Alderperson Frie to table the agenda items 5 and 7 and include them in a community meeting with the Committee of the Whole to be held on March 5, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Western Technical College. Seconded by Alderperson Noble. The Council heard additional comments by Lynn Chakoian, Drew Shonka, Tom Wilson and Lee Anders. On the motion before the Council all voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

6. Ordinance amending Title 15 ‘Buildings and Construction’. First reading.

Jeff Gohlke introduced the ordinance. Tom Wilson asked several questions about the ordinance. Jeff Gohlke responded to the questions. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the first reading of the proposed ordinance amending Title 15 ‘Buildings and Construction’. Second by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries

7. Authorize legal action for firewood stored in front yard.

Item was tabled by previous motion.

8. Offer to purchase Howard Johnson buildings.

Jeff Gohlke informed the Council that a formal offer of \$120,000 may be acceptable for the purchase of the Howard Johnson buildings which include a 12,000 sq. ft. warehouse and a 2,500 sq. ft. shop/garage. Motion by Alderperson Mack to proceed with a formal offer of \$120,000 to Howard Johnson Properties for the two buildings and 0.8 acres with acceptance of offer to be sent to the Plan commission for recommendation prior to final Council action. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

9. Appointment of Special Voting Deputies.

Motion by Alderperson Frie to appoint Janice Dregne and Kathy Volden as Special Voting Deputies. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

10. Certified Survey Map – Mike Deters.

Jeff Gohlke presented the Certified Survey Map to the Council. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve Certified Survey Map No. 744. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

11. Payment of bills.

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve payment of bills as presented on payment reports dated February 8, 2008 and February 12, 2008 in the amounts of \$74,254.63 and \$1,602.93. Seconded by Alderperson Frie. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

12. Second period for public comment.

None.

13. Adjournment.

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 p.m. February 26, 2008. Seconded by Alderperson Frie. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.