

OCTOBER 31, 2006

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 Tryggstad, Marc Polsean, John Bjerke, Gary Krause, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem, Gail Frie, Robert Suhr and Terry Noble present. Also present were City Administrator Jeff Gohlke, Clerk John Severson, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Don Long, Bill Brooke, Angie Lawrence, Steve Clark and Dan Stalsberg.

2. Approval of the October 10, 2006 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2006 meeting. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment.

Don Long, Angie Lawrence and Bill Brooke appeared before the Council to request additional funding for the Library in the 2007 budget. With no objections the council took up items #9

9. 2007 Budget.

The Council discussed the General Fund budget and Library budget at length. Moved by Alderperson Noble to strike the Public Works storage shed at a cost \$65,000 from the 2007 budget. Seconded by Alderperson Frie. On roll call vote Alderpersons Tryggstad, Bjerke, Krause, Mack, Frie and Noble voted aye. Alderpersons Polsean, Hatlem and Suhr voted nay. Motion carries. Discussion continued on the budget. Motion by Alderperson Polsean to approve publication of the proposed 2007 budget. Seconded by Alderperson Frie. On roll call vote all voted aye. Motion carries.

4. Ordinance relating to the Veterans Memorial commission – first reading.

Jeff Gohlke reviewed the transfer of the Veterans Memorial to the City and the proposed ordinance creating the Veterans Memorial Commission. Motion by Alderperson Polsean to approve Ordinance No.06OR013 and waive the second reading. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

5. Sale of land to Marion Clark.

Jeff Gohlke described the location of the land directly behind Marion Clark. The lot is approximately 6,800 sq. ft. and was approved for sale to Marion Clark by the Plan Commission at a price of \$340.00. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the sale. Seconded by Alderperson Frie. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

6. MG&E request for utility easement in Industrial Park, east of Nelson Parkway.

Jeff Gohlke reviewed the request for a 10 ft. easement on the east side of Nelson Parkway and the south side of Power Drive extended. Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve the easement to MG&E. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

7. 2007 Police Union contract.

Alderperson Frie announced that the Police Union has accepted a 3% increase in base salary for 2007 with no wording changes to the existing contract. This is consistent with what all other employees will receive for 2007 and Personnel recommends accepting the contract. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the 2007 Police Union contract. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

8. Alcohol licenses.

Alderperson Mack presented operator license applications from Marsha Mayberry, Mark Lambert and Karen Groves. All have been checked and accepted by Chief Rahr. Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve the licenses. Seconded by Alderperson Bjerke. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

10. Payment of bills.

Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve payment of the bills as recommended by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

11. Second Period for Public Comment.

None.

12. Adjournment.

Motion by Alderperson Krause to adjourn the Council meeting until 7:30 pm. November 14, 2006. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson
Clerk