

City Council Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2021

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order. Council members present were Jason Booker, Keith Wessel, Mark Brooks and Sharon Haun. City Attorney Bill Halvorsen and City Administrator Nick Jones were also present. Others attending were Mindy Andres, Marcus Hernandez, Lucas Kohler, Heather Peterson, David Petrey. Absent: Councilpersons Mark Berner and Larry Siegrist

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the packet. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion. The consent agenda consisted of:

- February 2, 2021 Minutes
- February 2, 2021, to Current Appropriations.
- Cabin Transfer N/A

Motion carried 4 - 0

OLD BUSINESS

• **CTS Group – Update**

City Administrator Nick Jones reported the CTS Group and Services Unlimited have completed install of the LED lighting in City Facility's. City Administrator Nick Jones also reported the RTS group is working on replacing water meters and have under a hundred left to install. The project will continue until the middle to end of February, as CTS had to order additional meters.

• **North Riverwalk Extension – Update**

City Administrator Nick Jones reported that there will be a delay to the start of the North Riverwalk extension. Bryant and Bryant had the project resurveyed and City Administrator Nick Jones meant with KDOT, Bryant and Bryant, and BG Consultants to walk the project and found that the design and location of the sidewalk would be too close to the river. BG Consultants will have the project resurveyed and redesign the portions of the project that are located too close to the river's edge. Doug Linda with KDOT said it could be 30 to 60 days before the project may be ready to start.

NEW BUSINESS

• **City Lake Committee Recommendation – Variance Request D-7**

Councilperson Keith Wessel presented the recommendation of the Lake Committee to the City Council. Councilperson Keith Wessel said the committee looked at the request and the new location is further away from the Lakes edge than the previous cabin. The Committee did not see a problem with the request and recommended a variance request of 13' to the 100' high water setback for the construction of a cabin and deck. Councilperson Keith Wessel also noted that the neighboring leaseholds are aware and have no issue with the request.

Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the variance request. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Keith Wessel.

Motion Carried 4 – 0

• **Hay Bids: City Lake Park**

City Administrator Nick Jones presented the to the City Council the two sealed bids received for the hay at the City Lake Park. City Administrator Nick Jones opened and presented to the City Council the first bid from Tanner Shade. The bid from Tanner Shade was \$8,500 per year with a three-year total of \$25,500. City Administrator Nick Jones opened and presented the second bid from Peyton Heins. The bid from Peyton Heins was \$9,765.25 per year with a three-year total of \$29,295.75. After reviewing the bids, Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to accept the bid from Peyton Heins for \$29,295.75. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker.

Motion Carried 4 – 0

- **Mowing Bids: Sunny Slope – City Lake**

City Administrator Nick Jones presented the City Council the three sealed bids received for mowing at Sunny Slope Cemetery and the City Lake. City Administrator Nick Jones opened and presented to the City Council the first bid from Mike Muncy with Muncy Lawn Care. Muncy did not place a bid for mowing Sunny Slope Cemetery. Muncy’s bid for mowing and weed eating at the City Lake was \$6,750 per year with a three-year total of \$20,250. City Administrator Nick Jones opened and presented to the City Council the second bid from Lucas Palmquist with Palmquist Lawn Care. Palmquist bid for mowing and weed eating at Sunny Slope Cemetery was \$3,750 per year with a three-year total of \$11,250. Palmquist bid on mowing and weed eating at the City Lake was \$7,200 per year with a three-year total of \$21,600. City Administrator Nick Jones opened and presented to the City Council the third bid from Wayne Kohler with Twin Lakes Lawn Services. Kohler’s bid for mowing and weed eating at Sunny Slope Cemetery was \$3,224 per year with a three-year total of \$9,672. Kohler’s bid on mowing and weed eating at the City Lake was \$6,175 per year with a three-year total of \$18,525. After review of the bids Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to accept the bids from Wayne Kohler and Twin Lake Lawn Services for mowing and weed eating at Sunny Slope Cemetery and the City Lake. The motion was seconded by Mark Brooks.
Motion Carried 4 – 0

- **Executive Session – Non – Elected Personnel**

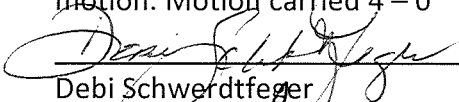
Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Non-Elected Personnel. A motion was made by Councilperson Keith Wessel to go into Executive Session for 20 minutes and the session would include the City Council, Mayor, City Attorney, and City Administrator. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker.
Motion Carried 4 – 0

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS


- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – expressed excitement about the new businesses going in downtown and glad to see the COVID numbers on the decline.
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – Absent
- **Councilperson Keith Wessel** – Excited about the progress downtown and reminded everyone to be vigilante about COVID and protect yourself.
- **Councilperson Mark Brooks** – Asked if the City Council would be alright with the purchase of water boots for the new tree being planted as part of the new memorial tree program. Councilperson Brooks said he can have Kris Gant send of the link for the water boots and the boots cost \$13.50 apiece. Councilperson Brooks also asked the Council if the Santa Fe 200 could us the Riverwalk Park for Gun Fight on the Santa Fe Trail on July 16th & 17th. The participants would set up primitive camp sites and also compete as teams in gun fights. They are also planning on having a couple bands at the event. A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Booker to allow use of the Riverwalk Park for the event. The motion seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 4 - 0
- **Councilperson Larry Siegrist** – Absent
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – excited about the up coming events and working ahead for the Santa Fe 200.
- **City Attorney Bill Halvorsen** – None
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** None
- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – said we will reschedule the meeting with the Chamber Board for a later date due to COIVD concerns and the current limit on mass gatherings from the County Health Officer. Mayor Schwerdtfeger was also happy to see new residents moving to town and new business going in downtown.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilperson Keith Wessel made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Jason Booker seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 – 0


Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST:


Nick Jones City Administrator

