

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session via in person and Zoom conference at 6:00 p.m.

Aldermen Present: Connie Painter, Marvin Vilorio, Jason Osbourne, Rusty Rothweiler, Jeff Botkins, Ralph Lemongelli

Alderman Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Jerry Potterfield, Sara Isenhour -HIC, George Hausdorf, Terry Gibbs, Stacy Dorsett, Hazel Smith, Robby Ellison, Rhonda Peer, Juben Moss, Amy Moss, Zach James, Matt Frank, Becky Chinn, Cyndi Cheek, Suzanne Quigley, Mandi Kindhart-White, Sandy Shinn, Tony Degrave, Cloey Latifoski, Devyn Timbrook, Jackie Pangborn, Kim Shinn, David Lorensen, and others not listed by name.

Mayor Potterfield asked that all stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was then called to order.

The Board of Aldermen reviewed the consent agenda which included minutes from the January 7, 2021 meeting and bills payable. Alderman Osbourne motioned to approve the minutes from January 7, 2021; Alderman Lemongelli seconded with all in favor. Alderman Painter motioned to approve the bills payable; Alderman Osbourne seconded with all in favor.

Mayor Potterfield opened the floor to open forum:

Open Forum

- Terry Gibbs addressed the Council and requested some answers from the Mayor regarding duties of a Mayor. Mayor Potterfield stated he would look up the responsibilities of a Mayor in the State Statute for Mr. Gibbs.

Presentations

- Sara Isenhour from HIC Agency joined again via Zoom to discuss the City's Health Insurance renewal. City Clerk Chris Ellison asked the Council for approval for renewing the City's Health Insurance with United Healthcare through HIC Agency as well as switching from TASC for the HRA to Freedom Claims including with the City's portion of the deductible. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to approve this renewal; Alderman Botkins seconded with all in favor.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Potterfield discussed several items:
 - Land by the Golf Course – had a call from an individual regarding that tract of land for the possibility of building a house, and possibly more houses close to the #8 Fairway. Mayor Potterfield stated he told this person that they would be responsible for the utilities. Alderman Vilorio stated he thinks the City should take care of the utilities in order to get more housing there. He stated we need to look at the bigger plan.

- There are a couple of transformers that are no longer needed. Kerry Lee has received a couple of bids for the sale of these transformers, basically scrap prices as they are no longer usable. Mayor Potterfield will have these bids at the next meeting.
- City Administrator or Administration Assistant help – asked what the status was for this position. An ad will be going in the paper for an Administration Assistant position.
- Swimming Pool – need to decide if we are going to open the pool this year or not. After much discussion, Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to solicit help for a pool manager and lifeguards; Alderman Painter seconded with ads will be put out for a Pool Manager as well as Lifeguards. Ms. Ellison will also be checking with the new insurance company regarding lifesaving classes for the lifeguards.
- Surplus property was discussed. Mayor Potterfield stated there are three residential lots, three police cars and a couple of items from the Fire Department that will be for sale in an online auction. Alderman Botkins stated he would like to pull one of the lots out of the auction; the lot next to the school should be sold to them for their parking lot. This lot has been owned by the City since 1925 and has not been used for anything. Alderman Botkins made a motion to sell the lot to the school for the price the City paid for it in 1925, which was \$150; Alderman Vioria seconded with Aldermen Painter, Vioria, Botkins and Lemongelli in favor; Aldermen Osbourne and Rothweiler abstained.

Planning and Zoning

- There is a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on January 26, 2021 regarding the rezoning request for Lake Park Homes LLC.

Public works

- Alderman Vioria thanked the departments for their hard work for the past few weeks after the Ice Storm. There is a large pile of limbs accumulating that the Street Department has been hauling off outside of the city limits to burn. Alderman Botkins asked is this could be done at the lot rather than hauling off. Ms. Ellison stated she has contacted DNR. Burning is permitted as long as residents in a 600-foot diameter around the burn have given their approval. Alderman Vioria stated his biggest concern is the commercial tree companies dumping mulch and large limbs on the lot. Alderman Botkins made a motion to have some signs put up that say “No Commercial Dumping/Residential Customers Only”; Alderman Vioria seconded with all in favor.
- Net Metering Agreement request has been received by a customer that is installing solar panels in their home. Attorney Russell has look at this agreement and didn’t have any issues. Kerry Lee has also reviewed the documentations. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to approve the application for net metering; Alderman Vioria seconded with all in favor.
- Sheltered Workshop Lift Station bids were discussed. The City has been paying for the electric to this lift station since 2007. Attorney Russell has suggested that

the City pay for the pump this time then turn it over to the Workshop for maintenance, etc. George Hausdorf asked if the Workshop will be informed that this is what will happen in the future. Alderman Painter suggested that someone from the Workshop be in attendance at the next meeting. Ms. Ellison asked if the pump can be approved for purchase as it is currently not working at full capacity. Alderman Vilorio made a motion to purchase the pump from Richards Electric for \$1,636; Alderman Rothweiler seconded with all in favor.

- Mr. Hausdorf stated that DNR has been in contact with Klingner regarding some questions on the original design of the WWTP. A soil sample was also taken where the retention pond will be built. Still on schedule for the design and build.
- The soffit and fascia at the water plant needs repair. Mr. Hausdorf feels that this can be taken care of by the water plant employees this winter. There is \$2,500 in the budget for this repair as well as the replacement of some windows. Mr. Hausdorf stated there are seven windows that need to be replaced. He will put these out for bid.
- The Black & Veatch proposal for continued engineering for the Route J intake, etc., has been received. The price is not to exceed \$137,000. Mayor Potterfield stated that although we are still looking into the cost of possibly going with Cannon Water District, that would still be a 2-3 year project so any improvements for our water source should be done. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to approve the proposal from Black & Veatch not to exceed \$137,000; Alderman Painter seconded with all in favor.
- Alderman Vilorio discussed the generators needed for City Hall and the Police Department. Alderman Rothweiler stated he would look into these to determine what size is needed and get a plan put together.
- A request was received from the contractor that is doing the demolition at the old Electric plant. They are requesting an extension to May 1, 2021 due to weather, asbestos removal and employees with COVID. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to allow this extension; Alderman Lemongelli seconded with all in favor.

Public Safety/Nuisance

- Alderman Painter brought up the SRO contract. Chief Tyler Wheeler made this available for the Council to review as well as Attorney Russell. The contract is not up until June so there is plenty of time for review.
- An anonymous complaint was given to the Council regarding the SRO officer.
- Case Wolfe reimbursement request was discussed. Alderman Osbourne made a motion to reimburse Mr. Wolfe for the Firefighter class taken at MACC for \$1200 along with mileage; Alderman Rothweiler seconded with all in favor. A two-year contract will also need to be signed, starting with the date the course was completed.
- The trailer parked by Ben Franklin in a parking spot has been removed.
- Alderman Rothweiler met with Chief Wheeler. They have a spreadsheet with activities that is being worked on. Alderman Rothweiler stated this is a work in progress. Captain Zach James also stated they are working with residents to get things cleaned up.

Administration committee

- No report.

Park Board

- Meetings start next month.
- Residents have also asked about Gordon Hill Park.

Economic Development

- Alderman Rothweiler and Alderman Botkins met with Linda Martin regarding the Industrial Park Development. The sites for sale will be listed on Location One. More information will be available at a later date.

City Attorney Report

- No report

There being no more business to discuss; Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to adjourn; Alderman Botkins seconded with all in favor. The meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

MAYOR JERRY POTTERFIELD

CHRISTINE ELLISON, City Clerk