

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Plankinton City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 4, 2020, at the Plankinton Senior Center. Mayor John J. Staller called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Pam Vissia, Brad Kehn, Susan Steele, Jim Hinckley, and Terry Schuldt. Member absent was Jason Schurz. City employee, Eileen Sorsen, and J.P. Studeny from SD Mail were in attendance. City employees Casey Schmidt, Chance Boyd, and Darin Cranny came in at appointed times.

Mayor Staller entertained a motion to add Hohn family bench donation to the agenda. Vissia made a motion to accept the changed agenda. Seconded by Kehn. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There was no citizen input.

Deputy Finance Officer, Casey Schmidt, presented the Council with a request to adopt a new cemetery computer program. The CIMS Cemetery Program is more user friendly than the Banyon Property Management program. Initial setup is \$1299 for license, set-up and installation. The yearly fee is figured by grave spaces. One to 5000 spaces is \$300 a year, and that includes tech support. We can start with just entering the cards, and can add the mapping program later. Steele asked Casey if she had talked to anyone about the CIMS program. Casey has talked to the Britton Finance Officer, who likes the CIMS cloud based program. Kehn asked Casey to check what version CIMS has been on, and when they started. They have been in business for 20 years. The Council will discuss further at the special May 14 meeting.

Kehn made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2020 regular Council meeting. Schuldt seconded it. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Hinckley made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2020 special Council meeting. Vissia seconded it. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Kehn made a motion to pay the following bills:

BILLS PAID SINCE APRIL 20, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING

AFLAC—Empl. Vol. Ins.—165.15; DELTAL DENTAL—May Employee Dental Ins.—\$211.00; F & M STATE BANK—April Bank Fees--\$27.70; GUARDIAN—May Empl. Life, Std. & Ltd. Ins.--\$308.26

BILLS TO PAY AFTER MAY 4, 2020 MEETING

A-OX WELDING SUPP.—Shop Supplies--\$380.58; ADAPCO—Mosquito Chemical--\$2,368.25; AURORA-BRULE RURAL WATER—April Water/Debt Ret.--\$6,395.20; BORDER STATES—Electric Cap. Outlay--\$2,144.83; CAMPBELL'S/ RUNNINGS—Grass Seed/Shop & Park Supp.--\$426.65; CASEY SCHMIDT—Reimb. For Hand Sanitizer--\$31.99; CLAY BROUWER—1st Cemetery Mowing--\$1,200.00; DAKOTA PUMP—2 Sewage pumps & Repair--\$14,034.42; DEMCO—Library Supplies--\$362.46; DOLLAR GENERAL—Hose--\$19.17; FORTERRA—Manhole extensions--\$860.10; Renae

Gerlach—Reimb. Brianna Lifeguard Cert.--\$185.00; GOLDENWEST—April Phones--\$394.78; M & L REPAIR—Repair & Supplies--\$144.67; MC & R POOLS—Pool Paint--\$1,112.11; MENARDS—Shop Supplies--\$182.40; MIKE’S CONSTR.—Garbage Serv.--\$60.00; MN MUN. UTIL. ASSOC.—Quar. 5 Line-worker Program & Suppl.--2,250.00; PLANKINTON BUILDER’S SUPPLY—April Shop Supplies--\$38.18; READER’S DEN—Library Books--\$369.47; ROADSIDE C-STORE—April Fuel--\$193.88; RON’S MARKET—Supplies--\$28.13; SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUBS—Books--\$346.61; SD DEPT OF HEALTH—Water & Lagoon Testing--\$59.00; SD MAIL—April Legal Publ.--\$1,894.87; USA BLUE BOOK—Water/ tools--\$452.05.

Hinckley seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Briggs Street Vacate Hearing date-- set for June 1, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Graduation-- no changes. Will hold on May 16.

City Wells & Elevator Land Purchase—the city will probably have to get an agreement from the potential buyer to cover costs of surveyor and land transfer legal fees associated with the sale of the small tract of land by the elevator. Mayor Staller will confer with Mr. Page to see if he wants to proceed with purchase, following all recommendations made by the city attorney.

Pool Opening—Hinckley suggested the city waits to make a decision on opening until June 1 meeting, and he thinks it is important for our youth to have lessons. Kehn also stated that we wait until June 1 for a decision. It was the consensus of the Council to discuss further at the May 14th special meeting, or to delay a decision until the June 1 regular meeting.

ELECTRIC SUPT. REPORT:

Chance has installed underground electric at the ballpark. While there, they were going to repair the playground equipment by the fields. It is in bad shape, due to rotten boards in the frame. The Utility departments will be tearing it down, and hope to replace it when some funds are available. Chance, Darin & Barry have been taking down old overhead lines and poles east side of Main St., with some on west side left to remove. The City will surplus the cross arms and poles, and the aluminum will be taken in for scrap. He said one pole was from the 1920’s. Golden West will be starting on the fiber-optic project in July. He and Darin talked to Jeff Briggs on his development. The road into it will stay. He is replacing 5 street lights soon- poles are leaning. The city utility guys have a permit to shoot any muskrats inside city limits. The AED for the bucket truck has been received.

UTILITY SUPT. REPORT:

Darin has started discharging from the lagoon. The samples are good due to a lot of ground water. He is continuing FEMA work from 2019 flooding. All the main valves were exercised this month, and been GPS’d. The County will eventually put 2 new culverts in on Third Street, and Commerce Street to help with draining. The Utility Dept. has been raising manholes-- 5 so far.

One was 16" under the road in the new south development. Estimate to demo the old water was \$51,600. He has been looking for a tandem dump truck, and is finding that used, decent ones run from \$20,000 to \$35,000. Seth Bultsma started on May 4, as summer part-time in the Parks dept. for May & June. Mary Lawson will work part-time in the Park Dept. in June & July. Paint was ordered for the pool, but will wait until Council makes a decision on pool opening. Mayor and Darin checked out the location of the 3 city wells. The estimate to cap each one is around \$10,000 each, and is a State recommendation. Mayor Staller recommends we probably do one each year. The old water tower is not decent, and contaminated. Council will put them on the 5 year plan.

Bucher Building: Mayor Staller said TJ Scott is on line to move pile by alley. Mr. Bucher is talking to Puetz Construction, and his insurance adjustor how to handle the repair or demolition of his building as soon as possible. Kehn said it would be in the insurance company's best interest to take care of it.

Nuisance Properties: Kehn asked if we can carry forward with nuisance properties. Mayor Staller stated that those that are in the process will get letters, and more properties can be added.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cemetery: Vissia would like to see a printout of the cemetery ordinance made available, so people can check on the rules for cemetery gravestones, etc. One family was asking to install a fieldstone headstone.

Parks: Hinckley said the Council should wait until the pool decision is made to make any park opening decisions. The Bankers town team plan on playing a full season, and the league starts June 4. Council will discuss all baseball & softball at May 14 special meeting.

Covid-19 Resolution: Steele made a motion to amend the EMERGENCY RESOLUTION #3-27-20 PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES DEEMED NECESSARY DUE TO CORONA VIRUS to say: I move to amend the Covid-19 Resolution passed by the City on March 26th such that if restaurants move to sit-down dining, that the tables be placed 6 feet apart, or more. And, that the restaurants practice social distancing. Kehn seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Bench Donation: The Hohn family has made a request to place a bench in front of the F & M Bank, in memory of Mike and Becky Hohn. It is a wagon wheel type bench. Council asked the mayor to see what the width would be with the wheels, to ensure that wheelchairs could proceed safely. The benches that are usually set out on Main Street won't be put out until the parks are re-opened.

Building Permits:

Brad Kehn--#42420 @ 107 E Pennington. Moving a fence & enlarging it. Utility Supt. and Mayor signed off on it.

Marcia Beltman--#42720 @ 607 N Kimball. Demolition & clean-up of property.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Staller is hoping our State Sales Tax won't be too bad, as our residents are doing a lot of their shopping in town. The water meter warranty is up in June, so asked the Utility dept. to make sure all has been checked out. 39.4% of Plankinton people have completed the Census. The city will clean up Skunk Creek debris when able. A letter to the lifeguards went out explaining the fact of possibly no pool opening this summer.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Finance Officer's School has been cancelled for this summer. There will be a 2021 Budget Training in Sioux Falls on June 30, if possible.

Steele asked when the Reorganizational Meeting will be held. Since the municipal voting was delayed to June 2, there may be a special meeting to canvas votes. The Reorganization may be done then, or next regular meeting on July 6.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Signed: John J. Staller, Mayor _____

Attest: Eileen Sorsen, Finance Officer _____