

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
January 28, 2013

Present: Schraeder, Peabody, Werch, Brockman, Hansen, Klein, Miller, Will

Absent:

Others: City Administrator Rich, City Attorney Wurtz, City Clerk Schommer

Will called meeting to order at 7:00.

Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation – Pastor Karen Gygax-Rodriguez

Approval of agenda

Motion made by Brockman, second by Hansen to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public communications and comment

No one from the public came forward to address council.

Action Items

Receive letters of interest – council appointment to fill vacancy in District 1

Will thanked the 5 candidates who submitted their names for the vacant council position. Rich explained the voting process. Each candidate has 3 minutes to speak as to why they would make a good council member. Council will vote by paper ballot, clerk will then collect ballots and read councilmember name and who they voted for. The candidate will need the majority of the votes, 4, to be appointed. If no candidate receives the majority votes, voting will continue. Will, will keep time. Candidate speaking order is: Deano Pape, Theodore Grant, Howard Krueger, Peggy Adamski, and Kathy Schaub. Council vote: Werch– vote for Kathy Schaub; Peabody-vote for Deano Pape; Brockman-vote for Deano Pape; Hansen-vote for Deano Pape; Klein-vote for Peggy Adamski; Schraeder-vote for Kathy Schaub; Miller-vote for Deano Pape. Vote tally: 4 for Deano Pape; 2 for Kathy Schaub; 1 for Peggy Adamski; 0 for Theodore Grant; 0 for Howard Krueger, Deano Pape is appointed District 1 Council member to fill council seat until next election held April 1, 2014 by majority vote by council. Pape will begin on February 1, 2013.

Resolution – carrying over funds to 2013 budget

Brockman inquired if \$27,173.07 from Fund 21 to Fund 21 for equipment replacement was in the general fund. Rich replied yes. Klein asked if this was for Public Works use also. Rich replied yes. Schraeder inquired if \$307,604.59 from Fund 27 to Fund 27 for Revolving loan fund activity was available balance. Rich replied yes, and that in August the funds will go to the different organizations. Schraeder stated this needed to be advertised. Motion made by Brockman, second by Klein to approve Resolution 2013-02, Resolution Transferring Certain Unused Funds from Budget Year 2012 to Budget Year 2013. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

Community garden

Will stated he has spoken with Dennis Meyer from the greenhouse located on Douglas Street, GrowSureEase, LLC and he was receptive to having the community garden located on his property. Klein stated she was pleased to see the interest in the community garden and would like to pursue. Klein has spoken to Public Works Director Drake and he has given her a list of 5 parcels that could be potential spaces for the garden. Werch and Hansen told council they liked the idea of a community garden, but need more details, layout, traffic flow, smells, time-line, Hold Harmless Agreements in place. Both still have a lot of questions. Peabody inquired on liability to the city. Wurtz stated he needed more information also, but there could possibly be liability for the city. Will and Wurtz stated Klein should get a study group together, formulate a plan and bring back to council a proposal for the community garden.

Project updates & staff reports

Klein stated she has not been contacted by Rich in regards to meeting to discuss merit based wages, job descriptions, etc. Rich stated she was meeting with her Intern on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 to discuss and will be contacting the members of the committee with a meeting date.

Mayor's communications and appointments

Will again thanked the candidates that submitted names for the District 1 council vacancy.

Agenda items for future Council meetings-

None

With no further business, motion made by Brockman, second by Werch to adjourn. Motion carried.

Will declared meeting adjourned at 7:36 a.m.

Ann Schommer, City Clerk