

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MONDAY JULY 23, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order in regular session by Mayor Powers with the following members present: Harrington, Peterson, Odom, Krings, Goebel. Absent: Niemeyer, Glen, Oatman.

Moved by Harrington, seconded by Krings that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the southeast wall of the City Council Chambers and that prior to this meeting a notice was placed in the Hastings Tribune on July 20, 2012, that notice was posted in three public places, that each Councilmember and Mayor received a copy of the proposed agenda and that an agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection and that said meeting is held in open session. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Peterson, Odom, Krings, Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Niemeyer, Glen, Oatman. The motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Odom stated we started our sister city relationship with Ozu, Japan in 1995. Since that time, every year, but one year, we have had a group of students come over from Ozu to Hastings. Councilman Odom stated tonight Ysei Yasutake, who is with the Ozu Town Hall Farmland Policy & Planning Division, and Tomomi Eto, the interpreter for this trip, is an Ozu Town Visitor Center employee. Mr. Yasutake and Ms. Eto presented to Mayor Powers a letter from the Mayor of Ozu, Japan.

The Mayor stated this is a great sister city relationship we have. The Mayor stated we are planning to put together a trip this Spring to Ozu, Japan.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS: None.

Moved by Odom, seconded by Harrington that the following items on the Consent Agenda be approved:

- 1(a) Minutes of the Council Meeting of July 9, 2012.
- 2(a) Application of Tri-City Garden Corporation for a Special Designated License at the City Auditorium on August 22, 2012.
- 2(b) Request of Nebraska's Official Soft Drink Foundation for use of parking lot and to close City streets on August 11, 2012 for Kool-Aid Days and Kool-Aid Cruise of America.
- 2(c) Manager Application of Juan Z. Gonzalez in connection with the Class "C" Liquor License of El Pun Pun located at 212 West 2nd Street.
- 4(a) Payroll for the period ending July 21, 2012, paid July 27, 2012.

4(b) Authorizing the City Clerk to issue checks against the various funds for payment of claims. (Claims attached to and made a part of these minutes).

5(a) Department Monthly Reports received and placed on file.

Councilman Goebel stated the map included in the packet for the Kool-Aid Cruise is not quite correct. We will be coming down Eastside Boulevard from 14th Street to Lakeside Drive and go through Heartwell Park on Lakeside Drive. That was a change we made from the original map that came out last year. Councilman Goebel stated he has sent a corrected map to the Kool-Aid people.

The City Administrator asked Councilman Goebel if he sent a copy of the map to the Street Department.

Councilman Goebel stated no he didn't. In regard to the cruise, there are no barricades set up and we obey all stop signs and speed limits.

Vote on the motion. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Peterson, Odom, Krings, Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Niemeyer, Glen, Oatman. The motion carried.

Moved by Goebel, seconded by Odom that the Mayor and Council approve the request of Alan Anderson to replat Lot 12 of Westbrook Village 9th Addition and two preliminary lots into a Final Plat known as Westbrook Village 13th Addition. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Peterson, Odom, Krings, Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Niemeyer, Glen, Oatman. The motion carried.

At this time a public hearing was held regarding the request of Alan Anderson to bring proposed Westbrook Village 13th Addition within the corporate limits of the City of Hastings.

No one appeared to speak in favor.

No one appeared to speak in opposition.

The City Clerk advised that her office had received no written objections.

The Mayor declared the hearing closed.

Moved by Harrington, seconded by Krings that the Mayor and Council approve the request of Alan Anderson to bring proposed Westbrook Village 13th Addition within the corporate limits of the City of Hastings. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Peterson, Odom, Krings, Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Niemeyer, Glen, Oatman. The motion carried.

Moved by Odom, seconded by Peterson that the Mayor and Council approve Procurement

Procedures and Code of Conduct for the Community Development Block Grant Programs. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Peterson, Odom, Krings, Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Niemeyer, Glen, Oatman. The motion carried.

REPORTS OF LIAISONS: Councilman Goebel reported on the July 12, 2012 Board of Public Works Meeting. The Board did vote to issue \$15,000,000 in new bonds for the Pollution Control Center for the changes that are necessary to meet the new EPA guidelines on ammonia content on the discharge water. They will also be refinancing some 2001 bonds at a lower interest rate, this refinancing does not extend the term of these 2001 bonds. Councilman Goebel stated the Board agreed to stop buying mercury vapor and sodium high pressure street lighting. They will replace the mercury vapor and sodium high pressure street lighting with LED as they fail. There are currently 134 LED fixtures in use now.

Councilman Odom stated it is important for everyone to understand that we did have a report from Hastings Utilities staff that said LED street lights would be about \$750.00 each, but now the most recent quote was \$450.00 each. It isn't something where you will see every street light changed over night, the intent is that when one old street light wears out it will be replaced with an LED street light; to change all street lights over could take as long as 10 years.

Councilman Odom stated this is Police Chief Thoren's last Council Meeting and he wanted to thank him for his last 14 years of service.

Police Chief Thoren stated Hastings is one of the nicest place we have lived and it will always have a special place in our hearts.

Moved by Krings, seconded by Goebel there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourn at 7:25 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Peterson, Odom, Krings, Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Niemeyer, Glen, Oatman. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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