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City Council Meeting on
Monday, November 17, 2014 at 6:00 pm
Donnelly Community Center

MINUTES

ROLL CALL at 6:00 p.m.  Council Members Stayton, Koch, Minshall, Davenport, and Mayor Backus were present.

Quorum exists.  Clerk, Cami Hedges was present.

BUSINESS AGENDA:

Motion by Koch, 2nd by Stayton to Amend the Agenda to reflect AB15-04 Donnelly Fire Department after AB15-05 Property Complaint.  Motion Carried.

AB 15-05 Property Complaint – 240 North Main Street – Action Requested.  Mayor and Councilman Koch will contact homeowner and advise home owner of clean-up procedures and options.  A report will be discussed at the next council meeting.

AB 15-04 Donnelly Fire Department – Land Lease/Purchase.  Jim Daniel, Melissa Maini and Juan Bonilla were representing the Fire Department.  Mr. Daniel wanted to discuss the Land Lease Purchase and discuss a price.  They had an appraisal completed and gave a price that they believe the land was worth when the original lease was signed in 1987.  The value being $27,000.  Carol Lungren Appraisal services conducted the appraisal and tried to obtain comparisons for that period of time as well as the land that needed to be filled in.  The size of the lot is just under 1 acre.  Mayor Backus believes the value is more and Mr. Daniel disagrees.  Ms. Maini wants to know what other empty properties have sold within the City over the past 2 years and their value.  When the lease was signed in 1987 the Fire Department was offered to purchase the land for $1,000, however they declined because they were not a taxing district.  They agreed to sign the 50 year lease since they were providing a service.  Mr. Daniel believes that they should not be charged a commercial land rate.  The Taxing District is 156 square miles and they receive approximately $609,000 in tax revenue annually.

Mr. Bonilla stated that the comparisons only could go back to the 1990’s but not 1987.  Councilwoman Davenport asked why they would want to purchase the property when their lease is only $10 per year.  Mr. Daniel stated that they did not want to have to go through the changes of the council and mayor and hassle of tenant improvement approvals with the City.

Mayor Backus asked if the land had been recently surveyed?  Comment was made by Mr. Bonilla that it was when they did their lining of the asphalt.  Not sure when.  Also Councilman Stayton stated that he believes council should look in the purchase and consider.  Councilman Koch thinks that the $27,000 is a fair price.

Council would like to look at the Appraisal for future discussion.

AB 15-06 Community Center Heat – Replacement of Oil Furnace.  City Clerk stated that Bruce had replaced the old Monitor Oil Furnace with one that was donated to us from a Valley Resident.  So far the new used furnace is working without any issues.  This has resolved the issue at this time.
AB 15-03 (Old) Donnelly Pathway’s Draft Plan – Horrock’s Engineering. Ted Burke from Horrock’s Engineering presented new copies of the plan for review. They are ready to proceed to receive public comment. The Grant cycles have changed and at this time there is no deadline or time frame however we want to be ready when it is time. He would like to have the ITD grant specialist come to visit the area to put a more personable relationship with the application. Mr. Burke would also like to apply for some State Parks & Recreation grants due to one of our pathways would connect the campground with the boat docks area. This is part of their specialty therefore we may have a good chance. The grant specialist with the Parks & Recreation department would also like to visit and have an idea of what we are planning. We are going to need some support letters by mid December for both grants. Once we are ready for public input we will keep open for 15 days.

Mr. Burke will provide new planning booklets early next week with all of the changes. Once we receive they need to be reviewed and okayed for public comment.

STAFF REPORTS:

Clerk’s report – Clerk’s report was given to all. Accounting software has a date of January 5, 2015 to be live. The late payments are only at $434.00 for the month. Community Center bathroom remodel will begin first week of December. New Website looks great and should be up and running shortly. Light has been fixed on the rock, just need to have the bulb put in.

Mayor Backus – Wolfe Ashcraft from Tamarack has inquired on holding a concert during the Huckleberry Festival at the airport. They would have shuttles from Tamarack and all campground to downtown and to the airport to attend the concert. We would need to shut down the airport during this time. This is still up in the air but does look like Tamarack will have the concert with or without the support of the City. Just a heads up.

Councilman Stayton -- Gift Certificates need to be purchased for employees for the Holiday’s in the amount of $50 each. Clerk will get these.

Councilwoman Davenport – Asked to have the boat on the corner moved up a little. It seems to be sticking out into the right-of-way and is afraid it may get hit by the plow. Clerk will contact owner.

P&Z Administrator report – Nothing included

CONSENT AGENDA:

Vouchers October 17, 2014 – November 12, 2014
Motion by Minshall, 2nd by Davenport, to approve the Vouchers. Motion carried.
City Council Meeting Minutes – September 22, 14
Motion by Stayton, 2nd by Koch to approve City Council minutes from October 20, 2014.
Motion carried.

ADJOURN:
Motion by Davenport, 2nd by Koch to adjourn until our next City Council Meeting on December 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. motion carried.

Adjourn: 7:45 p.m.