

CITY OF PITTSVILLE
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 21, 2017
6:00 p.m. – Council Chambers

Meeting called to order by Mayor, Dale Nichols.

Present: Alp. Jerry Jensen, Rose Martin, Robert Wolff, and Zebulon Zorman.

Absent: Duane Tritz

Also Present: Pastor David and Shawna Bratlie, Mike Voss, MSA, Chris Solatycki, and Officer in Charge Jeremy Duerr.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Martin, to move the Bratlies up on the agenda. Motion carried. Pastor Bratlie met with Jerry Meyers and measured the side line distance for the UCC conditional use permit at 21 feet. This change needs to be made to the Plan Commission 2-22-17 minutes. Stephanie Durrant arrived at the meeting. Motion by Wolff, seconded by Jensen, to set the UCC conditional use permit measurement at 21 feet. Motion carried.

Mike Voss stated that they are waiting on Earth for final quantities, restoration, etc. The Mayor asked about the Water/Sewer Commission receiving the 5 year Capital Improvement Plan, and Mike stated it will be on the April agenda.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Durrant, to approve the Council minutes from February 16, 2017. Motion carried. The following reports were presented: City Clerk/Treasurer's reports, Public Hearing-Planning Commission minutes from 2-22-17, Water/Sewer Treasurer's reports and minutes from 3-8-17, Police report and Street Superintendent report. Motion by Jensen, seconded by Martin, to accept the reports with the correction to the Plan Commission minutes of 21 feet instead of 18 feet. Motion carried.

The Mayor had a question for Mike Voss regarding the Vantage Mechanical Phase II study. Voss stated that Brian Hegge did interview Glen Hartsough who told him there was an underground tank on the property but that it was removed in the 70s. Since there was some contamination found in one of the borings that was above standards, more will need to be done at that property.

The Mayor has discussed with Jeremy Duerr that based on his relative inexperience, the Mayor would be more comfortable appointing him Chief of Police after a slightly longer orientation period than the Council had indicated, which would be after the 4th of July. It is his intention that if everything goes smoothly, Jeremy would be appointed Chief at the July Council meeting.

Discussion was held on a new school crossing sign regarding its safekeeping and financing. Motion by Jensen to purchase one of the school crossing signs at a price of \$695. Discussion continued. Since there are safety concerns from each direction, Jensen amended his motion to purchase 2 school crossing signs at \$695 each and take it out of the contingency fund. Second by Martin. Motion carried.

The Mayor requested that any accumulation from the mayor's budget would go to an account at the State Trust for pedestrian safety lighting. Motion by Wolff, seconded by Martin, to create an account at the State Trust Fund for pedestrian safety lighting from the Mayor's budget. Motion carried.

The majority time police officer issue will be discussed in closed session.

Jensen stated he had received complaints about the look of the arches at Mound Cemetery. He talked to Chris Solatycki about the ongoing maintenance of the letters. A suggestion was to cut the arches down, scrap the metal, donate the money back to the school and maybe build something new. Motion by Zorman, seconded by Jensen, to remove the arches at the entrances of Mound Cemetery. The Mayor

commented about this possibly discouraging school projects in the future. Wolff recused himself from the vote. There were 3 ayes with Durrant voting no. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding purchasing a snow plow for the 1 ton truck and other options. Motion by Jensen, seconded by Wolff, to purchase the 9-foot Boss plow from Monroe for \$6,841. Motion carried.

OIC Duerr handed out a packet of policies to be included in the Police Manual. These are mandated in the State Manual and was received from their legal source. Wolff stated that these are policy changes and need to be read 3 times—the third reading could be suspended. Motion by Wolff, seconded by Martin, to approve the first reading of the Police Manual changes. Motion carried. The proposed policy changes are available in the Clerk's Office and Police Department. These changes are to be brought back to the next Council meeting.

It is a State requirement (not City ordinance) that any owner demolishing a building that was ever used for commercial purposes contact the DNR for a permit or permission. OIC Duerr has been in contact with the Thiels. There is a plan to get this completed by the 4th of July and they are in the process of getting the DNR permit. Discussion was held regarding safety concerns around the building. OIC Duerr will talk with them about boarding up the window and putting fencing around the building.

Drainage concerns on the corner lots of 4th Street and Scott Avenue were discussed. Jensen will talk to the owner about possibly gifting the lot to the City to take care of this issue.

OIC Duerr stated that Wisconsin Rapids is putting in a Nuisance Ordinance for continuous complaints at the same rental that would cite the landlord. We could include criminal complaints and building maintenance in an ordinance. The conditions of the Short Street and Jackson Street houses were discussed. Wolff will talk with Attorney Gamoke about procedures. This will be on the next agenda.

OIC Duerr stated they are moving the evidence room according to State Statute and would like to purchase a locker for it. There are funds in the Police budget, and Council approval is not needed.

Communication: The Mayor handed out brochures about State disaster funding. He also received a survey from the League of Municipalities and asked the Council some of the questions. Solatycki mentioned Dave Rademan built a bench out of old aluminum bats and would like to put it on a cement slab about 10 feet behind home plate. By consensus it was approved to install the donated bench in Riverside Park adjacent to the ball diamond.

The Mayor would like to make an appointment to the Library Board of Judy Papke. Motion by Jensen, seconded by Durrant, to approve Judy Papke on the Library Board. Motion carried.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Martin, to approve the payment of the monthly bills from 2-17-17 through 3-21-17. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolff, seconded by Durrant, to convene into closed session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(c)—Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Roll call: Durrant-yes, Jensen-yes, Martin-yes, Wolff-yes, Zorman-yes. Motion carried.

Council reconvened into open session. No action from the Council required.

Motion to adjourn by Wolff, seconded by Durrant. Motion carried.

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