

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 20, 2019

The City of Elkhart council meeting and the budget hearing were officially opened at 7:00 p.m. in the council room at city hall. Mayor Jeremy Lavielle presided over the meeting

COUNCIL:

Present for meeting: Councilmembers Ethan Harder, Kelly Howe, Staci Johnson and Leo Carrillo.

Absent from meeting: Councilmembers Tim Predmore and Mo Pando.

OTHERS:

Others attending: Tim Hardy, Vivian Warner, Matt Higgins, Shelby Ralstin, Mark Espinoza, Omar Levario and Sharon LaRue.

MINUTES:

A motion by Councilmember Carrillo to approve the minutes for the August 6th council meeting was seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion passed.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Disbursements were approved with motion by Councilmember Howe. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Kelly Howe reported to council Steven Brillhart had spoken to him about the water rates at 130 N Stanton. This is a commercial rate charge. Tim Hardy will visit with Steven and explain the rate and the rate tables for water usage.

Matt Higgins reported work has started on Water Well #11.

Sheriff Shelby Ralstin let council know that the new police vehicle arrived.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR 'S REPORT:

Tim Hardy let council know the letter to Pete's Truck Service has been sent.

Mike Hess will be here August 28th to chip seal streets. Tim will get announcement out to the public to have their vehicles off the streets.

Tim is working with attorney's office to get a Quick Claim Deed for the property at 1054 Vilymaca St.

School Superintendent Rex Richardson talked with Tim and the school has budgeted for a resource officer for this year. Officer David Long has been training for the position and will be working with the school.

Shelby Ralstin has a couple of interviews for city police officer.

S & K Rentals and Repair submitted a change order #1 for the WSP Recreational Trails Project to extend the date of completion on the project to September 22nd 2019. Councilmember Carrillo moved to approve the request and Councilmember Howe seconded. Motion carried.

Tim reported to council the hiring of Joshua Soto and Joel Villa.

BUDGET HEARING CLOSED:

7:15 p.m. The budget hearing was officially closed. No citizen attended or made comment. A motion by Councilmember Harder to approve the 2020 Budget was seconded by Councilmember Howe. Motion passed.

OMAR LEVARIO PETI TON:

Omar came before council to request updating the basketball court at Cunningham Park. Omar had a petition with signatures for council. Omar feels this would benefit the community adults and children. Council directed Tim Hardy to work with Omar to come up with some ideas.

AUGUST TRANSFERS:

Motion by Councilmember Harder to transfer \$2,500.00 from Water Fund to Water Reserve Fund. Motion seconded by Councilmember Howe. Motion carried.

Councilmember Johnson moved to transfer \$500.00 from Sewer Fund to Sewer Reserve Fund. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carrillo. Motion passed.

LKM VOTING DELEGATE:

A motion by Councilmember Harder to appoint Tim Hardy as the voting delegate for the League of Kansas Municipalities at the 2019 annual conference was seconded by Councilmember Howe. Motion carried.

SWIMMING POOL:

Matt explained to council that the pool chlorination was being done with chlorine tablets and hydrochloric acid. He would like to go with the chlorine gas which would be better and more cost efficient. Council would like for Matt to get numbers on what modification would cost and bring back to council.

MARK ESPINOZA:

Mark Espinoza informed council he is planning on doing Fellowship in the Park again this year on September 28th. Council was in favor of the event.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sharon LaRue wanted to express her concern about the Highway 56 intersection and approach. The markings on the highway and cars turning and slowing down in front of semi's could cause accidents. Sharon was wondering if a stop light could be installed. This is a state highway and city does not have authority to install a stop light. Tim will give Sharon a phone number to the KDOT office to voice her concern.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilmember Harder requested a 10-minute executive session for personnel. Motion seconded by Councilmember Howe. Motion carried.

7:41 p.m. Council enters executive session.

7:51 p.m. Council comes out of executive session.

Mayor calls the regular meeting back to order.

A motion by Councilmember Harder to approve a raise for Tim Hardy. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carrillo. Motion passed.

Tim Hardy informed council K-Camp did an audit for city insurance.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Harder moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Howe. Motion carried.

8:00 p.m. meeting adjourned.

Jeremy A. Lavielle
Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Grasz

City Clerk