

Windsor Heights (Iowa) City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2008
Council Chambers, 1133 66th St.

Mayor Jerry Sullivan called meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Council present: Diana Willits, Carole Tillotson, Flo Hunter, Charlene Butz and Steve Peterson. City Administrator Marketa George Oliver and Assistant City Attorney Rebecca Dublinske present.

Roll Call 070

Peterson moved Willits seconded to approve agenda as amended with the removal of salt storage 28E agreement and moving site plan hearing to the end of the action items. Voice vote unanimous.

Roll Call 071

Hunter moved Willits seconded to approve March 3rd regular meeting published and unabridged minutes. Voice vote unanimous. Peterson moved, Willits seconded to approve March 24th City Council study session minutes, passed on voice vote with Hunter abstaining.

Roll Calls 072-079

Peterson moved Willits seconded approval of a liquor license for Twisted Parrot Lounge; Network Services RFP; February report for Police, Fire and Public Works; Monthly Clerk and Investment Report for February; receive and file for Audit Monthly Treasurer's Report for February and Claims and Payroll. Voice vote unanimous.

Roll Call 080: Resolution 08-0407/080 approving a 28E Agreement for Central Iowa Traffic Safety Task Force for specialized traffic enforcement. Peterson moved Hunter seconded approval. Roll call vote unanimous.

Roll Call 081: Resolution 08-0407/081 executing 28E agreement with BRAVO. Tillotson moved Willits seconded approval. Roll call vote unanimous.

Roll Call 082: Resolution 08-0407/082 directing the advertisement for sale of \$1,980,00 general obligation bonds, Series 2008A, and \$3,805,000 general obligations bonds, Taxable Series 2008B, and approving electronic bidding procedures. Peterson moved Tillotson seconded approval. Passed on a roll call vote, with Butz voting nay.

Roll Call 083: Resolution 08-0407/083 authorizing City Administrator to submit a grant application to the Iowa Department of Economic Development to help fund the Community Center at Colby Park. Willits moved Butz seconded approval. Roll call vote unanimous.

Roll Call 084. Ordinance 08-07 updating Chapter 29, Building and Property Regulation to change the fee and inspection frequency. Tillotson moved the final reading, Peterson seconded approval. Roll call vote unanimous.

Public hearing for Hickman Motor Lodge, 6500 Hickman Road site plan

Mayor Sullivan opened the public meeting at 5:26 pm. Oliver noted no written or oral comments had been submitted. The council had received the findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission. David Wetsch, 974 73rd St. Ste 20, spoke on behalf of Steve Bassman, stated the findings were made on staff recommendations, not the evidence. He stated Mr. Bassman's property meets every hotel/motel criteria of Iowa Code. They object to being determined a non-conforming use. Tia Parker, 2226 68th St, believes the project would be good for the city. Edith Munro, 2015 68th St, supports the staff recommendations. She doesn't like the noise at the property. The decline in hotel/motel tax revenues is clear evidence; she believes the hotel is disruptive in the neighborhood. Vicki Sodawasser, 2101 68th St. is concerned about the proposal with the frontage and that the property doesn't conform to the Hickman overlay district rules. She doesn't believe there is enough parking and that there is a safety issue with the parking. She urged the council to agree with the Planning and Zoning Commissions findings. Victoria Harris, 2019 68th, supports the Planning and Zoning Commission findings. She asked why would hotel and motel tax revenue decline if it was still operating as a motel. She stated the difference between Wal-Mart and the motel is that Wal-Mart has their own security, while Windsor Heights Police have to do all the police work at the Motor

Lodge. Parking is currently a problem at that location and expansion will only cause more of a problem. Emergency vehicles will have a problem with access. She believes run-off from the proposed expansion needs to be addressed. David Wetsch stated the property is registered and meets the criteria of a motel and there is enough parking for motel services. The public hearing was closed at 5:37 pm.

Roll Call 085: Resolution 08-0407/085 denying the site plan was moved by Tillotson and seconded by Willits. Roll call vote unanimous.

Roll Call 086: Willits moved Peterson seconded to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. to closed session pursuant to 21.5c and 21.5j of the Code of Iowa. Roll call vote unanimous.

Mayor Sullivan called the council out of closed session at 6:05 pm. Diana Willits no longer in attendance.

Roll Call 087: Tillotson moved Peterson seconded to direct staff to take actions to engage professional services for acquisition of property. Roll call vote unanimous.

Roll Call 088: Peterson moved Hunter seconded to adjourn at 6:04 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. on April 21st. Voice vote unanimous.

Jerry Sullivan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marketa George Oliver, City Administrator/Clerk