

June 29th, 2009
CITY OF WINDSOR HEIGHTS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
5:15 P.M. – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Unabridged version

Item 1: Roll Call

Mayor Sullivan called meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Council present: Charlene Butz, Carole Tillotson, Flo Hunter, Steve Peterson, and Diana Willits. Staff present included: City Administrator Marketa George Oliver, Police Chief Gary Walters, Fire Chief Chris Cross, Community Services Director Josh Heggen, City Attorney Matt Brick, and Public Works Director John Wiedman.

Item 2: Approval of the Agenda - Roll Call 171

Willits moved Peterson seconded approval. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Item 3: Good of the Order

Oliver noted the Special Events Committee met and recommends Donna Markley as the Windsor Heights Citizen of the Year. There was consensus among the Council to name Donna Markley as Citizen of the Year.

Item 4: Approval of the minutes - Roll Call 172

Peterson moved approval of the June 1st, 2009 City Council minutes both published and unabridged versions. Willits seconded approval. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Roll Call 173

Willits moved approval of the June 8th, 2009 City Council minutes both published and unabridged versions. Peterson seconded approval. Butz noted that the minutes did not mention that she opposed just taking the funds from the water capital fund and she would like that reflected in the record. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Item 5: Public Comment

George Hanusa, President of the WH Foundation, distributed to the Council an updated Music in the Park schedule, which has been changed due to the wet spring. Russ Wilson, 1342 73rd Street, asked the Council to look at and fix a problem in the area behind his home and near the bike trail that causes water not to trail and to stay on the ground. He'd like some type of trail directly to the creek to prevent this swamp from growing. Butz asked if that area was wet before the trail was put in. Wilson said it was, but not this bad. Allen Sydnese, 2012 66th Street, asked if the WHNA could be added to the website's homepage. He also asked if the June 8th meeting was a study session or special meeting. Oliver noted that that meeting was a special business meeting. The meeting had originally been scheduled as a study session but some business issues needed to be voted on so it became a special business meeting. Dave Burgess, 7036 Wilshire, asked the Council if they had reviewed his submission on changed to the city's nuisance code. He believes his suggested changes could help Windsor Heights lead the way in energy conservation.

Item 6: Consent Agenda - Roll Calls 174-183

Hunter moved Butz approval of Steve Brody as the West Des Moines, Clive and Windsor Heights representative to the DART Commission and Steve Peterson will be the alternate, Cigarette/Tobacco Permit for HyVee, Sam's Club, Wal-Mart, Twisted Parrot; approval of Monthly Clerk and Investment Report for March, approval of Monthly Clerk and Investment

Report for April, approval of Monthly Clerk and Investment Report for May and Receive and File for Audit Monthly Treasurer's Report for March, April and May, and Claims and Payroll. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Item 7: Consideration of approval of a liquor license application for Maria Groceries. Roll Call 184

Peterson moved approval, Willits seconded. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Item 8. Consideration of approval of a liquor license application for the City of Windsor Heights for July 4th. Roll Call 185

Willits moved approval, Hunter seconded. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Item 9: Public Hearing and Consideration of Resolution 09-0629-186 approving an agreement with Grimes Asphalt for Street Improvements. Roll Call 186

Sullivan opened the public meeting at 5:31 pm. Oliver noted not public comment had been received. Sullivan closed the public meeting at 5:33 pm. Peterson moved Willits seconded approval. Butz asked why this cost estimate was more accurate than the cost estimate for 73rd Street. Oliver noted the 73rd Street project includes a lot more federal requirements because of the use of Federal funds, while these projects do not, and those costs weren't taken into consideration when applying for the 73rd Street funds. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Item 10: Public hearing and Resolution 09-0629-187 regarding interfund loan from the water capital fund to the 73rd Street resurfacing project. Roll Call 187

Sullivan opened the public meeting at 5:34 pm. Oliver noted not public comment had been received. Cindy Chamberlin, 1540 68th Street, asked what the water capital fund was. Oliver explained the water capital fund is a savings account where money from the water rates is kept in a savings account. She noted the resolution today simply borrows from the fund and it gives the council some options in paying back the fund over the next 3 years. Sullivan closed the public meeting at 5:37 pm. Peterson moved Willits seconded approval. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Item 11: Update on the new Zip Code Eve party.

Oliver reminded everyone that the new zip code eve party will be on Tuesday, starting at 5 at the park.

Item 12. Discussion regarding July 4th and fund raising activities.

Hunter updated the council on the 4th. Oliver indicated that sales from the inflatable tickets and other sales on July 4th typically went to the Special Events Committee, but asked if this year it could be designated to the Community Center. There was consensus to do so.

Item 13: Council member comments.

Hunter noted that she was very proud of the city for the All American City Competition and that she learned a lot from other communities. She said it was an honor to be among the finalists. Tillotson reminded everyone to donate to the Community Center fundraising campaign to help the city get Vision Iowa funds. Peterson asked about when they will start on 73rd Street. Wiedman noted they plan on starting on July 6th. Russ Wilson, 1342 73rd Street, asked Wiedman if the sanitary sewer would be replaced because there are a lot of problems in that area. Wiedman said that an additional line had been placed along the creek in 1983 to add capacity to address the problems and he was not aware of any problems since that time. He also said that the road work was resurfacing, not reconstruction and would not go down as far as the sanitary sewer.

Item 14: Mayor's Inquiries.

Sullivan reminded everyone that city hall will be closed on July 3rd. Mayor Sullivan also suggested that the July 6th meeting be cancelled. The Council agreed.

Terri Anderson, 7049 Sunrise, noted she was also proud of the city for being nominated as an All American City. She also said Windsor Heights is a great place where neighbors help each other.

Item 15: Adjournment - Roll Call 188

Peterson moved Hunter seconded to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. on July 20th, 2009. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Jerry Sullivan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marketa George Oliver, City Administrator/Clerk