

August 3, 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, and Flo Hunter. Absent: Steve Peterson, Diana Willits. City Administrator Marketa George Oliver, Police Chief Gary Walters, Fire Chief Chris Cross, Public Works Director John Wiedman, Community Services Director Josh Heggen, and City Attorney Matt Brick all present.

Item 2: Approval of the Agenda - Roll Call 223

Hunter moved Butz seconded approval. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Item 3: Good of the Order

Sullivan recognized and read a proclamation for the Rutledge Family, who has donated to the Fire Department for over 30 years. Fire Chief Cross presented Mr. Rutledge with a plaque of appreciation.

Item 4: Approval of the minutes - Roll Call 224

Butz moved approval of the August 3, 2009 City Council minutes both published and unabridged versions. Hunter seconded approval. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Item 5: Public Comment

Dave Burgess, 7036 Wilshire Blvd asked if the city has requested a review of the timing of the lights at 73rd and Hickman prior to submitting the ICAAP grant. Wiedman said he's made no formal request to Urbandale and the DOT, who control the lights. Burgess suggested changing the light timing could help avoid having to spend money on the road expansion. John Thompson, 6300 School Street #222 asked that all the items having to do with any monetary amount have that amount in the agenda title on the agenda. Ann Burges, 7036 Wilshire thanked Chief Walters and the Public Works director and anyone else who had a hand in it, for new no parking sign and paint on curb.

Item 6: Consent Agenda - Roll Calls 225-229

Butz stated she had some issues with item C because the manholes on 70th weren't not even with the road. Wiedman noted that Grimes Asphalt was coming back and adding risers to fix that issue. Hunter moved Tillotson seconded approval of: recommendations regarding Streetscaping firms, Stormwater Advisory Committee appointments, Payment for the FY 2010 Street resurfacing projects in the amount of \$136,918.87 to Grimes Asphalt, July report for Public Works, and July report for Police. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Item 7: Consideration of a resolution 09-0817/230 adopting an administrative policy regarding credit card usage. Roll Call 230

Butz moved approval with the addition of a \$5,000 limit on the cards, Hunter seconded approval. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Item 8: Consideration of a resolution 09-0817/231 authorizing the City of Windsor Heights, Iowa to make an application to the Iowa Department of Transportation for Iowa’s Clean Air Attainment Program for the partial funding of the 73rd Street reconstruction and expansion improvements from Hickman Road to Wilshire Blvd and further approving the application which obligates the City to match funds for the construction of said project..

Roll Call 231

Tillotson moved approval, Butz seconded approval. Butz stated she was concerned the city just spent money to repave the road and now is apply for a grant to reconstruct the road. Oliver said the new area would only be replaced if absolutely necessary. Also, the resurfacing did not go all the way to Hickman. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Item 9: Consideration of a resolution 09-0817/232 approving an easement agreement with Mid-American Energy for the placement of utilities at Colby Park into the new Community Center. Roll Call 232

Butz moved approval, Hunter seconded approval. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Item 10: Consideration of resolution 09-0817/233 approving the disposal of surplus City equipment. Roll call 233

Tillotson moved approval, Butz seconded approval. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Item 11. Consideration of a resolution 09-0817/234 adopting a position description and establishing the City Inspector position and adopting a pay scale for a range of positions. Roll Call 234

Tillotson moved approval, Butz seconded approval. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Item 12 Discussion and possible consideration of a resolution 09-0817/235 establishing a rental fee schedule for 6322 Hickman Road. Roll Call 235

Hunter moved approval, Butz seconded. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Item 13 Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 09-04 to amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Windsor heights, Iowa by amending Sections of Chapter 31: Nuisances, to address “Nuisance Houses”. Roll Call 236

Tillotson moved approval of the first reading of this ordinance with a change from 90 days to 180 days in the section refereeing to number of police calls. Butz seconded approval. Oliver noted some administrative changes to remove some language that had inadvertently been left in from a previous ordinance. Dennis Block, 6412 University Avenue, asked what the police would consider a nuisance home. Would kids toys in the front yard or loud neighbors be considered a nuisance home? Oliver noted that toys in the front yard would not be something to which the police would respond. Oliver stated she thinks of this as the “animal house” ordinance, an ordinance to deal with very difficult homes. Roll Call vote passed unanimously.

Roll Call 237

Tillotson moved to pass on the second reading. Butz seconded the motion. Roll Call vote passed unanimously.

Item 14: Removed from agenda.

Item 15: Council member comments.

Hunter reminded everyone about tomorrow's music in the park. Butz asked about the dirt that was disturbed along 73rd Street during resurfacing. Wiedman noted that the contractor will come back and sod the section they disturbed.

Item 16: Mayor's Inquiries.

Sullivan noted that this Saturday is community coffee club from 9-10:30 at Grounds for Celebration. He also noted that city hall will be closed on Labor Day, Sept 7th. He read a proclamation for retiring Public Works Director, John Wiedman, and encouraged everyone to join in a reception for John immediately following the Council meeting.

Item 17: Adjournment - Roll Call 238

Tillotson moved Hunter seconded to adjourn at 5:55 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. on September 8th, 2009. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Jerry Sullivan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marketa George Oliver, City Administrator/Clerk