

January 16, 2011
CITY OF WINDSOR HEIGHTS REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
6:00 p.m. City Hall
Unabridged version

Item 1: Call to order.

Mayor Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council present: Charlene Butz, David Jenison, Diana Willits, Betty Glover and Dave Burgess. Staff present included City Administrator Marketa George Oliver, Police Chief Dennis McDaniel, Public Works Director Jason VanAusdall, Community Services Director Josh Heggen, Fire Chief Christopher Cross and Assistant City Attorney Erin Clanton.

Item 2: Approval of the agenda - Roll Call 01

Willits moved approval. Burgess asked for removal of items 9 and 10, and noted he believes the timing on the lights can be adjusted so this project does not have to be completed. He said a request can be made to Urbandale and the State of Iowa to retime the lights. Jenison asked if we can postpone a decision. Burgess said we can at least make a request and if they say no we can revisit the project. Jenison agreed that the light timing is short. Heggen noted there is very limited grant money available for road reconstruction and that this road needs the work. If the grant is turned down, all reconstruction costs in the future would be out of pocket costs. Burgess said he thinks the changes will not improve traffic flow; the lighting changes are needed. Willits accepted a friendly amendment to the motion to approve the agenda, now with the removal of items 9 and 10. Jenison seconded. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Item 3: Good of the Order.

Mayor Sullivan recognized Jon Conzett from Calhoun Burns who was in attendance to answer any questions about the bridge inspection or ICAAP grant. Willits asked if everything looked okay on the College Avenue bridge. Conzett said they saw nothing unusual with this bridge when considering its age. He said the detour traffic probably did more damage to the approach to the bridge than the bridge itself.

Item 4: Approval of the Minutes - Roll Call 02

Jenison moved approval of the December 19th published and unabridged minutes and the December 13th Study Session published and unabridged minutes. Willits seconded. Voice vote passed with Burgess abstaining.

Item 5: Public Comment

Steve Peterson, 1414 70th Street, supports the automated traffic enforcement resolution. He refuted a statement made by a person at the public forum who said the camera's were unconstitutional, stating that the Supreme Court of Iowa has reviewed cases regarding the camera's and found that they are constitutional. Peterson also noted the high amount of calls for service and cases made, all of which have increased, some dramatically. He noted how impressive the Police Department is, even with reduced staff levels. He pointed out the high crash rate and flow of over 100,000 cars on I-235. He also noted the police officer on permanent disability from a crash on I-235. Peterson pointed out that Cedar Rapids reported a 54% decrease in accidents since the cameras were installed and Clive has seen a 30% decrease. The camera's work changed people's behavior, exactly what they are supposed to do.

Item 6: Approval of the Consent Agenda. Roll Call 03-015

Glover moved, Butz seconded approval of pay estimate #6 to Corell for the Hickman Road project in the amount of \$73,155.77, Receive and file bridge inspection report, Planning and Zoning Commission appointments, E911 Board Appointments, November and December Fire Report, December Police Report, November Police Report, December Public Works Report, November Public Works Report, December Code enforcement report, Receive and file Community and Events Center 2nd quarter report showing 9,402 people used the CEC during the last quarter, for revenues of \$18,065, December Clerk and Investment Report and Claims and Payroll. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Item 7: Consideration of liquor license renewal request for Double Shot, Sam's Club and City of Windsor Heights (March 8th Spaghetti Dinner). Roll Call 016 -018

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

Item 8: Consideration of a resolution authorizing the adoption of a city-wide automated traffic enforcement program. Roll Call 019

Butz asked what happens if the legislature makes automated enforcement illegal and we have a contract in place. McDaniel noted that this item is the resolution authorizing the city to start negotiations for a contract, not an actual contract. He said that any contract would have language that protects the city. Willits asked about the Amber Alert technology. Jenison asked if once the technology is activated for Amber Alert, if the system still issues tickets. McDaniel said he believes when in Amber Alert mode, that only license plates are scanned and the speed function is not working. Nicole Molt, 7022 Del Matro, noted her concerns. She worries that the cameras will deter enough speeders that the extra officer needed for the program will not get their salary paid for by the camera system. McDaniel said that the city averages losing one officer per year. If that new position were to find themselves not busy or not being covered by fines, then once an officer leaves the city for something else, then the position would not be filled. Willits moved approval, Butz seconded. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Item 9. Removed from the agenda.

Item 10. Removed from the agenda.

Item 11. Consideration of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Windsor Heights, Iowa by amending sections of Chapter 106: Collection of Solid Waste by increasing monthly charges for house-side service by \$.66 per month to recoup what the City is charged by the contractor. Roll Call 020

Willits moved approval of the first reading, Glover seconded. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Item 12. Staff Updates

Chief Cross noted the capital equipment approved by the council is all in place and he invited the council to view the equipment after the meeting.

Item 13. Council Updates

Jenison thanked Chief McDaniel for the public meeting on automated enforcement. It was above and beyond what he expected. Willits asked about the rental inspections report. Oliver noted it is being updated from information that was out-of-date on the report. Willits also asked about Linda Adams' retirement from the Fire Department. Cross said that some sort of ceremony will be in place to thank her for her service.

Item 14: Mayor Inquiries:

Mayor Sullivan noted the Community Coffee Club is on Saturday, January 21st at Grounds for Celebrations. He also reminded everyone of the Chamber's Legislative Coffee on Saturday, January 28th. He invited everyone to a meeting on February 2nd in the Council Chambers to review plans created by RDG for Hickman Road.

Item 15: Adjournment - Roll Call 021

Glover moved Willits seconded to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. to February 6, 2011 for the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Jerry Sullivan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marketa George Oliver, City Administrator/Clerk