

CITY OF WINDOR HEIGHTS REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
July 18, 2016 - 6:00 p.m. Community Center

(RC=Roll Call Vote)

Mayor Willits called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Steve Peterson, Betty Glover, Zachary Bales- Henry and Threase Harms. Councilmember Tony Timm was absent.

Staff present: Treasurer Marcia Woodke, Director of Public Services Doug Stone, Lieutenant of Fire and EMS Clay Garcia, Chief Derek Meyer, Officer Nissen and Communications Coordinator/Deputy Clerk Jessica Vogel.

Approval of the Agenda

Councilmember Glover motioned to approve the agenda with the amendment that items 10,11 and 12 be removed. Councilmember Peterson seconded approval. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Peterson moved to approve the minutes; Councilmember Harms seconded approval. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Council Member Comments

Peterson: No Comment

Timm: Absent

Glover: No Comment

Harms: I attended the MPO paddling tour on the Des Moines river. It was such a wonderful and great experience. I'm excited for the plans of development

Bales- Henry: No Comment

Public Comment. This is an opportunity for any citizen to come forward and discuss any item that is not listed on the Agenda. (Please make your remarks from the podium and limit your presentation to no more than 5 minutes- Registered Comments

Chief Meyer delivered a statement regarding the decorum of the audience.

Teva Dawson, Senior Planner from MPO presented on the Greater Des Moines Water Trails and Greenways plan and Rick Tollakson, Chair of the Water Trails and Greenways Steering Committee and CEO of Hubbell Realty answered questions on the plan. Kent Govern- Age- Friendly Greater Des Moines and AARP presented on walkability and how a walkable community benefits the residents.

Heather Anderson- 4114 Lincoln Place Dr, Director, Des Moines School Board, presented a need for volunteers for the Read to Succeed program where you volunteer to read to students once a week. The students are in the Des Moines Public School district.

Virginia Varce- 6623 Forest Ct spoke about a group she is attending where we are learning to speak in a civil way to one another. She mentioned how we should listen to each other and think of the greater good.

Gary Rodish 7207 Sunrise Blvd- asked about the vacant positions in the City and what was going on with those positions.

A citizen who didn't provide his name, questioned why the City Attorney would ask the resident to sit down?

Bill Donohoe 7005 Colby Ave- the reason people couldn't hear at the July 5th meeting was because we were in the hallway.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Glover moved to approve the Consent Agenda with claims and payroll to be removed from the consent agenda. Councilmember Harms seconded approval. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Consideration of Ordinance No.16-06, An Ordinance Amending and Recreating Chapter 6,Elections Removing the Runoff Provision, of the Code of Ordinances for the City Of Windsor Heights, Iowa (3rd reading) Councilmember Peterson moved to approve the third reading; Councilmember Harms seconded the third reading. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Discussion For Future Action, A Proposed Ordinance Amendment for Amending Chapter 136, Sidewalk Regulations in the City Code. Mayor Willits provided background information on how the process evolved and how the committee was formed. Councilmember Bales-Henry suggested the ordinance go back to the committee and have them look at the community recommendations to come up with different ideas and solutions. Councilmember Glover would like other options looked at like traffic calming. Councilmember Peterson stated the committee did a lot of work on the ordinance and that there's enough information and feedback. Councilmember Harms wanted to know what other recommendations were discussed other than sidewalks and would like the ordinance to go back to the committee to look at other options for walkability. Twenty three residents spoke regarding the walkability ordinance with various view points on it.

Mayor's Inquiries/75th Anniversary. July 19th, we will celebrate the incorporation of the city at Music in the Park. Cupcakes, custom Windsor Heights Prints, pre order for the 75th anniversary book written by George Hanusa. Thank you to our police department we truly have the best one around and we thank you for everything that you do. The comprehensive plan drafts should be to us by the end of the month. League of Cities is September 14-16th.

Claims and Payroll- Councilmember Glover has questions on the bills from Swaelu and Darren Fife from EcoSource. Councilmember Harms motioned to approved claims and payroll. Councilmember Peterson seconded. Councilmember Harms, Peterson and Bales- Henry- Yes. Councilmember Glover-No.

Adjourn to 6:00pm on Monday, August 1, 2016, for the regular meeting of the City Council.

Councilmember Timm moved to adjourn; Councilmember Peterson seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote at 8:47 p.m.

Diana Willits, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica Vogel, Communication Coordinator/Deputy City Clerk