

NOTUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Regular Session: Monday, September 17th, 2018

@ 7:00PM at Notus City Hall

1. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor, David Porterfield.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken with the following results: Councilwomen Mo Shamseldin and Michelle DeGiorgio, present. Councilman Richard Wallace, Jr, present. Also present Mayor David Porterfield and City Attorney, Todd Lakey.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Concerns, Comments

Renee Taylor asks to be moved up in the agenda since she is not feeling well. Attorney will review the code changes and advise Council after the public hearing.

5. Public Hearing for the purpose of public comment regarding the proposed sewer base rate increase of \$3.80 per month.

5.1 Mayor Opens Public Hearing

Mayor, David Porterfield opens public hearing at 7:03 pm.

5.2 Verification by City Clerk that Public Hearing was correctly advertised

City Clerk, Loretta Vollmer verified that the hearing was correctly advertised/noticed.

5.3 Staff review of proposed sewer rate increase

Mayor reviews the proposed sewer rate increase to \$48.60, an increase of 8.4%. This is an incremental increase to reach the USDA recommended rate of %54.35 within one year following the completion date of the wastewater improvement project.

5.4 Written Correspondence Submitted for the record

None

5.5 Public Testimony from those in support

NONE

5.6 Public Testimony from those neutral

NONE

5.7 Public Testimony from those opposed

NONE

5.8 Comments from Mayor and Council

Wallace Jr reminds Council and audience of the reasons behind the rate increase. DeGiorgio comments that the previous Mayor's and Council members didn't keep up the maintenance. The residents passed the bond trying to get the wastewater system done but the longer it is taking, the more money it is costing. Mayor comments that no one likes higher rates.

5.9 Mayor closes Public Hearing

Mayor asks for a motion to close the public hearing. DeGiorgio motioned to close the public hearing. Wallace Jr seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion passed.

Attorney advised Council that moving an agenda item to a different spot on the agenda is OK.

DeGiorgio motioned to move 11.4 Fence Application, Museum to 6.1 because presenter, Renee Taylor, is not feeling well.

6. Community Relations

6.1 Fence Application, Museum

Renee Taylor stated that she misspoke at the last meeting. This is not a fence but an exhibit protection barrier. This will be 14 gauge farm fence with 6 ft "T" posts. This does not enclose the entire area. It is a temporary structure.

Treasurer, Marie asks about the safety of children climbing on the fence. Renee stated that if someone wants to get in, they will get in.

Councilwomen DeGiorgio, discloses to all that she is a member of the Museum Board.

CLERK NOTE Notus Historical Society & Museum (private nonprofit) occupy the building and part of the surrounding land, which is leased by the City from the Union Pacific Rail Road at a current cost of \$500.00 per year.*

Mayor comments that it is possible that the Rail Road could deny the erection of this kind of thing on their property. That is something that we do need to find out for sure. She stated that she has talked to the Rail Road and he liked the protection barrier idea. Mayor asked Renee if she could document who she talked to and stuff like that since...

DeGiorgio interrupts discussion to motion to approve this (fence-exhibit protection barrier).

Mayor comments that this is fine, just needs to be documented. DeGiorgio asks for a second.

Wallace Jr seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: DeGiorgio; yes, Wallace Jr; yes, Shamseldin; yes. Motion passed.

7. Special Report

7.1 COMPASS- Grant Opportunities, Toni Tisdale and Kathy Parker

Kathy Parker reports that COMPASS has a source development team that helps plan funding that comes into ADA and Canyon County. COMPASS helps plan, implement, provide technical expertise and facilitate. They help conduct regional planning, facilitate coordination and cooperation of regional goals, provide mapping, photography, and grant assistance. They have access to bicycle and pedestrian path counters. She suggests that the City list all desired projects, break them down into smaller projects and then prioritize those projects.

8.1 Consent Agenda, ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Disbursement List

Wallace Jr motioned to pay disbursement list as presented. Shamseldin seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Wallace Jr; yes, Shamseldin; yes, DeGiorgio; yes. Motion passed.

8.2 Council Meeting Minutes

DeGiorgio stated that the roll call vote on 8.1 is incorrect, she voted no. DeGiorgio motioned to approve meeting minutes of September 4th, 2018 with correction. Wallace Jr seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: DeGiorgio; yes, Wallace Jr; yes, Shamseldin; abstain. Motion passed.

8.3 Committee Meeting Minutes: Library, Community Events

Wallace Jr motioned to accept the Events Committee meeting minutes from August 13th, 2018 and Library minutes from August 18th, 2018 into public record. Shamseldin seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Wallace Jr; yes, Shamseldin; yes, DeGiorgio; abstain, Motion passed.

9. Staff Reports

9.1 Public Works

Mayor reported guys are working hard. Irrigation valve and box has been changed and hose bibs have been added to aid in the system blow out for winter. Kremmwood tree area is now on automatic timers for watering to avoid overwatering.

9.2 Library Liaison

NONE

9.3 Treasurer

Marie handed out monthly revenue and expense reports to Council.

10. Professional's Reports

10.1 Wastewater

Mayor reported that Mike Black has filed the monthly reports.

10.2 City Engineer

Stuart reported that the lagoon work is ongoing. The yard piping is finished. The sewer line video to identify current connections has been completed. Tom Mehiel and Paul are going to do safety shut off tests in case it is needed.

10.3 Crestline Engineering

NONE

11. Business: ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Sewer Base Rate Increase, Approval

DeGiorgio motioned increase were base rate to \$48.60 per month. Wallace Jr seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: DeGiorgio; yes, Wallace Jr; yes, Shamseldin; yes. Motion passed.

11.2 Sewer Base Rate Increase, Proposed Resolution #18-3

Wallace Jr motioned to adopt sewer base rate increase resolution #18-3. Shamseldin seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Wallace Jr; yes, Shamseldin; yes, DeGiorgio; yes. Motion passed.

11.3 Water Base Rate Increase, Proposed Resolution #18-4

Wallace Jr motioned to adopt water base rate increase resolution #18-4. Shamseldin seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Wallace Jr; yes, Shamseldin; yes, DeGiorgio; no. Motion passed.

11.4 Fence Application, Museum

Moved to 6.1 by amendment to agenda order.

11.5 Review 1st Street and Fargo Street Repair

Mayor stated that a citizen's letter was submitted suggesting that the repair project be split up and do some work to Notus road. DeGiorgio commented that yes she is not happy with the discussion at the last meeting and would like to use cold patch in more areas and get more done with the money. Discussion. Wallace Jr motion stands from last meeting.

11.6 Task Order for 1st street and Fargo Ave Street Repair

Wallace Jr motioned to approve the repairs on 1st Street and Fargo Ave as presented by Crestline professional agreement and scope of work to be done. Shamseldin seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Wallace Jr; yes, Shamseldin; yes, DeGiorgio; no. Motion passed.

11.7 Task Orders: Crestline Engineering

1st Street and Fargo, Repair/replacement – basic 100'x30'
Master Planning for City Chip Seal Project

Culvert Examinations and Future Replacements
Grant Renewals: Local Strategic Initiatives, Children's Pedestrian,
Etc.

Wallace Jr motioned to let Antoni from Crestline Engineers deal with the 1st Street and Fargo, Repair/replacement – basic 100'x30', Master Planning for City Chip Seal Project, Culvert Examinations and Future Replacements, Grant Renewals: Local Strategic Initiatives, Children's Pedestrian. Shamseldin seconded. Discussion. Wallace Jr withdraws motion.

11.8 Well House Shop, Progress

Mayor has talked with Stuart and they will meet next week to set a location and do mapping of the project as well as estimated costs.

12. Mayor & Council Comment

Wallace Jr asked about water quality testing report. It is done every year. DeGiorgio would like to have the storm drain along 20/26 check for debris.

13. Adjournment

Wallace Jr motioned to adjourn at 9:50 pm. Shamseldin seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Respectively submitted by Loretta Vollmer, City Clerk _____

David Porterfield, Mayor _____