

City of Stanton
Regular Meeting
8/8/2017

The Regular Meeting of the City Commission was called to order at 7:02 by Mayor Pro-Tem Karl Yoder.

Commissioners present: Mayor Pro-Tem Karl Yoder, Jane Basom, Chuck Miel, Krista Johnson, John Seaman, Jennifer Blum. Absent: Mayor Ken Burris

A motion was made by Miel and supported by Johnson to approve the agenda with the addition under existing business to address an update on grant writing.

6 Yes. 0 No. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Yoder asked for a correction in the public comments to read Ray Holloway instead of resident.

A motion was made by Basom and supported by Johnson to approve the minutes with corrections.

6 Yes 0 No. Motion Carried

A motion was made by Miel and supported by Seaman to approve the payment of bills.

6 Yes 0 No. Motion Carried.

DPW Report – with addition that Shook Asphalt peeled the sides back on the cemetery roads for free which would have cost approximately \$1500. All Shook asked for was a public thank you.

City Manager Report

Existing Business

Commission Rules of Procedure Policy

A motion to amend the Commission Rules of Procedure Policy was made by Miel and supported by Seaman. Commissioner Blum moved to table motion to amend with no support.

Mayor Pro-Tem Yoder called for roll call vote: Yoder-No, Basom-No, Miel-Yes, Johnson-No, Blum-No, Seaman-Yes.

2 Yes 4 No. Motion died

Amendments as follows:

* Page 1 - letter A to read regular, special meetings, and study sessions.

* Page 1-number 3-letter b-first sentence to read for a rescheduled regular, special meetings, and study sessions of the Commission, a public notice stating the date, time, and place of the meeting shall be posted at least 18 hours before meeting at the City office and on the City's website.

* Page 2 – number 4 – second paragraph – last sentence to read after the commission approves this document, it shall be published on the city website, at City Hall, and White Pine District Library within the City.

* Page 3 – A motion was made by Miel to change the wording from old business to unfinished business on letter F. No support. Motion died.

* Page 4 – letter B- number 5 – first paragraph – last sentence to read a general law empowers the city commission, by section 65.5, to adjourn a meeting if a quorum is not present and compels attendance in a manner proscribed by its ordinance.

Commission Seaman requested a roll call vote: Yoder-yes, Miel-yes, Basom-yes, Johnson-yes, Blum-yes, Seaman-yes. 6-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried.

* Page 4 – Letter B - number 7 – first paragraph – first sentence to change “mayor” to “presiding officer”.

* Page 4 – Letter B - number 7 – second paragraph – second sentence to omit “chair” from the entire document and replace with “presiding officer”.

* Page 4 – letter -C – number 1 – first paragraph – first sentence to read closed meetings may be held only for the reasons provided in the Michigan Open Meetings Act, which includes but not limited to the following.

* Page 5 – letter C – number 1 – letter F – second sentence to omit the word “a” and added city commission or.

* Page 5 – letter C – number 1 – letter F – third sentence to read closed sessions are permitted for members of a public body to consider and discuss at a closed session a privileged written legal opinion, as long as no discussions are made during the closed session.

A motion was made by Miel to page 5 – number 2 to read at a regular or special meeting a closed meeting may be called by 2/3 vote of the commission members elected or appointed and serving. No support. Motion died.

A motion was made by Miel to on page 7 – number 5 – paragraph 2 – first sentence to read no member shall abstain from voting unless the member states his/her conflict of interest as defined by law. No support. Motion died.

A motion was made by Miel and supported by Seaman to page 7 – number 5 – second paragraph- last sentence to read a vote shall be tabled, if necessary, to obtain the opinion of the city attorney.

Mayor Pro-Tem Yoder asked for roll call vote: Yoder, No, Basom, No, Miel Yes, Johnson No, Blum, No, Seaman Yes. 2-Yes 4 – No. Motion died.

- Page 8 – number 3 – second sentence to read remarks shall be addressed to the presiding officer in a courteous tone and avoid interjecting a personal note into debate.

A motion was made by Miel supported by Seaman to page 8 – number 3 – last sentence to read no person shall have the right to speak more than once unless approved by the presiding officer and this may only be done if on any particular subject until all other persons wishing to be heard on that subject have had the opportunity to speak.

Mayor Pro-Tem Yoder requested a roll call vote: Yoder No, Basom No, Miel Yes, Johnson No, Blum No, Seaman Yes. 2 Yes 4 No. Motion died.

- Page 8 – number 3 – last sentence. Johnson recommended the sentence reads: no person shall have the right to speak more than once (unless approved by the presiding officer) on any other particular subject until all other persons wishing to be heard on that subject have had the opportunity to speak. Commissioner Basom recommended instead of parenthesis it should be comma. All commissioners agreed on Basom’s recommendation.

A motion was made by Miel for page 8 – letter F- number 2 – to read the rules of the city commission may be suspended pursuant to Michigan Law for a specific portion of the meeting by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members present. No support. Motion died.

- Page 9 – number 5 – second paragraph. Basom recommended to change the date from July 25th 2017 to August 8, 2017.

A motion was made by Blum and supported by Seaman to table the Commission Rules of Procedure Policy until the final draft is complete and presented at the next commission meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem requested a roll call vote: Yoder No, Basom Yes, Miel Yes, Johnson Yes, Seaman, Yes, Blum Yes. 5 – No. 1. Motion carried.

~~Mayor Pro-Tem Yoder asked for an update on grant writing. Yoder is beyond displeased that during the second meeting in July the commission was supposed to have an update with a list of grants. We still have not received an update and if by the next meeting we do not have an update with a list of grants, he will not approve to pay any of the bills at that meeting. Mayor Pro Tem said, "I personally am put off by the lack of an update."~~

New Business

Hydrant Usage Request

A motion was made by Seaman and supported by Basom to allow DJ McQuestion and Son's to have access to the water system from the dates they submitted for a fee of a \$100.00 per the ordinance if they require water usage after August 31st 2017 that there will be an additional cost of \$100.00 per day.

5 Yes, 1 No – Motion Carried. Yoder voted no.

~~A motion was made by Seaman and supported by Blum to allow that if DJ McQuestion and Son's go past August 31st date that there will be an additional cost of \$100.00 per day.~~

SOFD (Stanton Old Fashioned Days) Agreement

A motion was made by Johnson and supported by Seaman to approve the SOFD Agreement with the correction to change the word "her" throughout the agreement to "his/her".

6-Yes 0-No. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Johnson supported by Seaman to approve waiving the \$100.00 fee for water connection.

6 Yes 0 No. Motion carried.

Zoning Ordinance RFP (Request for Proposal)

A motion was made by Seaman and supported by Blum to ~~submit~~ request bids to from the organizations that the city attorney recommended with a 30 day deadline to submit back.

6 Yes 0 No. Motion carried

A motion was made by Blum and supported by Johnson to accept with amendments as follows: the date set is September 8, 2017, examples of work from other municipalities, and PDF versions.

6 Yes 0 No. Motion carried.

Casair Phone System Bill

A motion was made by Seaman and supported by Basom to ~~pay the quoted price and have the City Manager, Elizabeth, meet with the owner of Casair and we ain't paying it.~~ That the Commission considered a bill submitted by Casair for a bid price plus an additional amount of \$375.76 for a switch not included in the bid price.

6 Yes 0 No. Motion Carried

Call a Public Hearing for the Cemetery Ordinance Revision for August 25, 2017.

A motion was made by Johnson and supported by Blum to call a public hearing for revision of the cemetery ordinance for August 25, 2017 at 7:00pm

6 Yes 0 No. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Ray Holloway would like to know why we did not follow the charter on removing someone from the commission after the allotted amount of absences. Mayor Pro-Tem Yoder replied no comment at this time.

Commission Comment: Commissioner Johnson that she was questioning the incorrect date regarding the public hearing for the cemetery ordinance, August 25th is a Friday.

A motion was made by Johnson and supported by Blum that we change the public hearing date from August 25th 2017 at 7:00pm to August 22nd. 2017 at 7:00pm

6 Yes 0 No. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Johnson and supported by Blum to adjourn the meeting.

6 Yes 0 No. Meeting Adjourned at 9:34pm

Karl Yoder, Mayor Pro-Tem

Lori Braman, City Clerk/Treasurer