

City of Stanton  
Regular Meeting  
January 24, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mayor Pro Tem Burris.

Commissioners present: Basom, Burris, Johnson, Miel, Seaman and Yoder.  
Absent: Mayor Petersen.

A motion was made by Seaman and supported by Basom to approve the agenda as submitted with the additions of adding Veteran's Park Discussion, Budget Discussion concerning Leaf Vacuum. 5 Yes 0 No. Motion carried.

Citizens Comments: Naomi Holloway asked for the City Manager report to be printed for the public. Ray Holloway and Marty Combs stated the idea of the park was a Rotary idea. Commissioner Miel asked about reducing the price of the park. Combs stated Jake had taken over the project and read an email Jake Eckholm had sent him 6/16 regarding the MDOT TAP grant. Combs also stated the prices were inflated.

A motion was made by Basom and supported by Miel to approve the minutes as corrected. 5 Yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Miel and supported by Johnson to approve payment of the bills for January 2017. Seaman asked if all of the bills are on this list and asked if the badge for Bob Muscott was on there. Chief Patino stated that Muscott had paid for the badge including sales tax. Seaman said we will need the invoice for the audit. 5 Yes 0 No Motion carried.

DPW report was read.

City Manager's report was read.

A motion was made by Basom and supported by Miel to approve the amendment to Agreement of Joint Services as amended. 5 Yes 0 No. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Miel and supported by Johnson to hire the City Attorney to write the agreement for the sale of the property on Grove St. 5 Yes 0 No. Motion carried.

Appointment to Fireboard, Mayor Pro Tem stated the Mayor is to appoint and he is not here to do so.

A motion was made by to table the MML training until contact with other municipalities is made to see if they would be interested in splitting costs.

A motion was made by Basom and supported by Johnson to hire Lori Braman at a salary of \$30,000 for the Clerk/Treasurer position. 5 Yes 0 No. Motion carried.

Veteran's Park Discussion. Burris wants to know where the City is supposed to get all of this money. Marty Combs said unfortunately Jake Eckholm is not here to explain the City's contribution. Pynaert has contacted the list of potential donors and hasn't heard back from most of them and asked for two more

weeks to conduct research before throwing this project away. Basom said that Jake Eckholm would have to of had contact with ROWE concerning scaling the park back and she would like to see a scaled down version. Johnson we have seen an itemized list before and maybe Jake said we don't need this, but I am not sure. Basom remembers Eckholm stating the numbers are inflated. Ray Holloway said there are a lot of things that could be scaled back such as the concession stand. Seaman said why build something we already have and why not improve what are already have. Combs said Jake had economic impact study completed and Combs will provide said study. Miel stated the park would be nice to have but not at this scale. Miel said Franz has indicated he would be willing to meet with us to discuss scaled down version and possible grants. Yoder stated Jake's philosophy was that the City did not need a large general fund balance and it was way over what he thought they should have. Yoder stated he was uncomfortable taking \$596,000 from general fund. Yoder also mentioned phase 2 is dependent upon a \$2,000,000 bond issue and I am not in favor of a bond issued for that amount. Basom said ROWE could answer come answer our questions and see a scaled down plan and costs.

Leaf Vacuum budget discussion: Basom stated the encumbered TYD what's left. City Hall training is \$10,000 and Finance Director of \$4,000 which has not been used. Yoder said the Acting City Manager should come to the commission with where the money should come from by the next meeting and bring a resolution to amend to pay for leaf vacuum.

Public Comments: Ray Holloway said the City can borrow from one fund to another and pay back within one year without being penalized.

A motion was made by Meil and supported by Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Ken Burris, Mayor Pro Tem  
Elizabeth Pynaert, Acting City Manager