

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
120 S. Ash
City Council Chambers
Tuesday, March 24, 2020
7:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF MEETING

A regular session of the City Council of Nevada, Missouri was posted pursuant to Section 2-6 and Section 2-7 of the City Code and RSMo., Chapter 610.021 with a tentative agenda on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

A regular session of the City Council of Nevada, Missouri was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 pursuant to Section 2-6 and 2-7 of the City Code and Section 3.11 of the City Charter. The meeting could be heard by Teleconference (800-977-8002, passcode 7615 775#) and watched by Facebook live: <https://www.facebook.com/ournevadamo/>.

Mayor Knox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilperson Leonard gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

The following Council members were present for roll call:

Present: Carol Gallagher; George Knox; Brian Leonard; Ryan Watts

Absent: Lyndon Eberhard

Mayor Knox excused Councilperson Eberhard due to prior work obligations.

Staff present: Mark Mitchell, Interim City Manager; Wm. G. McCaffree, City Attorney; Kristie Modlin, Treasurer; Johnna Williams, Deputy City Clerk

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Knox presented the State of Public Concern proclamation.

Mayor Knox presented a retirement proclamation to Fire Chief Bill Thornton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilperson Leonard moved to accept the March 3, 2020 regular session City Council minutes as written. Councilperson Gallagher provided the second. The motion was duly considered and passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were none.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

Consideration of Bid No. 2020-09 Dump Truck – Public Works.

Councilperson Watts moved to approve the bid from Joplin Freightliner in the amount of \$91,225.00 for the dump truck. Councilperson Gallagher provided the second. The motion was duly considered and passed by the following vote:

Aye: Gallagher; Knox; Leonard; Watts

Nay: None

Absent: Eberhard

Next, Consideration of Bid No. 2020-10 Roof Replacement, Public Works Building – Public Works.

Councilperson Leonard moved to approve the bid from Houk Construction LLC in the amount of \$71,760.00 for the roof replacement on the Public Works Building. Councilperson Gallagher provided the second. The motion was duly considered and passed by the following vote:

Aye: Knox; Leonard; Watts; Gallagher

Nay: None

Absent: Eberhard

Next, Consideration of Bid No. 2020-15 Highway Lighting Repair, Administration.

Councilperson Watts moved to approve the bid from CDL Electric in the amount of \$13,539.00 for the highway lighting repair. Councilperson Gallagher provided the second. The motion was duly considered and passed by the following vote:

Aye: Leonard; Watts; Gallagher; Knox

Nay: None

Absent: Eberhard

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FROM THOSE REGISTERED WITH THE CITY CLERK

Carol Branham, Housing Authority, wanted to congratulate Fire Chief Thornton on his retirement. In support of EnVision and is hoping we will be able to proceed. Also wanted to state that the City is looking at new insurance options and Housing would like to negotiate with MPR.

Fire Chief Bill Thornton gave an update on the Covid-19 pandemic. Stated that currently there are 255 positive cases in Missouri but at this point none in Vernon County. Please look at CDC website and Missouri Health and Human services website for the most updated information.

Jeff Snyder with the YMCA discussed working with the City for after school and summer programs.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

Next to be considered was Bill No. 2020-025 Approving an Agreement for Legal Services on the City's Proposed Water System Improvement Project.

Councilperson Gallagher moved to place Bill No. 2020-025 on second reading by title only. Councilperson Leonard provided the second. The motion was duly considered and passed by the following vote:

Aye: Watts; Gallagher; Knox; Leonard

Nay: None

Absent: Eberhard

The Mayor declared Bill No. 2020-025 read a second time, passed, approved and adopted. The Bill was numbered Ordinance No. 8325 and was signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk. The Mayor directed said Ordinance be engrossed upon the corporate records.

NEW BUSINESS

Next, Consideration of Bill No. 2020-026 Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Evergy Missouri West.

Councilperson Leonard moved to place Bill No. 2020-026 on first reading by title only. Councilperson Watts provided the second. The motion was duly considered and passed by the following vote:

Aye: Gallagher; Knox; Leonard Watts

Nay: None

Absent: Eberhard

Then, Mayor Knox opened a public hearing regarding the update to the Flood Plain Management Ordinance at 7:34 p.m.

With no public comment the public hearing was closed at 7:34 p.m.

Next, Consideration of Bill No. 2020-027 Adopting a Flood Plain Management Ordinance to meet the Minimum Requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program under Title 44 of the Code of Regulations.

Councilperson Gallagher moved to place Bill No. 2020-027 on first reading by title only. Councilperson Leonard provided the second. The motion was duly considered and passed by the following vote:

Aye: Knox; Leonard; Watts; Gallagher

Nay: None

Absent: Eberhard

Next to be considered was Bill No. 2020-028 Amending Section 20-23 of the Code of the City of Nevada, Missouri.

Councilperson Gallagher moved to place Bill No. 2020-028 on first reading by title only. Councilperson Watts provided the second. The motion was duly considered and passed by the following vote:

Aye: Leonard; Watts; Gallagher; Knox

Nay: None

Absent: Eberhard

Then, consideration of Bill No. 2020-029 Authorizing a Contract Extension with James M. Sneed, Hospital Financial Consultant.

Councilperson Leonard moved to place Bill No. 2020-029 on first reading by title only. Councilperson Watts provided the second. Bill McCaffree, City Attorney, discussed the Hospital Revenue Bonds and the need for the Consultant. The motion was duly considered and passed by the following vote:

Aye: Watts; Gallagher; Knox; Leonard

Nay: None

Absent: Eberhard

Then, consideration of Resolution No. 1551 To Show Support for the Partnership between the City of Nevada and the Housing Authority of the City of Nevada, Missouri for a HUD Application for Designation of an EnVision Center as a Demonstration Program.

Councilperson Leonard moved to approve Resolution No. 1551, seconded by Councilperson Gallagher. The motion was duly considered and passed unanimously.

Next was Consideration of Resolution No. 1552 Adopting an Updated Title VI Plan in Accordance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Federal Transit Administration.

Councilperson Gallagher moved to approve Resolution No. 1552, seconded by Councilperson Watts. The motion was duly considered and passed unanimously.

Next was Consideration of Resolution No. 1553 Approving a Travel Portion of Right-of-Way Application for American Cancer Society Inc.

Councilperson Watts moved to approve Resolution No. 1553, seconded by Councilperson Gallagher. The motion was duly considered and passed unanimously.

Next was Consideration of Resolution No. 1554 Authorizing the Withdrawal from Midwest Public Risk of Missouri's Employee Benefits Program for the 2020-2021 Plan Year.

Councilperson Gallagher moved to approve Resolution No. 1554, seconded by Councilperson Leonard. The motion was duly considered and passed unanimously.

Then, consideration of Resolution No. 1555 Approving ISSA Restaurant, LLC DBA Casa Azteca Liquor License Application for the Period Ending July 31, 2020.

Councilperson Watts moved to approve Resolution No. 1555, seconded by Councilperson Leonard. The motion was duly considered and passed unanimously.

Next was Consideration of Resolution No. 1556 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute any and all Documents Related to Youth Camps Sponsored by the Nevada Parks and Recreation Department.

Councilperson Watts moved to approve Resolution No. 1556, seconded by Councilperson Gallagher. The motion was duly considered and passed unanimously.

Next was Consideration of Resolution No. 1557 Authorizing the City Manager to Implement Emergency Protocols to Ensure the Health, Safety and Welfare of the Citizens of Nevada during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Councilperson Gallagher moved to approve Resolution No. 1557, seconded by Councilperson Watts. The motion was duly considered and passed unanimously.

Next was Consideration of Resolution No. 1558 Authorizing the Engagement of Gilmore and Bell, Inc. to represent the City in Negotiations for a Waiver of Breach of Condition.

Councilperson Leonard moved to approve Resolution No. 1558, seconded by Councilperson Gallagher. The motion was duly considered and passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Monthly Department Reports

The following reports were reviewed and are on file in the City Clerk's Office:

- i. Municipal Court – February
- ii. Fire Department – February
- iii. Animal Control – February
- iv. Police Department – February
- v. Alliance Water Resources – February, 2019 Year in Review, 2020 Annual Summary
- vi. Finance – February
 - i. Business License – February

Boards and Commissions Written Minutes/Reports

The following minutes were reviewed and are on file in the City Clerk's Office:

- i. Planning Commission – January 14, 2020

Mayor's Report

There was no report.

City Manager's Report

There was no report.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Councilperson Gallagher discussed the Animal Shelter Committee Meeting. They reviewed the 70 properties that the city staff had researched. The main point is we need to make sure and educate the community on the new animal shelter. Hopefully we will have a location proposal on the April 7, 2020 Council Agenda.

Councilperson Gallagher inquired if there was a red cross blood donation date in the near future...City Manager Mark Mitchell will look into this.

Councilperson Gallagher thanked City Manager Mark Mitchell for all the work he has done and is doing during this Covid-19 pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before City Council, Mayor Knox asked for a motion to adjourn.

Councilperson Gallagher moved to adjourn the regular session of City Council. Councilperson Watts provided the second. The motion was duly considered and passed by the following vote:

Aye: Gallagher; Knox; Leonard; Watts

Nay: None

Absent: Eberhard

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Johnna Williams, Deputy City Clerk

(seal)
ATTEST:

George Knox, Mayor

Johnna Williams, Deputy City Clerk