

City Council Proceedings

The Plankinton City Council meet in special session on Wednesday, May 8, 2019. Mayor John J Staller called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm. Roll call recorded the following members present: Pam Vissia, Brad Kehn, Susan Steele, Jim Hinckley & Terry Schuldt. City employees present were Darin Cranny, Chance Boyd, Jeanette Smith & Eileen Sorsen. City Attorney James D Taylor, P.C. & J. D. Associate Law Clerk, Ryan J Loker were present. Also present from Aurora County Sheriff's Dept were Dave Fink & Roman Briggs. Representing South Dakota Mail was Gayle VanGenderen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Kehn moved to approve the amended agenda, with a second from Hinckley. All voted aye, motion carried.

No public comments were noted.

Discussion was held regarding a pool opening date. It was the consensus of the council for the lifeguards to hold a cleaning session & orientation on May 23 or 24, with the final day to be determined after talking with the head lifeguard & that the pool would open on May 28, weather permitting.

Discussion was held regarding on waiving the lottery machine fee for the remainder of May & June 2019 for Roadside C-Store. It was the consensus of the council not to permit the waiver.

Bids will be let on a new Electrical bucket truck. After advertisement, bid opening(s) will be held at the next regular meeting on June 3, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

The council reviewed information on a security system for City Hall. Decision was tabled until the next regular meeting.

At 4:45 pm, the Mayor asked for a motion to enter executive session, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) & SDCL 1-25-2-(3). All attending city employees & Aurora County Sheriff's Dept representatives were asked to remain in executive session. Kehn moved, with a second from Hinckley. All voted aye, motion carried.

Jeanette Smith & Eileen Sorsen exited executive session at 5:56 pm. Chance Boyd & Darin Cranny exited executive session at 6:05 pm. Pam Vissia exited executive session at 6:15 pm.

At 6:38 pm, the Mayor declared to enter back into regular session, with no action taken.

Steele moved to place Vern Hill, Electrical Supt, immediately on a 10 working day suspension without pay, per Employee Handbook Policy 9.2 & for Employee Handbook Policy 8.5 Misconduct. Hinckley seconded the motion. Roll call recorded the following: Kehn, Steele, Hinckley & Schuldt, aye; naye, none. Motion carried.

The City Attorney noted that for clarity in the Minutes the executive session covered (3) separate matters: (a) the personnel matter of discipline/suspension of a City employee; (b) consultation with legal counsel about potential civil actions for the collection of unpaid utility bills; and (c) the potential for criminal proceedings if investigation discloses there was actual theft of utility services through meter bypass or tampering.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Signed: John J Staller, Mayor

Attest: Jeanette Smith, Finance Officer