

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING PROCEEDINGS

The Plankinton City Council met in special session on Thursday, May 14, 2020, at the Senior Citizens' Building. Mayor John J. Staller called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Pam Vissia, Jim Hinckley, Terry Schuldt, and Jason Schurz. Council members Brad Kehn, and Susan Steele were absent. City Finance Officer Eileen Sorsen, and JP Studeny from SD Mail, were present. Casey Schmidt, Dep. Finance Officer, and Melissa Davis from Horizon Health, arrived later.

There was no citizen input.

Vissia made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Schurz. All voted aye. Motion carried.

BILLS TO PAY

Schuldt made a motion to approve payment of the following bills:

AFLAC—May Empl. Vol. Ins.--\$165.15; AMERIPRIDE—Rug Contract--\$39.79; AVERA OCC. MED.—Drug Testing--\$100.65; BULTSMA INS. AGENCY—New Mower Ins.--\$207.00; CNH INDUSTRIAL CAPITAL—Machinery Lease Payment--\$1,346.54; CENTRAL ELECTRIC—April Wheeling & Ramp Lighting fees--\$1,770.77; CITY OF PLANKINTON—Met. Deposit to Utility bill #00-334-07-5--\$195.86; CITY OF PLANKINTON—Met. Dep. to Utility bill #00-205-01-2—\$12.18; Teri Krueger—Refund of Meter Dep. Balance--\$54.14; CORE & MAIN—2 Yr. RNI/SAAS Fee—\$8,500.80; DEPT OF ENERGY—April Power--\$13,413.62; EAST RIVER ELECTRIC—April Wheeling Fees--\$4,365.90; HEARTLAND CONS. POWERS—April Power Purch.--\$34,762.58; INDUSTRIAL EQUIP. & PARTS—Jetter Regulator Valve--\$1,231.15; MCLEOD'S PRINTING—Utility Bill Envelopes--\$812.90; MITCHELL IRON & SUPP.—Mower Bearings--\$56.48; OVERWEG AUTO—Streets Repair--\$26.00; PLANKINTON AMBULANCE ASSOC.—AED for Bucket Truck--\$1,448.72; RON BRIGGS—Meter Dep. Refund--\$37.82; RON'S MARKET—Shop Supplies--\$16.60; SANTEL COMM.—May Tower Internet--\$31.19; SD ONE CALL—April Message Fees--\$14.70; STITCH-N-TIME—Safety Clothing--\$201.00; TECH SOLUTIONS—May Tech bill--\$690.00; VERIZON WIRELESS—4/4-5/3/20 Tower Internet--\$50.50.

Seconded by Vissia. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE HEARING

A Public Hearing was held on Malt Beverage Retail On/Off License annual application renewals. All applicants had taxes paid in full. Dollar General #18575 completed application and remittance was presented. Motion by Schuldt, and second by Vissia to approve. All voted aye. Motion carried. Roadhouse Pub completed application and remittance was presented. Motion by Hinckley, and second by Schurz to approve. All voted aye. Motion carried. Roadside C-Store application and remittance was presented. Motion by Vissia, and second by Schuldt to approve. All voted aye. Motion carried. Plank Inn completed application and remittance was presented. Mayor stated that there had been one incident of selling to a minor in the past year. Motion by Hinckley, and second by Vissia to approve. All voted aye. Motion carried. Commerce Street Bar & Grille application and remittance were received, but Vissia abstained from voting due to conflict of interest. Due to lack of quorum then, that application will be heard at the June 1, 2020 meeting.

VIDEO LOTTERY

Video Lottery fees are no longer listed on the SD Liquor License applications. The City receives \$50 for each machine at establishments in Plankinton. Vissia made a motion to approve 4 lottery machines at Plank Inn. Seconded by Schuldt. All voted aye. Motion carried. Schurz made a motion to approve 4 lottery machines at Roadside C-Store. Seconded by Vissia. All voted aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE BOOK

Mayor Staller called District III to see if they would be able to work on an updated ordinance book. They told him they are very busy, and maybe in the next year if we are lucky. They have a template if someone wants to try to use it. Vissia replied that "we have kicked this can down the road for many years, but the old ordinance books really need updating, even though we really need to prioritize our spending right now". Can we afford to do it now? She said people are spending here in town, to help with our sales tax. The Council knows it is outdated, and if we have the money and it doesn't hurt some other priority, we will be for it.

VISITOR

Melissa Davis arrived at 6:45 p.m. Hinckley asked what her opinion was on opening the pool and parks. She said it is really difficult, as we want to keep people healthy, but she is seeing a need to get out. Cleaning would have to be amped up. The CDC guidelines are recommending activity, but we need social distancing. She doesn't feel we can ask the lifeguards to do it. Employees would need protection. Hinckley said COVID-19 is ramping up in town. Melissa said it will show up in 2 to 4 weeks. She had asked the State for some help in getting test kits. None were provided, but she is blessed that Horizon Health and Sanford Health are providing 50 test kits. The Clinic will have a testing site set up from 4 – 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, 2020, and will test those who feel they may have had contact, are symptomatic or a-symptomatic for COVID-19. She is happy that Horizon stepped up, and if she uses the 50 tests she will try to get more. If exposed, you need to quarantine 14 days. JP Studeny asked how people will find out about the testing. The clinic will make calls, post on Facebook, and put up flyers around town. The Council thanked Melissa for coming.

OLD BUSINESS:

Casey came to talk more on the CIMS software program. She initially came with a proposal of obtaining a license to enter our cemetery information into their program; with the thought of uploading and integrating our cemetery map into the mix at a later date. After doing some research, and talking with one of CIMS' sales reps, it would not be financially prudent to go down this path. With the original plan of action – it will cost the city approx. \$1,300.00 (1x) for original license, training (1x), and annual support fees. But then, we would need to upgrade licenses and programs in order to add the map and integrate everything. The cost for that is anywhere from \$11,625.00 to \$14,625.00, plus an aerial photo that would need to be done of the cemetery. If we started out with the Straight CIMS that includes mapping from the start, the license would cost \$3,000.00 (1x), a creation of the integrated map (1x), the aerial photo (1x), and then the annual support fees. Going this route- everything is included, cost would be

approximately \$12,000.00, plus the aerial photo. The tech support is great, and down- time very minimal. Casey stated that Shafer Memorial is not coming this summer to work on old stones, so that budgeted money is available, and a payment plan can be worked out. The Council will decide at the June 1 meeting.

POOL OPENING

Schuldt stated that one city was letting people come in shifts, but he is looking at keeping the pool closed for summer. Vissia mentioned that the Clinic now cleans hourly, and the lifeguards would have to clean hour by hour. Maybe only local people should be allowed, and it is the hardest decision the Council has had to make. Schurz had a conversation with the Utility Supt. stating we don't have staff to clean it, and can't expect lifeguards to do it. We can't open the pool for 2 weeks, and then take the jobs away. We have to say "no". Hinckley stated it is a community pool, we don't know how COVID-19 has spread and he doesn't want to put people in harm's way. Council wants to keep the pool closed for summer. Parks closed for now, but may be able to open later in summer. Mayor Staller said the baseball league had a meeting, and other towns are having limited games. The Banker team may have to play in other towns if we close our parks, but if we close one (pool) we have to close the other (parks). The council's consensus is it's a hard decision, but we have to do what we feel is best. We know we will get a backlash over this decision, but there are too many unknowns. JP Studeny commented that since we now have a new case, with possible spread in 2 to 4 weeks, the city needs to make this decision. Schurz said, in talking with the Utility Supt., even if things settle down in a couple months, we may think of opening city parks. The County lifted their COVID-19 resolution, and the city's expires on May 26. The only recreational things we can control is our pool & parks. Mayor Staller asked if there was a motion to open the pool and parks. No motion was given. It was the consensus of the council to keep the pool and parks (including the ballparks) closed. Schuldt said the city should reimburse any of the lifeguard candidates for their certifications done for this summer.

NEW BUSINESS:

DOG ISSUE

A letter was sent to the city about a dog problem on North Duff Street. Hinckley said this is not a new problem with the residence. They need to get dog licenses. Mayor Staller will draft a letter and have city lawyer, Jim Taylor, go over it.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following Building Permits were brought up, but no decision made, as Building Supt., Kehn, was not present:

#5620—J. Gislason—Erect fence @ 406 E Commerce St; #5720—Z. Scott—Demo. building @ 103 E Davenport St.; #5820—J. Tipton—Erect fence @ 302 E 5th St.; #51120—L. Bohr—Demo. building @403 E 3rd St.

PEDDLER PERMIT

It was brought up that the city just had a Kirby Vacuum salesman come in for a Peddler's Permit. Hinckley would like the Finance Officer to check with Mr. Taylor to see if Schwan's also needs to purchase a permit.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Signed: John J. Staller, Mayor _____

Attest: Eileen Sorsen, Finance Officer _____