

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING PROCEEDINGS

The Plankinton City Council met in special session on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at City Hall. The meeting was called to discuss possibly hiring an Insurance Claims Specialist to assist with hail damage on City Hall & other city buildings.

Mayor Staller called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Pam Vissia, Brad Kehn, Jim Hinckley, Terry Schuldt and Jason Schurz. Finance Officer, Eileen Sorsen, was present. Visitors were Gayle VanGenderen for SD Mail, Clint Bultsma, representing Bultsma Insurance, and Chad VanLaecken from CE Construction, Mitchell, SD.

There was no formal motion or second to approve the special meeting agenda.

DISCUSSION ON CITY HALL ROOF REPAIR:

Mayor Staller had invited Mr. VanLaecken to the special meeting to discuss his part in the process of insurance claims. He said he helps the insured (in this case, the City of Plankinton) with help on insurance claims. He accompanied Kevin, the insurance adjustor, on 9/14/20. He will work with the adjustor on all of our hail damage claims. The insurance companies' adjustors use Exacto-mate to figure their quotes. He said siding can run \$7.00 a sq. foot, and the insurance owes us for replacement cost on siding. There is roof and window damage, also. He would keep communicating with the insurance company whether we want to replace and when. We need to get it done in probably a year or less. Clint said the adjustor gives estimates, but actual costs may vary from that. The City pays our deductible, and our guys won't have to be involved, as Mr. VanLaecken would be in charge of all contractors. We have window, roof and siding damage from the 8/10/20 hail storm. The City would sign a contract with him to work on our behalf to find and identify anything that is wrong, and get insurance coverage for the city. Mr. VanLaecken gets paid by allowing overhead. The insurance will pay 10% overhead & 10% profit, as there are at least 3 different issues on the claim. Gayle VanGenderen asked about his company. He said he is a contractor that takes adjustor classes, and does not need a license for that in South Dakota. His title is Insurance Claims Specialist. If we sign his contract, we are agreeing to allow him to work on our behalf to find contractors to do the different jobs needed. He acts as a general contractor. If his subcontractors do any shingling, etc., he can make some money through them. Gayle also asked how many government entities he has worked for. Chad mentioned the State Shop in Mitchell, and many businesses in the area. He would complete the entire scope of work for insurance proceeds. He left information for the mayor & council to go over before signing a contract. Mayor Staller told the council we will continue the discussion at the next regular meeting on October 5, 2020. He thanked Mr. VanLaecken for coming and meeting with all of us.

Clint Bultsma explained why there was an issue getting someone here to adjust for damage. There was a mix-up at the main office, and with the adjustor getting scheduled to come here.

BUILDING PERMITS:

The following Building Permits were brought up, and Building Supt., Brad Kehn signed off on 1st one, as well as those presented at September 8, 2020, regular meeting. He was absent from that meeting. He will sign off on the final one as soon as he gets complete information:

#91120—Dan Larson—Insulate garage & addition @704 N Duff; #91420—Paul Payne—Cement Pad by Ramp @ 202 E 4th St.

Mayor Staller adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Signed: John J. Staller, Mayor _____

Attest: Eileen Sorsen, Finance Officer _____