

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING –May 4, 2017 - GATEWAY- 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Ladd Wendelin called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Roll Call of the Members of the City Council - Josh Williby, Brandon Oien, Deb Lohofener and Rusty Addleman. Majority of the Body Present.

Absent: Jim Marchello

Others Present: City Attorney Steve Hirsch, City Administrator Troy Haas, Treasurer Steve Zodrow, Faith Meitl with the Oberlin Herald, Brice Meitl, Marilyn Black, LaVerne Rippe, Ruth & Jim Miesner, Heather McDougal, John Gizzarelli, Megan Ketterl, Austin Coryell, Frank Coryell at 5:30, Frieda & Bernard Goetz at 5:25 and City Clerk Sandy Rush.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Marilyn Black applauded the city crew for all their hard work throughout the past week following the blizzard.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes – for April 6, 2017 regular Council meeting.

Appropriation Ordinance - Payment of Bills.

Williby moved, second by Lohofener, to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Accepting Property at 211 N Garfield – Ruth Miesner discussed the property of the late Walter Pennell on Garfield. She and husband, Jim would like to pay the balance of the mortgage and then turn it over to the city. She informed them that the county Recreation Commission was more than willing to develop the property in the future. The county commissioners had agreed to tear down the house and clean up the lot. After a discussion, Williby moved, seconded by Oien to accept the property for the Recreation Commission to expand. **Motion carried.**

Discussion of Fence Ordinance – It was suggested that the council consider revisiting the fence ordinance that was approved at the last meeting to clarify the setbacks and open fence interpretation for the safety of drivers to see clearly around corners. Motion by Addleman to resend Ordinance 893. Motion died for a lack of a second. The Council decided to keep the current ordinance in place and postpone a decision until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Storm Damage – Administrator Haas told the Council that he was very pleased with the fast response of Kansas Mutual Aid for help the city received with the damages caused by the blizzard on Sunday, April 30, 2017. He told them there were five cities that responded Monday morning: Colby, Goodland, Clay Center, Russell and Belleville. In addition, he said the Power Plant was powering the whole city and Sunflower Electric was hopeful that they would have their lines repaired by Sunday night. Electric Supervisor Dan Castle and City Foreman David Sporn had been manning the Power Plant 24/7. He also advised them that all but one or two businesses were still without power, unless they had not notified him.

Executive Session – At 5:40 pm Williby moved, second by Oien to enter into executive session for fifteen minutes for matters deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship to include Mayor, Council, City Administrator and City Attorney. **Motion carried.**

Back in session at 5:55 pm with no action taken.

REPORTS

Mayor Report – Wendelin thanked the crew and Administrator Haas for all they had done in the storm.

Administrators Report

- The City-Wide Front Curb Pickup Day had been postponed until arrangements can be made.
- Reminder for those seeking council office to file with the county clerk by June 1, before noon.
- Next council meeting will be May 18.

Public Works Report

- City Foreman report is attached.

Treasurers Report

- Zodrow and Haas attended a Budget Seminar that clarified the tax lid and the process if an election is needed.
- Cash Flow report available for discussion.
- Sales Tax available for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:15 pm Williby moved, second by Oien to adjourn. **Motion carried.**

Sandy Rush, City Clerk

Ladd Wendelin, Mayor