St. Ansgar City Council

May 8, 2017

Mayor David W. Tollefson convened a regular meeting of the St. Ansgar City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2017 in the council chamber of the St. Ansgar City Hall. Council Persons Myrna Jorgensen, Bonnie Eustice, Paul Groth and Rose Krahenbuhl answered roll call. Michael Esdohr arrived at 7:20. Employee Lance Schutjer was in attendance. Others present included: Greg Burkel-MCRHC, Shelly Russell-MCRHC, Tim Halvorson, Karen Robertson, Bob McNutt, Nathan Gilmore, Rebecca Gisel-Alliant Energy, Chad Hertel, Alex Schmidt-EJ, Dallas Kuper-Farm Tile Pro, Steven Braun, and Bill Trygstad from Z.R.T.

Jorgensen presented a motion, seconded by Eustice to approve the consent agenda and on roll call vote ayes four.

Eustice presented a motion, seconded by Groth to approve **Resolution 2017-15 Approving the FY 17 Budget Amendment** and on roll call vote ayes four.

Karen Robertson shared information on foot traffic on corner of Mitchell and 8th street for Council to review the need of a sidewalk installed.

Groth presented a motion, seconded by Krahenbuhl to approve minutes of April 10, 2017 with a correction being made to the motion made on approving the rezoning of the Old Elementary school to Groth being a nay, and on roll call vote ayes four.

Groth presented a motion, seconded by Eustice to approve payment of bills submitted for the month of April and on roll call vote ayes four.

Shelly Russell shared information about changes that have been made with staffing, along with additional services provided by the Mitchell County Regional Health Center. Russell also shared the plans for adding more space for physicians, a therapy area, along with a front entrance with private registration rooms. Greg Burkel shared the financial information for the project stating that taxes would not be affected by this project.

Rebecca Gisel from Alliant energy shared information about the Annual Community Partnership Assessment. Gisel commented on the different grants that our available.

Trygstad presented project updates. The stakes have been placed and work will begin on Center Street next week for the 2016 Infrastructure project. Trygstad shared the proposal from Hydro Klean for televising 7th Street from Church Street to Summer Street, along with the proposal for installation of CIPP. Jorgenson presented a motion, seconded by Groth to approve the proposal from Hydro Klean to televise 7th Street from Summer Street to Church Street, and on roll call vote ayes five. Trygstad has been working on a 3 to 5 year project plan and will have more information at the June meeting.

Police Chief Schutjer shared that one individual had passed both the physical and written test and he will be moving forward with the psych test next. The nuisance issues in town are being taken care of.

Water, Waste Water Operator Hillman was not present but, provided his written work report for the council to review.

Municipal Superintendent Gooder was not present but, provided his written work report for the council to review.

Groth presented a motion, seconded by Jorgenson to approve the April 2017 financial reports and on roll call vote ayes five

Jorgensen provided the permit and policy that had been drafted for allowing chickens to the Council to review. Eustice presented a motion, seconded by Krahenbuhl to approve the Backyard Chicken policy and permit and on roll call vote ayes five.

Groth presented a motion, seconded by Krahenbuhl to approve the sale of the 1987 Ford Dump truck to Norman Beachy for $1501.00 and on roll call vote ayes five.

County Auditor has requested permission to hold elections at City Hall. The Council requested that the Mayor find out the reason for the change request and shared concerns about there not being enough room for a big crowd. The Mayor will visit with the Auditor and bring back to the next meeting.

A request had been made to change the light on 4th street to amber instead of red during construction to allow the trucks to slow down but not make a complete stop. Jorgensen presented a motion, seconded by Krahenbuhl to leave light red, and on roll call vote ayes five.

Chad Hertel will be joining the City as an On-Call/Part-time employee. Jorgensen shared that Christian Fox has accepted a full time position with the City of Osage.

Groth presented a motion, seconded by Jorgensen to approve the re-appointment of Shirley Brodersen to 5 year term on Planning and Zoning and on roll call vote ayes five

Jorgenson presented a motion, seconded by Eustice to approve the closing of 4th Street from the Alley of the Food Center, leaving the alley open to the Food Center, to Washington Street and Washington Street to the Park, the same as last year for the Oatmeal days activities Saturday June 18th 2017, along with approving the closure of 4th Street in front of the Legion for the Firefighters water ball Friday evening June 17th 2017, and on roll call vote ayes five.

Jorgensen presented a motion, seconded by Krahenbuhl to **Approve Ordinance 438 Rezoning the “South Square”** theOld Elementary School Property and on roll call vote ayes-Jorgensen, Esdohr, Eustice, and Krahenbuhl, nays-Groth, Jorgensen presented a motion, seconded by Esdohr to wave the 2ndand 3rd readings to approve **Ordinance 438 Rezoning “South Square”** the Old Elementary School Property, and on roll call vote ayes-Jorgensen, Esdohr, Eustice and Krahenbuhl, nays-Groth.

Groth presented a motion, seconded by Jorgensen to approve **Resolution 2017-16 amending Salary Resolution 2016-15** allowing a $.25 increase in pay for completing Drinking Water Treatment 1 Operator Certification, and on roll call vote ayes five.

Mayor Tollefson shared a request to install a sidewalk continuing on between the two driveways. No action was taken on this matter.

Jorgensen presented a motion, seconded by Krahenbuhl to allow parallel parking and no diagonal parking on the East side of the Old Elementary School where the buses loaded and on roll call ayes five.

Groth proposed looking into Wold property and street access to industrial park to be added to a future agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Tami Woods, City Clerk