

January 27, 2020

Mayor Mark Kennedy called the Recessed Meeting to order on the above date at 5:30 P.M. in the 900 Room at the Ellsworth Municipal Golf Course. Council Members present were Darcy Hansen, Jessica Kootz, Stephen Magette and Wayne Scritchfield. Member Tyler Renard was absent.

Also, in attendance were Patrick Hoffman, Attorney; Emil Halfhill, Chief of Police; Delvin Bettenbrock, Street Superintendent; Joe Travnichek, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Ron Tenbrink, Recreation Director; Bob Kepka, Fire Chief and Alan Roush, Ellsworth County Independent Reporter. A Sign-In Sheet of others in attendance is attached to the Agenda for this meeting.

Magette motioned to adjourn to Executive Session with the Attorney to discuss individual employees' performance and return to the open meeting at 5:45 P.M. The purpose of the closed meeting is to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Kootz seconded the motion. When put to vote, all vote aye. Motion carried.

Council returned to the Open Meeting at 5:45P.M. No action was taken.

Magette motioned to approve requests for extensions of Water/Sewer terminations. Scritchfield seconded the motion. When put to vote, all vote aye. Motion carried.

Scritchfield motioned to accept the donation of property described as: All of Lots Fourteen (14), Fifteenth (15) and Sixteen (16) in Block Fifteen (15) of the Original City. AKA: 119 Court Avenue. The property is valued at \$2,890. Magette seconded the motion. When put to vote, all vote aye. Motion carried.

Magette motioned to accept a bid from Mid-America Pool Renovations, LLC to remove and replace the Diamond Brite® surface of the Main, Zero Entrance and Kiddy Pools in an amount not to exceed \$75,000. Scritchfield seconded the motion. When put to vote, all vote aye. Motion carried.

Bettenbrock informed the Council of the high expense of Hot Mix at the Ellsworth Memorial Cemetery. Council consensus was to abandon the improvement. Additionally, the survey of property for drainage improvements in the 600 Block of E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street are continuing.

Magette motioned to approve City Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. to install 2 manholes and sewer line replacement at Sixth, Eighth & Blake Streets in an amount not to exceed \$11,000. Scritchfield seconded the motion. When put to vote, all vote aye. Motion carried.

Halfhill is exploring using Facebook Live to broadcast City Council meetings. Also, he is researching the cost of a new vehicle for the Police Department.

Magette noted the Ellsworth Veterans Memorial Hospital has graffiti painted on it and requested the owner be contacted in reference to this and structurally securing the building.

Kootz motioned to recess to Executive Session with the Attorney to discuss individual employees' performances and return to the open meeting at 7:44 P.M. The purpose of the closed

meeting is to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Hansen seconded the motion. When put to vote, all vote aye. Motion carried

Council returned to the Recessed Meeting at 7:44 P.M. Magette motioned to approve a Cost of Living increase of 1.0% and Merit increases as presented. Scritchfield seconded the motion. When put to vote, all vote aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until February 10, 2020.

Patti L. Booher, CMC  
City Clerk