

May 9, 2016

The City Council met in the Council Room on May 9, 2016 with the following members present: Richard Novotny, Monica Olson, Mayor Terry Aasness, Darek Buse & Bobbie Batesole and the following absent: NONE

Others Present: Ardell Hendrickson, Dave Bedore, Jenny Westrom-Evansville Fire Department, Jerry Buse and Diana K. Olson

All present stood to say the pledge of allegiance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Aasness.

A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the May 9th agenda.

A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Batesole and carried to approve the April 11th Council Minutes and April 20th Board of Review Minutes.

A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Olson and carried to accept the resignation of Chris Johnson as Fire Chief and appoint Willy Westrom as the new Fire Chief and Ben Hohman as an assistant Chief. The rest of the officers stayed the same.

A motion was made by Batesole, seconded by Olson and carried to put 50% towards the fire hall fund and 50% towards the truck fund from the donations the City receives from the Fireman's Relief Charitable Gambling.

Clean up Day is May 14th from 9-1 PM.

Brad from Evansville Auto changed the size of his building to comply with the setbacks. Brad can proceed with getting quotes for his building and would still have to apply for a structure permit once he has everything in line before he starts to build.

The flag pole for the park has been ordered and should be here sometime this week. The Legion would like the plaque off the old slab from the flag pole.

A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Olson and carried to approve Bobbie to attend a human resource training at Alexandria Tech College and pay the \$50 registration.

All Council should take the NIMS 100, 200 & 700 trainings.

A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Buse and carried to purchase a 15-gallon portable eyewash/drench hose unit with heat along with the cartridges for around \$3,200 to have at the water plant and ponds.

A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Olson and carried to set the 4-wheeler rental rate at \$13.00 per hour which is the same as last year.

Dan & Julie Johnson would like to fix their front steps and put a roof over them. The Council does not require a permit for this.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Novonty and carried to approve a structure permit from Jenny & Willy Westrom to build a shed on their lot as long as they abide by the setbacks. It is parcel 72-0155-000.

The Council is ok with Calvary Covenant Church closing off either Alexandria or Meeker Street for their event June 4th.

The Backroads Steakhouse is having an outdoor event on May 28th.

A motion was made by Batesole, seconded by Olson and carried to transfer \$300,000 from First Security Bank to Viking Savings Bank.

The construction punch list is to be done by June 15, 2016.

A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Buse and carried to approve the LG240B from the West Douglas County Legion Post 188 to conduct Bingo on Saturday, July 2nd at the Evansville Senior Center.

A motion was made by Novonty, seconded by Olson and carried to purchase flowers for around town for an amount up to \$200.

A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Batesole and carried to ask the Firemen's Relief pull tabs for \$2,000 to put towards fireworks.

Jamie was wondering about City shirts for meetings.
Street sweepers will be in town May 16th.

A motion was made by Buse, seconded by Novotny and carried to add filling around manholes to the work Bargaen is doing for around \$400 total.

A motion was made by Batesole, seconded by Buse and carried to trade Ziegler the Falls Plow for a set of pallet forks for the pay loader.

A motion was made by Batesole, seconded by Novonty and carried to put \$600.00 towards the City celebration in July.

A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Olson and carried to give the Summer Recreation program \$1,500.

A motion was made by Novonty, seconded by Olson and carried to transfer \$24,389.35 from the general fund to the loader fund.

The City received a letter from the Department of Ag stating the City should never buy trees and sell to their citizens. The City does not do this.

A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the May bills and authorize payment. (List Attached)

The Council discussed a letter they received from Anderson Law office in Elbow Lake. The Council will forward this letter on to the City Attorney Mike Dolan for a response.

A motion was made by Batesole, seconded by Novotny and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM.

Diana K. Olson