

MINUTES
WYOMING CITY COUNCIL
June 20, 2016

The Wyoming City Council met in regular session on June 20, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Wyoming Municipal Building. Mayor Porter called the meeting to order. In attendance were:

Council Members:

Barry Porter, Mayor
Al Delgado, Vice Mayor
Keith Desserich
Pamela Kamm
Jenni McCauley
Jim O'Reilly

Others:

Lynn Tetley, City Manager
Emily Supinger, City Solicitor

MINUTES:

Ms. McCauley moved to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2016 Regular City Council meeting as written. Ms. Kamm seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2016 Regular City Council meeting as written, carried with all voting yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Porter asked for any Committee reports not otherwise on the agenda. None were received.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Mayor Porter asked if there were any citizens present that would like to address City Council. No comments were received.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

Ms. Tetley reported that the first of two Pics on the Pike events will be held at the Civic Center this week on Friday. An outdoor movie will be shown and food/drinks, and live music will be part of the event as well. Wyoming's two newest Police Officers will graduate from the Ohio State Police Academy on Friday this week. Ms. Tetley stated that she and Chief Herzog and other police staff members will attend the graduation ceremony. The officers will then enter Wyoming's Field Training Program following graduation.

BUSINESS:

- A. Public Hearing on Renewal of Special Use Permits for Day Care and Nursery School Facilities in the City, the Group Home Facility, the Interfaith Hospitality Network, and Healing Space: Mr. Vanderman reported that the annual inspections were conducted as required by the Code and he found that all of the facilities were substantially compliant with the terms of their permits as well as the applicable aspects of the Property Maintenance Code. Mr. Vanderman reported that the Twins' House Bed & Breakfast has temporarily ceased operation due to personal circumstances of the property owner. Mr. Vanderman recommended that City Council renew all of the Special Use Permits.

Mayor Porter opened the public hearing.

Mr. O'Reilly asked clarification regarding the signage for the Healing Space. Mr. Vanderman stated that they have erected the signage that they have chosen to be adequate for their needs. He has received no negative comments regarding the signage from the community.

Ms. McCauley asked how many of the nursery schools are fully operational. Mr. Vanderman stated that all nursery schools are open and running well. There have been no complaints over the years about any of the nursery schools and/or day care facilities.

Having received no further comments, Mayor Porter closed the public hearing.

- B. Renewal of Special Use Permits for Day Care and Nursery School Facilities in the City, the Group Home Facility, the Interfaith Hospitality Network, and Healing Space: Mr. O'Reilly moved to approve the renewal. Ms. McCauley seconded the motion. There being no comments, the motion to renew the Special Use Permits for Day Care and Nursery School Facilities in the City, the Group Home Facility, the Interfaith Hospitality Network, and Healing Space carried with Mr. Delgado abstaining and all others voting yes.
- C. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Contract with Hendy, Inc. for the 2016 Sidewalk Reconstruction/Replacement Program: Mr. Vanderman reported that he and Ms. Statt Blake completed sidewalk inspections, evaluating them for deficiencies, in the target area of the City bounded by Springfield Pike on the west, the corporation line on the east, Walnut Avenue on the south, and North Avenue on the north. The Budget includes \$125,000 for the sidewalk replacement program.

Last year, the City contracted to have trip hazards resolved under a separate contract (\$17,318) in which trip hazard blocks were ground down, or saw cut, rather than replacing a whole block. This method proved to be not only a significant cost saver, but also helps to retain the life of an existing sidewalk block until its lifetime is complete. On June 9, 2016 bids were opened for the Sidewalk Reconstruction/Replacement Program in which three bids were received. Hendy, Inc. was determined to be the lowest and most responsive bidder. The City has not

used this company before therefore Mr. Vanderman did a thorough check of their references which resulted in only good comments from their references.

Mr. Desserich asked how much of the \$125,000 is left after the trip hazards are completed. Mr. Vanderman stated that approximately \$40,000 will be left over to take care of sidewalk blocks that need to be replaced outside of the target area. Mr. Desserich asked if Mr. Vanderman anticipates any sidewalk replacement needs following this round of replacements. Mr. Vanderman explained that if the City receives calls for trip hazards outside the target area they will be taken care of so some of the budgeted funds will be held back to cover those instances. Ms. Kamm asked how many calls the City receives regarding sidewalks not getting marked that should be when the inspections are done. Mr. Vanderman explained that generally none are missed however the City may receive up to three calls a year asking for sidewalk blocks to be replaced. Mr. O'Reilly commented that a resident that lives along the boulevard near Pendery Avenue commented on the removal of Ash trees along the boulevard and he asked Mr. Vanderman if he could inspect those sidewalks to see if they need to be replaced as well. Mr. Vanderman explained that the boulevards are inspected and if blocks need to be replaced they are marked for replacement. Many times, tree trunks will create heaving under the sidewalk blocks creating a regular replacement routine because the trees will continue to grow. Mr. Delgado commented that he likes the sidewalk grinding process as an alternative to replacement. He asked Mr. Vanderman if this process saves money. Mr. Vanderman explained that the cost to repair is about half of that to replace. Mr. Delgado stated that you can notice where the sidewalks were repaired and it looks good and is helpful that it is not costly. Ms. Kamm asked Mr. Vanderman if his department receives many calls concerning sidewalk blocks that were missed or not marked for repairs that should have been. Mr. Vanderman stated that he receives a few calls a year reporting sidewalk repair needs here and there throughout the community; each issue is inspected to see what action will be taken.

Mr. Delgado moved to adopt the Resolution. Ms. Kamm seconded the motion. There being no additional comments the motion adopting the Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Hendy, Inc. for the 2016 Sidewalk Reconstruction/Replacement Program carried with all voting yes.

- D. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Perkins Carmack Construction for Construction Services for the Wyoming Recreation Center 2016 Improvement Project Re-Bid: Mr. O'Reilly commented that he is pleased to hear that the bid amounts came in lower than the first bid opening. Mr. Desserich asked if the remodeling plans involve installing windows on the south side of the building. Ms. Tetley stated that windows will be installed on the south and the west sides of the building. Mr. Desserich clarified that this question was recently asked at a Recreation Commission meeting.

Ms. McCauley asked for the bid amount for the exterior wall replacement alternative. Mr. Huxel stated that at the front façade of the building, there is water leaking underground from a sprinkler near the west side of the building near the playground and when rain water comes in to this area, the water trickles down through the yard area and into the parking lot. Ms. Tetley added that this process acts similarly to a sump pump. Mr. Huxel added that the playground does not have a very good draining system in place, many times following a rainstorm the parking lot continues to be wet after everything else has dried. Therefore, alternative number four involved the exterior wall cement plaster finish in which Perkins Carmack bid \$27,000 to repair.

Mr. Delgado moved to adopt the Resolution. Ms. Kamm seconded the motion. There being no further comments, the motion to adopt the Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with Perkins Carmack Construction for construction

services for the Wyoming Recreation Center 2016 Improvement Project Re-Bid carried with all voting yes.

- E. First Reading of the Ordinance Authorizing the Placement of Proposed Revisions to the Charter of the City of Wyoming on the November 8, 2016 Ballot as to Section 3.04 Mayor: Election, Term, Qualifications, and Powers, Section 3.05 Vice Mayor, Section 3.07 Council Meetings, Section 3.09 Removal and Vacancies, Section 4.06 Purchases and Contracts, and Section 8.02 Nominations and Declaring an Emergency: The Wyoming City Charter requires a review of the document every five years. The Charter Review Commission, appointed by the Mayor, met three times in the past several months to review and provide recommendations for proposed changes to the Wyoming Charter. Council reviewed these changes and concurred with these recommendations. The Ordinance will allow the proposed amendments to be placed on the November ballot. Mr. Delgado moved to suspend the rules. Ms. Kamm seconded the motion. There being no discussion, by roll call vote the motion to suspend the rules carried with all voting yes. Mr. Delgado moved to adopt the Ordinance. Ms. Kamm seconded the motion. There being no discussion, by roll call vote the motion to adopt the Ordinance carried with all voting yes.
- F. Resolution Authoring the City Manager to Enter Into an Electric Service Agreement with Dynegy Energy Services for the City's Electricity Requirements: Ms. Tetley stated the City went out for pricing and the pricing did not come back where it needed to be so this agenda item was tabled. The pricing has since come back as very competitive versus what the City is paying now. The contract term covers four years and will save the City approximately \$3,000 per year in energy costs. Mr. O'Reilly moved to adopt the Resolution. Ms. McCauley seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion adopting the Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an electric service agreement with Dynegy Energy Services for the City's electricity requirements carried with all voting yes.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Ms. McCauley asked Ms. Tetley for an update on the status of the pillar replacement at Poage Farm Road. Ms. Tetley stated that the underground utilities have been marked, Mr. Ben Parks has been contracted to do the work and he will rebuild the pillar. Ms. Kamm asked when the port-o-let will be removed from the worksite. Ms. Tetley stated that it will be removed once the project has been completed and the punch list of items has been completed as well. Ms. Tetley commented that the quality of the work done on this project is not at the City's level of standard because the State let this project for bid thereby the City not being able to choose the contractor.

Mr. O'Reilly reported that the First Suburbs Consortium will meet jointly with the Ohio Municipal League on June 29 at the Boy Scout Center in Evendale. Discussion will be centered on other sources of funds that municipalities can take advantage of due to lower state resources. Mr. O'Reilly commended Ms. Tetley on being able to find and apply for all the grants that the City can get to fund various projects.

Mayor Porter asked for an update regarding a complaint from a resident regarding the line of sight being blocked by a resident's bushes at the corner of Hilltop Lane and Compton Road. Ms. Tetley reported that the Police researched the complaint and found no violations. This is a four-way stop sign intersection and the bushes are on private property and the fence is not blocking the view. The resident was contacted and asked to consider trimming back the bushes but has not replied back.

EXCUSAL OF ABSENT MEMBERS:

Ms. McCauley moved to excuse Ms. Eismeier. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the motion to excuse Ms. Eismeier carried by roll call vote with all voting yes.

EXECUCTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Porter announced there will be no Executive Session this evening.

ADJOURN:

Mr. O'Reilly moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion. By roll call vote, all voted yes, the motion to adjourn carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Martin, Executive Assistant

APPROVED:

Barry S. Porter, Mayor

Clerk of Council