

MONDAY, May 24, 2021
6:30 PM
City Council Meeting

Invocation given by Pastor Tom Elbert, Divine Savior Lutheran Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Hockenbury called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Councilwomen Carter, Cline, Enlow, Huffman, Councilman Hibbard and Newton were present.

Mayor Hockenbury asked for a motion to approve the 5/10/2021 regular meeting minutes. Motion made by Kenny Newton. 2nd by Lisa Carter. Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on revisions to the Policy and Procedures Manual Chapters 2, 4, 5, 6 & 7. Discussion of Section 2 changes agreed upon 5-1. Section 4 changes agreed upon 5-1. Section 5 changes agreed upon 6-0. Section 6 changes agreed upon 4-2. Section 7 vote to agree to changes will be made at the June 14th meeting. Sections 3 and 8 will be discussed at the June 14th meeting.

Public Works Foreman Tom LaFollette addressed the Council concerning the City's building that is being used for Drug Court (200 Frank E Simon). After discussion Kenny Newton made motion to send a 30-day notice of intent to terminate the lease. 2nd by Bonnie Enlow. Motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS None

Planning & Zoning Update No Report

Board of Adjustments Update No Report

SIGN IN SPEAKERS None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS Tom also reported that the building being used for Drug Court had termites.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Bonnie Enlow: I finally did get to go down to the park and see the dog park and the beautiful playground equipment. It is really being used. There was a lot of traffic there when I went over there Sunday. And I appreciate that. Very, very nice. I am really, really happy with it.

Mike Hibbard: Does our vehicle leasing program have any provisions for routine maintenance? Mayor: Yes. Mike: Okay, I have not set up my access to that. In an earlier meeting I commented on the needed website changes. I recently went to the website to see what was updated and I found that the minutes have been brought up to date; however, in the early part of 2020 they were searchable. If you put in a name, it would highlight the name; if you wanted to know what somebody said, or a specific subject that is not available anymore on any of it. I questioned about updating the minutes and the videos. The videos are gone. Tammy Richmond: I spoke to the Mayor about removing them from the website. I removed them because they are so sporadic; I do not have all of them; some do not record correctly. Mike: I went on YouTube and when I in a search for our meetings, there were only 21. What I am saying is that there is a

difference, number one, minutes do not have to be exact word for word, they can be short, summarized so I used to go back, if I wanted to know something particular, I went back and watched the video. I would like to see it come back myself. That is information we want the public to watch; now you cannot. I do not know how anybody else feels but I am going to say right now that I think they should be on our website. I have not gotten any complaints. I am the only one but that is me.

Lisa Carter: I noticed that last week's was not on there to review or the two weeks ago but did not know why the recording did not work. Since we had the new system put in it seems like either the audio does not work, or it just does not work period. We spent a lot of money for this system, the taxpayers did. We need to resolve the issue that the audio, the video, all of that works correctly. I mean, is it being recorded tonight? I do not know I have not been on my phone. Tammy Richmond: As far as I know it has been set up to record. Louisville Geek sets it up for me, I do not have to do that. Lisa: Then maybe they need to come and be present at meetings to make sure that it is working accordingly because we are paying them money, good money. We paid them good money to put all this stuff in and it is still not working right. That is unfair to anybody that wants to go back and look at it. But the money that we spent for that audio and video it should work correctly. Tammy: I will call JAVS tomorrow.

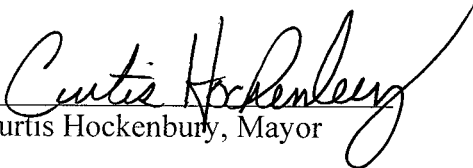
Mike Hibbard: We've hired a new financial director. I have met her, Tonya, I think she will be a wonderful addition to our City. My question is what was referred to as an interview hiring process a salary was set and according to the information that you provided, the number on that salary exceeds our pay classification ordinance for that position. So how did that happen? Mayor Hockenbury: It does not exceed it. Salaries have changed because of COLA. When you take into account the cost-of-living increases, that would come into play, it is all the approved increases that made the maximum higher. We are still saying the same amount of money because everyone is getting these COLA increases. So those numbers increased. And she did come in toward the top because of her excellent experience.

Stacey Cline: I want to make a comment on what Mike said. I had specifically stated, I would like to be in on that hiring. And I was not asked. I am a part of this Council and I feel that I as somebody that is elected, we all should be included in stuff like this at some point. It is quite evident that the same three people keep getting asked to do things. And I know I am not one of those people, that is fine. But at some point, we should all be included in that. I mean, sorry. That is the way I feel. I have got a comment about some tall grass. Tom, have you gotten a call? I will turn it in tonight. I got it on my way here. 301 Drake Drive. I got a call about the stoplight; I've gotten actually two calls about the stoplight at Second and Buckman that when somebody pulls up to the stoplight, there could be nobody there and it will back up in traffic, I reached out to Russell Weber, he gave me a contact to call. That gentleman, Mr. Comber, with the Department of Transportation went out and looked at it and he said that he could fix the one light to the right; but the one to the left that works on Second Street was actually messed up when we hired somebody for the construction process of fixing. Arthur, who can we call about that? Does anybody call you about that or anything? Arthur Jones: The Water Company project. They did have an interceptor line that goes from there. All of a sudden that job was done. That is what he told me. How do I get ahold of them because Mr. Comber did go out there and he thought he fixed it? I have not gotten to tell him because I got a call on the way here from another person saying that it has not been fixed. So, I am going to contact him tomorrow. I have got his phone number and email. But if you can find out from them before I contact him.

Kenny Newton inquired about the splash pad. Tom stated he thinks that the money has already been allocated and the special tank is 8-10 weeks out to get manufactured and shipped to the US. Kenny: Looks like we will not have this done this summer. Tom: I just do not know if it is going to be done.

Lisa Carter asked about potholes. Tom replied there is a piece of equipment that we have been trying to arrange. There is only one company around here and it has been down. We were supposed to have it this past week. What it does, is allows us to be able to get over blacktop in this device to go around the city, literally for days to be able to pass versus our own way, which is the dump truck. Lisa: Can we get the financials done? Tammy Richmond: As soon as I start getting everybody's budgets, I will get them to you. Lisa: Is there any updates on the audit? Tammy Richmond: He said to tentatively put them down to present the audit the second meeting in June. Lisa: Arthur on the medians that are going to be cut out on 44 at 65 and Joe B Hall by Taco Bell. Those turning lines are those going to be in the works anytime soon. Arthur: We met two weeks ago with District 5 and went over everything. District 5 is okay with it. We've already integrated plans. Lisa: Did we ever get the easements for the roundabout from the shopping center? Are we going to do all of these projects at the same time so that our citizens and our travelers for the summer are pulling their hair out, along with everybody else? I do not understand why we have been waiting on the medians to be torn out. I mean, another roundabout roundabout was an issue of the planning and all that, but you know, that was to take two weeks maybe. I have seen the one on the Outer Loop get down pretty quickly where they expanded it back and I just do not understand why we are not moving forward with our road construction out here with money that we have had in the budget.

Lisa Carter made motion to adjourn. 2nd by Stacey Cline. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.


Curtis Hockenbury, Mayor


Tammy Richmond, City Clerk