

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, Feb. 26, 2001 at 5 p.m. Mayor Herman presided and all members were present as well as City Clerk Dolly Schultz, Deputy Clerk Deb Redman and reporter Laurie Bonsack.

Following the Call to Order, Park Board member Dave Bonsack addressed the council regarding the summer recreation program, the possibility of increasing pool fees and other related park items. Following discussion, a motion was made by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried to approve the following: (1) Pool fees- Individual passes - \$20, Family passes - \$65, Open swim - \$2 for the entire day (adults & kids), Swimming lessons - \$20, (2)\$10 registration fee for baseball participation, plus a \$25 late fee for sign ups after April 13, and (3) Winter volleyball to be transferred to the Community Ed program. Steve Linde will contact Brent Schimek regarding this. Baseball registration is scheduled for April 7 and Mass registration on April 28.

Discussion was also had regarding the construction of a new warming house or equipment storage house. The Board was authorized to contact the Lions for a possible donation towards this.

Scott and Kathy Sailor were present to discuss truck parking permits. Sailor expressed concern that he had purchased 2 permits however other truckers were still leaving their rigs parked on the street and during the last snow emergency had not being ticketed. Apparently they feel a \$25 snow fine is better than a \$100 parking permit. Sailor stated that if this were to be the case, he would like his money back and he would likewise park back on the street. Discussion followed with a motion being made by Corbin, second by Carroll and carried that all semi tractors, semi trailers and/or 5th wheel trailers parked on the street during a snow emergency shall be ticketed and fined \$100, effective immediately. The police department will be informed to strictly enforce this decision.

Ray Wigern updated the council on the progress of the Long Range Planning Committee. The committee has focused on a 15 year plan and developed some ideas as to how they feel the city should be heading. Plans include annexation, extended utility services, land use, etc. Because the plans are segregated in phases, it was the consensus of the committee that it is probably time to get the city engineers involved. Following discussion, a motion was made by Carroll, second by Schultz and carried authorizing the committee to obtain preliminary costs and ideas from the engineers for Phase 1 of the plan, which includes possible annexation of property in the Garlock Addition and extended services to that area.

Linda Stern, representing the Creative Enterprise committee, addressed the council regarding concerns over their budget being cut for the year 2001. \$2500 was budgeted for this year as compared to \$4000 previously and she felt the committee would not have enough to complete the projects they have in mind. She also felt it was unfair that they were not contacted prior to finalizing the budget. Council suggested that after the final costs have been compiled on the recent play, they will consider finding an additional \$1500, if need be, for them to complete their plans.

Minutes of the meeting of Feb. 12 and the financial reports were reviewed. Councilman Schultz requested that minutes of meetings be more detailed. He also expressed concerns regarding police issues, including enforcement of current ordinances, number of tickets being issued, committee meetings with the officers, monthly reports to council, etc. He suggested the police committee

meet with the police department at least once a month and that the Chief attend the first council meeting of each month and if he is not available, one of the other officers should attend.

A motion was then entertained by Schultz, second by Carroll and carried to approve the minutes and payment of regular bills of \$67,336.32 and liquor bills of \$16,484.49.

It was noted that the lease agreement on the new street sweeper is being reviewed by Attorney Bichler and that he has several concerns with it. It appears that the agreement does not match the verbal proposal that was presented. Mayor Herman or councilman Corbin will contact Street Supervisor Rick LaVallie and together they will contact the salesman to get the matter resolved. Findings will be brought back to Bichler and the council for further consideration.

Discussed the quote for wrapping the pipes at the Community Center. It was suggested that a possible alternative would be to lower the ceiling and do some additional insulating. No action was taken and the matter was tabled until more information can be obtained.

Also discussed was the furnace at the liquor store. It was the consensus of the council to have Tom Wood, employee of Peoples Natural Gas, inspect the unit before any decision is made. This is to be kept on the agenda as old business.

No action taken to repeal the truck parking ordinance.

Motion by Schultz, second by Corbin and carried to accept the resignation of Karen Brandenburg from the HRA. Mayor Herman will search for a replacement.

The Library Board has indicated they are contemplating a fund raiser for the expansion of the building. Following discussion, it was decided that they be directed to, first of all, research the possibility not the expansion. They need to obtain plans and costs before going ahead. Mayor Herman and councilman Carroll will discuss this with the Library board.

Council granted approval for the theatre manager to advertise for concession workers at the theatre.

Discussed the parking problem in and around the school area. The No Parking signs are not being adhered to and since there is no designated area to deliver or pick up kids, it becomes a very congested and potentially dangerous situation. The police department will be instructed to enforce the parking restrictions in that area and to also contact the school and together, try to come to some agreeable solution to the problem.

A new TV franchise has been brought to the city for consideration as the current one is due to expire in July. Staff was instructed to take the proposal to Attorney Bichler for his review and recommendation. Action will be taken following this. In the mean time, Ray Wigern will be asked to update the pole count.

Police Chief, Mike Iverson, has completed his six month probationary period and is scheduled for review. Council will meet in closed session on Monday, March 5 at 5 p.m. in the council chambers to discuss this personnel matter and Iverson will be asked to attend.

As there was no further business to come before the council at this time, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned.