

Sandstone City Council Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 6:16 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Kester, Franklin, Spartz, Devlin and Palmer

Members absent: none

Staff present: Administrator George and Recording Secretary Nelson

Others present: Deputy Chuck Anderson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council, guests and staff recite pledge of allegiance.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion Devlin, second Palmer to approve the agenda with the removal of 11A (Roofing Quotes for WWTP, Well 2 Bldg, Water Treatment Bldg). Motion carried 5-0.

SPECIAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS: Deputy Anderson reported to the council regarding calls over the last month. Most of the alarm calls are still coming from the hospital. There were questions regarding dumped furniture. Trespassing at the old school was discussed. Penalties to property owners where multiple calls are made were also discussed.

PETITIONS OR COMPLAINTS BY RESIDENTS AND/OR COUNCIL MEMBERS:

There was some activity in the alley of First Street. It sounded like gun shots and the sheriff's department responded. Concerns around the city were addressed including potential camera locations.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Motion Franklin, second Palmer to accept the August 16, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING: none

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion Spartz, second Devlin to look at each proposal separately. Motion carried 5-0.

The Minnesota Climbers Association has requested to hold Sandstone Climbers Fest September 23-24. Traditionally, camping throughout the park has not been allowed. The location of camping and camp fires were discussed by the council. During Quarry Days, there was a fence put up and drinking was restricted to this area. The question was raised regarding an ordinance that requires this.

Motion Spartz, second Devlin to discuss the Climbers Fest with the Parks Committee and ask them to provide some guidance, to not require a roped-off area for alcohol, require that fires remain in the fire pits provided, and approve Special Event Permit for September 23-24, a temporary On-Sale Liquor License for September 23 and allow camping in Robinson Park for that weekend. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD & CONTINUING BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 20170906-01 – Request MN DOT Speed Study

Mayor Spartz and Staff met with Jim Miles from MN DOT regarding whether the speed limit on Highway 23 could be reduced between I-35 and Highway 123. Miles stated that the first step in the process is for the City to pass a Resolution requesting a speed study of the area.

Motion Franklin, second Palmer to approve Resolution to Request MN DOT Conduct a speed Study in the area of State Highway 23, State Highway 123 and Lundorff Drive. There is no cost to the City. Motion carried 5-0.

League of MN Cities Regional Meetings

League of MN Cities Regional Meetings are coming up. The registration fee is \$45.00 per person. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity for Council and Staff to hear about various topics, trends, and ideas.

Motion Franklin, second Devlin to approve the attendance of council and staff to the League of MN Cities Regional Meetings and encouraged carpooling. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS:

An EDA Meeting summation was given by the Administrator. The mayor reported on the Hospital Board Meeting. The council discussed the lighting and sign options for Lundorff Drive and the hospital. The light for the sign should be installed by Friday.

The Council also received Financial Reports – Vendor Approval Summary Report for claims approved at the August 16th meeting, and the claims list for August 17 through September 6. Motion Franklin, second Palmer to accept and pay A/P Clerk Claims for August 17 through September 6, 2017. Motion carried 5-0.

WRITTEN NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS:

The Administrator brought newsletters from a couple of the organizations the City belongs to.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

The administrator provided the council with a handout outlining the current items that are being worked on, summarized as follows:

- The proposed 2018 City budget and levy will be presented to the council at the September 20 meeting and at that time a date will be set for the Truth-in-Taxation meeting.
- MN DOT will relocate the hospital sign on westbound Highway 23, permanently install a sign on eastbound Highway 23 and install a sign at the T-intersection of Highway 123.
- The City installed a hospital sign on Lundorff Drive, will install an EMERGENCY panel in the industrial park sign and have electricity to the sign along with a cobra intersection light installed by Friday, September 9.
- The staff had a meeting with MN DOT on August 21 at which the city was informed that it requires a permit to install a YOUR SPEED IS sign. MN DOT has, however, installed two portable speed signs in town and will remove the FOOD sign on TH 123.
- The City will need to install No Parking signage and paint the curb on 3rd Street once the locations are approved by MN DOT.
- The staff requested, as part of their 2021 project, MN DOT to consider installing a sidewalk on the east side of Hwy 123 to Old Military Road.
- Leah Jackson, Val Palmer and Kathy George attended the August Housing Institute Workshop with the next one being held in January.
- The Administrator attended the August 25 GPS 45:93 meeting which included good information and networking in regards to economic development.
- The Administrator is looking into the purchase of parcel 30.0503.000 which is a small strip on the west side of the Business Park.
- The old creamery site is still being held by the county and as of yet has not been offered for sale. They may be waiting to see if the light rail is developed, there may be use for it by the developer.

- The Administrator is currently looking for local vendors for more surveillance cameras and Cypert PC was brought up as a company that has performed well for other entities looking for the same thing.
- There is a Comprehensive Plan public hearing on September 13 at 7:00 p.m. in which the council is encouraged to attend.
- A pre-application was submitted to the MN Historical Society on behalf of the Sandstone Historical & Art Center. The council discussed the ramifications of making improvements to the building.
- The Administrator has sent out a Request For Proposals for a Space Needs Assessment for the library. They are due back by September 8.
- Maintenance was queried regarding the sale of the airport hangar building.
- The City's current cleaning personnel will retire September 15. The Administrator will look into an independent contractor relationship going forward. This change is not expected to affect the budget.
- The water projects scored high on the project priority list for the MN Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund. The deadline for submission to the Intended Use Plan list is June 1, 2018 which will require the engineers to begin planning. SEH will most likely be at the next meeting to address the council.
- City staff has taken care of tree trimming in town; however, MN DOT and the county roads are still in need.
- Some of the fire hydrants have been painted.
- The Administrator went over the upcoming meetings that the council might be interested in attending.

ADJOURN

Motion Franklin, second Kester to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Peter Spartz, Mayor

Kathy George, Administrator