

Tyler City Council – Council Meeting
Monday, June 1, 2020
Tyler Fire Hall

A. Mayor Jagt called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call:

Members present: Joan Jagt, Scott Dressen, Kenneth Jensen, Cricket Raschke and Tim Sanderson.

Staff & Public: Stephanie LaBrune, Glen Petersen, John Spindler, and Mark Wilmes.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Approval of Agenda

Raschke made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with the additions F. 4. Personnel, F. 5. Solar Ordinance, and F. 6. Arts Council Grant. Dressen seconded the motion. Approved by roll call: Jagt, Jensen, Raschke, Sanderson, Dressen; Opposed: none. Motion granted.

D. Approval of Minutes

1. **May 4, 2020 City Council meeting minutes.** Motion by Jensen, second by Sanderson to approve the minutes as presented. Approved by roll call: Jagt, Jensen, Raschke, Sanderson, Dressen; Opposed: none. Motion granted.

E. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

F. New Business

1. **RTR School Demolition Resolution #2020-14**

Mayor Jagt presented the resolution requesting the clearing of the RTR School Building site that is located in Tyler. Guest, Greg Raschke made a request to purchase the building and land where the quonset building sits behind Rich Borresen's property. LaBrune also stated that the city utility employees also thought that the Quonset building should be kept for storage purposes. Jensen stated that he did not like the idea of keeping one old building because it would not look right in a new development. Sanderson also said that at the last council meeting we discussed that it would be best if the property was completely cleared and put back to grass since there was no specific development plan in place yet for the property. Jensen made a motion to sign and accept resolution #2020-14, Dressen seconded the motion. Approved by roll call: Jagt, Jensen, Sanderson, Dressen. Abstained: Raschke. Opposed: none. Motion granted.

2. **Extension of State of Emergency Declaration Resolution # 2020-16**

Jagt stated that the current emergency declaration in response to COVID-19 is expiring today and that to ensure we are able to receive funding and supplies if the pandemic worsen the resolution would extend the declaration until July 6th, the same day as the next council meeting. Sanderson made a motion to accept resolution #2020-16, Raschke seconded the motion. Approved by roll call: Jagt, Jensen, Raschke, Sanderson, Dressen; Opposed: none. Motion granted.

3. **Golf Club Management Agreement**

Jagt presented the management agreement and Dressen explained that the purpose of changing the current lease to a management agreement is to try and save the local taxpayers money by not having to pay state and city property taxes. Dressen said that the operation of the facility would remain the same but ultimately the City is the owner of the facilities and the golf club would be managing it for the city instead of the city leasing it to the golf club. LaBrune stated that the city

has been working hard for several years to come to an agreement with the golf club. Currently the city is not making enough money off of the lease to cover the property taxes and if the taxes were to decrease it would allow the city to put some of the money it saves back into the buildings for upkeep as you can see in the agreement. Jensen stated that he remembers working on this several years back and questioned whether it was the right thing to do, he said not everyone in Tyler is a golfer and we need to make sure that we are being fair to everyone. Jensen also mentioned that he would like an annual report given to the council so that we can be accountable for the money that we are providing the golf club and to ensure that it is being spent on necessary improvements. After further discussion, Dressen made a motion to approve the Golf Club Management Agreement. Sanderson seconded the motion. Approved by roll call: Jagt, Jensen, Raschke, Sanderson, Dressen; Opposed: none. Motion granted.

4. Personnel

Mayor Jagt announced that the personnel committee has made a recommendation to hire a lineman. She stated that after discussing with the utility workers it was determined that a lineman was needed due to the maintenance needed to the electrical system and not having a full-time lineman for so long. Dressen stated that he feels the city has found an ideal candidate with a lot of experience having worked for the City of Truman and he is also willing to be a supervisor of the utility department. After discussion, Dressen made a motion to hire Taylor Varpness as the new Lineman & Utility Supervisor at \$38/hr. pending employment background screening. The motion was seconded by Jensen. Approved by roll call: Jagt, Jensen, Raschke, Sanderson, Dressen; Opposed: none. Motion granted. LaBrune stated that Taylor has indicated that he would start employment on June 22nd.

5. Solar Ordinance

LaBrune explained to the council that the new solar ordinance that was recently adopted requires a fence or vegetation to screen the solar panels in areas that are adjacent to residential properties. Since the passing of the ordinance an applicant has shown some concerns with the screening requirement. LaBrune asked the council if they had any desire to change the ordinance? Sanderson stated that we made the fence requirement to protect the residents and the requirement was the same as many other city's solar ordinances. Raschke also commented that she would not like to have to look at a solar field in her back yard and does not want the ordinance to be changed. The consensus of the council is to keep the ordinance as is.

6. SW MN Arts Council Grant – Mark Wilmes

Wilmes presented a grant opportunity from the SW MN Arts Council to the city council. Wilmes stated that the grant is for artwork within the city and grants of up to \$10,000 can be awarded. He also stated that the 20% match could possibly be waived. Wilmes asked the council to think about it and let him know if there is a way the city can take advantage of this grant opportunity.

G. Council / Staff Reports

- a. **Chief Spindler** – Stated to the council that he has compiled a blight list and is working with the City Administrator and City Attorney to have letters sent out to everyone that is on the list. Spindler also warned the council about the potential for riots in Marshall and stated that he and Anderson may be asked to assist if they need help.
- b. **Administrator LaBrune** – Report handed out and discussed.
- c. **Attorney Petersen** – Reported to the council that the brick building at Danebod will be closing after 80 years.

H. Financial Reports

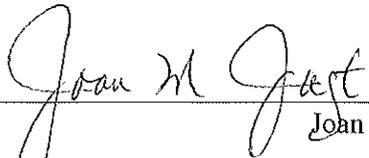
1. Statement of Revenues & Expenditures / Approve Claims

LaBrune presented the financial reports and claims for June, 2020. Sanderson made a motion to accept the financial reports and approve the payment of bills as presented. Raschke seconded the

motion. Approved by roll call: Jagt, Jensen, Raschke, Sanderson, Dressen; Opposed: None.
Motion granted.

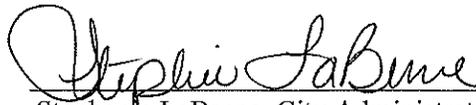
I. Adjourn

With there being no further items before the Council, at 7:53 PM Jagt called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Dressen, second by Jensen to declare the meeting adjourned. Approved by roll call: Jagt, Jensen, Raschke, Sanderson, Dressen; Opposed: None. Motion granted.



Joan Jagt, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stephanie LaBrune, City Administrator / Clerk