

City of Tyler
City Council Meeting 6:00 pm
Monday, June 6, 2022
Tyler Fire Hall 101 E. Lincoln St. Tyler, MN 56178

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

Members absent: Scott Dressen.

Others present: Stephanie LaBrune-City Administrator, City Attorney Glen Petersen, and Mark Wilmes-Tyler Tribute.

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Jagt called for a motion to approve the agenda. Jensen made a motion to approve the agenda and Sanderson seconded the motion. Approved by: Jagt, Jensen, Sanderson, and Raschke; Opposed: none. Motion granted.

D. Approval of Minutes

Raschke made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2022 Variance Hearing, May 2, 2022 City Council Meeting, and May 16th Conditional Use Hearing and Special City Council Meeting. Jensen seconded the approval of the minutes as presented. Approved by: Jagt, Jensen, Sanderson, and Raschke; Opposed: none. Motion granted.

E. Declare Conflict of Interest – No conflicts declared.

F. Public Comments – None.

G. Old Business

- 1. Sculpture/Mural Grant** - Mark Wilmes handed out the survey results from a public survey where approximately 90 residents expressed their opinions on what they would like to see at the end of Tyler Street where the old school sat. Wilmes stated that there were several mural and sculpture options proposed and the survey even gave people the option to do nothing in the proposed area. Wilmes stated that he was surprised by the number of comments and said that there were not a lot of people who stated that they wanted to do nothing. Wilmes then asked the council how they would like him to proceed. Wilmes stated that the Tyler Arts Council can work to find an artist depending upon what the council would like to see and he said that he, himself, could start working on a grant application. Sanderson stated that he would like to see a plan on the entire area to be developed before making any decisions and Jagt stated that the council will continue to think about it for a while and possibly make a decision after the property is officially transferred to the city.
- 2. 2022 Blight-** LaBrune presented an updated blight list to the council for review. She then stated that there were a few commercial properties that were not sent letters because the ordinance primarily addresses residential properties which makes it hard to determine what items could be classified as blight. She stated that if commercial properties had issues with grass or weeds that could be addresses and other things such as the improper storage of oil could be addressed through the MPCA. LaBrune also stated that if there is a traffic safety concern with equipment being stored within the right of way, that could also be addressed just as the County would address farmers farming the right of way. Sanderson stated that the

railroad had addressed the equipment years back along the railroad right of way. Jensen then stated that if it is not right, we should do something about it because the city could be liable for not enforcing it. After discussion, the council advised LaBrune to send a letter to Althoff Crane politely asking them to move their equipment out of the city's right of way. Mayor Jagt, then stated that she had visited with Dean Blomgren about his shed and came to an agreement with Dean to allow him an extension so that he could remove the lean on the east side of the building which was falling down. LaBrune also stated that she spoke with Janie Brown, Steve Girgen, and Joe Jackmon about their blight and said that all three of them have plans to clean up and remove old vehicles from their properties and would also like extensions. LaBrune said that she would like to give Janie Brown an extension to July 30th to remove or license her van, camper, and RV and also give her an extension to September 30th to clean up the blight around the house and around the campers. She stated that Jan was in agreement with those deadlines. LaBrune also stated that Joe Jackmon had asked for a one-month extension to remove the vehicle from his property, she said that Joe received the car from another family and had intentions of fixing it, he wanted to verify with the family that it was ok to scrap the car first and that was the reason for the extension. LaBrune then said that she had been also visiting with Steve Girgen who was actively working to clean his property, she noted that she had visited the property several times and made Steve aware of the things that needed to be taken care of. She said that she would like to also give Steve the adequate time he needs to clean his property since he's been cooperative and doing a good job thus far. After discussion was held, the council was in consensus to allow LaBrune to give extensions as discussed and needed.

3. **Oak Street Striping-** LaBrune stated that Guida had received a quote for \$420 to stripe the three traffic lanes on the Oak St. extension road in front of the school as requested by the RTR School. LaBrune stated that the janitor of the school had said that he was also going to get a quote and verify with the superintendent if the school would cost share on the project but she had not heard back from him. After discussion, Sanderson made a motion to accept the quote from Buck's Striping for \$420 and proceed with the project. Jensen seconded the motion. Motion approved by: Jagt, Jensen, Sanderson, and Raschke; Opposed: none. Motion granted.

H. New Business

1. **Resolution 2022-17 Authorizing the sale of real property-** LaBrune asked the council to approve Resolution 2022-17 to authorize the sale of city property to the Overland Group, LLC. LaBrune stated that the council previously set a value of \$50,000 that was agreed upon by both parties and also stated that the closing of the property was nearing. Sanderson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-17 as presented and Jensen seconded the motion. Motion approved by: Jagt, Jensen, Sanderson, and Raschke; Opposed: none. Motion granted.
2. **Steve Hesse Feedlot Expansion-** LaBrune explained that the city received a letter from Lincoln County on a feedlot expansion of a feedlot that is located near the city. She said that due to the proximity, she wanted to ensure that the council was made aware and have an opportunity to discuss it before the formal public hearing has held. Mayor Jagt, said that she felt that if all of the County and State regulations were met the feedlot expansion should not be a concern. Sanderson said that he too does not see a concern with the feedlot and did not think the city would have any impacts with the site being located southeast of the city. Raschke stated that she is not a fan of feedlots and was glad that the council had a chance to talk about it. LaBrune stated that there are cities that have setbacks from city limits prohibiting feedlots or requiring them to obtain a variance prior to construction or expanding facilities. She said that although Tyler does not have strict rules, she just wanted to make everyone aware in case there were to be a large feedlot built for example on the northwest side of the city by the golf

course that may have a direct impact to their business. After additional discussion, Mayor Jagt stated that she did not think that there was a significant need to attend the meeting and said that this particular feedlot would have a bigger impact to the neighbors and they could attend the meeting if they had any concerns. No further comments made.

I. Council / Staff Reports

1. **Mayor Jagt-** Asked the council if they knew of anyone who had a building that the Aebleskiver float could be stored in. A comment was made that John Bruender may have an open space. She also stated that she still wants to do something with the tennis courts and is planning to address the Tyler Area Foundation to see if they would start a campaign funding project to fix up the tennis courts. Jagt then said that she has also written letters to the Legislature about the bonding bill that did not get passed and how disappointed she was.
2. **City Administrator LaBrune-** Talked about applying for grants for a crossing guard/pedestrian shelter near the new school. She stated that to date, the school has agreed to contribute to one third of the cost and said that it is her goal to have the entire project covered by grant funds.
3. **City Attorney Petersen –** Stated that he recently talked to the school superintendent who asked if the city was ready to take over the old school property. The council was in consensus that the property needed to be returned to grass before transferring the property.
4. **Council Member Jensen-** Reported that TRED almost made a deal with Rich Borresen to purchase his empty lots on Tyler Street.
5. **Council Member Raschke-** Gave a reminder to the council that elections are soon approaching and anyone that wants to run for City Council or Mayor should think about filing for office.
6. **City Police & Utility Department reports-** Handed out by Administrator LaBrune.

J. Financial Reports

1. Statement of Revenues & Expenditures

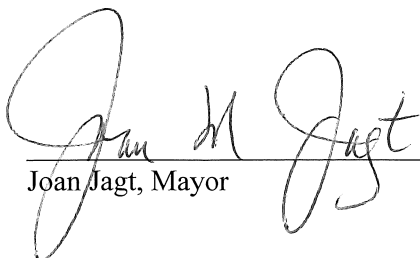
- a. LaBrune presented the financial reports from May, 2022. Reports were discussed and Jensen made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented. Sanderson seconded the motion. Approved by: Jagt, Jensen, Sanderson, and Raschke; Opposed: None. Motion granted.

2. Approve Claims

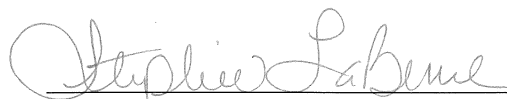
- a. LaBrune presented the claims from May, 2022. Sanderson made a motion to accept and approve the payment of bills as presented and Raschke seconded the motion. Approved by: Jagt, Jensen, Sanderson and Raschke; Opposed: None. Motion granted.

K. Adjourn

With there being no further items before the Council, at 7:06p.m. Jagt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion to adjourn was made by Jensen and seconded by Sanderson. At 7:06p.m. the meeting was declared adjourned.


Joan Jagt, Mayor

ATTEST:


Stephanie LaBrune, City Administrator / Clerk