

Tyler City Council
Monday August 3, 2015
Tyler Fire Hall
7:00 pm (Pending)

Present, Mayor Peterson, Council Members Sanderson, Raschke, Petersen, Harper, City Administrator Wolfington, Legal Counsel Petersen, Clerk Powell, Police Officer Block, Mark Wilmes, Robert Olsen Environmental Specialist from Lincoln County, Lynn Gackstetter, Arnie Dam, Gary Manson, Tim O'Leary from Lyon Lincoln Electric, Larry Wyttenback

Mayor Petersen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approve Agenda: Motion made by Petersen, seconded by Sanderson and passed unanimously to accept the agenda.

Motion by Rachke seconded by Harper and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2015 meeting.

Public Express: Larry Wyttenback stated that he has had a few inquiries about properties around the Tyler area. Wyttenback was wondering if the city could purchase some of the land surrounding the town so that we do not get land locked. Wyttenback feels the city council needs to sit down and plan a way the city can expand. Councilman Petersen stated that this has been discussed a few times and the city had a couple of land purchases planned that did not work out. Councilman Harper stated that TRED can also do some work on purchasing land. Wyttenback asked if he could work with a person to find some land. Wyttenback asked if a person buys property in town can it be either commercial or residential, like between the Legion and Luttermans what would that be considered? Councilman Petersen stated that this is a case by case basis as to what it would be zoned. The city has zoning ordinances and those could be changed if necessary. Mayor Peterson stated that most of his inquiries for businesses are to be located on Highway 14. Mayor Peterson suggested that Wyttenback work with TRED and keep the council informed of any actions.

Correspondence: The League of Minnesota Cities notified the City of Tyler that Senator Bill Weber, our state representative has been recognized as a League of Minnesota Cities Legislator of Distinction for 2015. Mayor Peterson stated that Senator Weber was one of the first persons to contact him after the election and congratulate him. Senator Weber informed Mayor Petersen if there is anything he can help the City of Tyler with to please let him know.

Council Comments – Councilman Sanderson stated that he has noticed the ball fields need an upgrading. Administrator Wolfington stated that utility worker Haroldson and him are working on doing some upgrades and they will keep working on this.

Mayor Petersen stated that he and Legal Council Peterson had a meeting with the hospital last week. Legal Council Peterson stated that two of the THC board, three from the Avera hospital financial team including the CEO and him and Mayor Peterson met. The meeting was to understand the future steps for the hospital and to make sure that THC has a future. The THC and the Avera team have a strong commitment for having a continued hospital presence in the City of Tyler. The board and Avera team know that small hospitals are having a hard time in the rural area. Legal Council stated that he has no particulars at this time it is too early for that. Avera wants to do their due diligence. Avera is serious about this working out. The city owns the property so they will be an important part of the hospital.

Police Report: Police Officer Eric Block was present for the police report. There were 41 calls of service. The weather had a big effect on the city celebration so that was a pretty quiet weekend. The Fair went well. Some tickets were written and arrests made.

Utility Report: Administrator Wolfington stated that the review of the paint issued on the water tower is complete. The recoat window was exceeded during the work process not allowing the final product to fully finish. The workers that will repaint should be here soon. Before work can begin to repaint, the tower will need to be emptied. The interior paint seems to be holding up well.

Administrator Report: Administrator Wolfington stated that at the July 6 council meeting the council had requested he check into contacting the MNDOT about painting a crosswalk on the highway going to the pool. Administrator Wolfington stated that MNDOT will be here this week to review the possibility of putting a crosswalk on the highway.

Dam Property Request: Mayor Peterson stated that he had done the sale of the property for both the buyer and seller on this property so would like to excuse himself. Acting Mayor Harper proceeded to explain that Arnie Dam has requested an amendment to the zoning of his property on Lawton Street. Mr. Dam stated that he would like to build a metal storage building on property that is currently zoned residential and would like it reclassified for commercial use. The purpose of the building is for him to put his own vehicles in the building. Mr. Dam would like to build a 30 x 54 building. Administrator Wolfington read a letter from a resident in objection to the amendment. Mr. Dam stated that he feels he is making an improvement to the area. Lynn Gackstetter asked if there would be objects outside of the building. Mr. Dam stated that he plans on parking the old fire truck he purchased from the fire Department and an old car on some cement otherwise everything else will be put inside. Motion by Sanderson seconded by Petersen to rezone the property commercial Raschke and Harper voted in favor and Mayor Petersen abstained from voting.

Lyon Lincoln Electric Interconnect Agreement: Tim O'Leary from Lyon Lincoln Electric was present to present and interconnect agreement. Lyon Lincoln Electric is looking to build a small solar project on the southeast corner of their property in Tyler. The project would be 28 x 46 area. There would be seven solar panels wide and 8 deep. There will be a reflector on the back of the solar panel also. The project will produce about 1400 kw per month similar to a home or farm for rural residents. The Lyon Lincoln

Electric workers will be doing the work. In the future Mr. O'Leary stated he would like to work with the city on a community solar project. Legal Council Petersen and Heartland Power have reviewed the agreement and had no objections. Motion by Petersen seconded by Harper and passed unanimously to enter into the interconnect agreement with Lyon Lincoln Electric.

Heartland/WAPA Meter Agreement: Western area Power and Heartland are requesting approval to install new metering equipment at our point of measurement for load usage for the City of Tyler. The new meters will not cost the city. The meters will allow Heartland to monitor load data for use in operations and planning, including daily and hourly forecasting of loads.

TRED recommendation for board member: Tyler Regional Economic Development board has recommended that Lonnie Lambertus to fill the vacancy on the TRED board. Motion by Petersen seconded by Raschke and passed unanimously to appoint Lonnie Lambertus to the TRED board.

In April Robert Larson on the corner of Highland Court asked for assistance in extending his sidewalk to the corner of Willow Street to allow for a cross walk to the Tyler Healthcare Center. The council had stated they would participate in the project and wanted cost estimates. Mr. Larson gave Administrator Wolfington a quote of \$6,250 from Mike Thooft. Thooft based his estimate on other sidewalks in Tyler. The council feels this is a high cost. The council feels that they need to see a plan and what is being quoted. Administrator Wolfington will ask Robert Larson and Mike Thooft to the council meeting on Friday August 7, 2017 at 7:00pm to explain what their plan is.

Robert Olsen Lincoln County Environmental Specialist: Robert Olsen was present to ask the council if they would consider an agreement between the county and the city for recycling and refuse. Mr. Olsen stated that the county takes care of 700 tons of material from it's rural residences. The county as you know has a site on the north end of town, there are cameras to identify city residence, people that use the site that are not local county residence and rural residence that are dumping things that shouldn't be dumped. Mr. Olsen is trying to get control of what is being dumped. The County has been using a new single stream recycling at their site in town which make things convenient. The county residents can just open up the back of container and put there recycling in. Mr. Olsen would like to work with the city and have a site that the city residents could also use. This would maybe save residents driving to Ivanhoe to get rid of some of their stuff and be convenient for the city residents. Mr. Olsen would like to see the city charge a small fee to offset the disposal and pay for an employee to man the site. Mr. Olsen would like to provide a better, less confusing, convenient way for residents to get rid of there refuse and recycling. Councilman Petersen stated that he would like the site to have a neat appearance. Motion by Raschke seconded by Sanderson and passed unanimously to entertain conversation with Lincoln County about combining refuse and recycling with the City of Tyler.

Administrator Wolfington stated that the next council meeting would be the September 7, 2015 which would be Labor Day. Administrator Wolfington asked the council when they would like to have their September meeting. Motion by Harper seconded by Petersen and passed unanimously to have the September council meeting on September 14, 2015.

Motion by Petersen seconded by Raschke passed unanimously to pay the bills for July.

Motion by Sanderson seconded by Raschke and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting

Approved: Mervyn Peterson, Mayor

Attested: Barb Powell, City Clerk