

**PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2010
5:30 P.M. CIVIC CENTER / CITY HALL**

OFFICER PRESENT: WILSON

COUNCIL PRESENT: HUSTON, KAALBERG, DUNCAN, PIERCE

COUNCIL ABSENT: PRIOR

**PUBLIC HEARING – APPROVE AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT
AGREEMENT WITH COLONIAL HEIGHTS, L.C.**

Public hearing called to order by Mayor.

There being no comments or objections from the audience and none received by City Clerk, Mayor closed the public hearing.

REGULAR MEETING

Regular meeting called to order by Mayor.

CONSENT AGENDA

Previous minutes and claims. Motion to approve consent agenda by Huston, second by Duncan. Approved.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS – None

RESOLUTION #021010 – Approving an Amendment to a Development Agreement with Colonial Heights, L.C., Authorizing Tax Increment payments and pledging certain Tax Increment revenues to the payment of the agreement.

Motion to approve resolution by Kaalberg, second by Pierce. Roll call vote. 3-yes 1-abstain (Huston) 1- absent (Prior) Approved.

SEIRP – RENTAL CODE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL – SEIRP proposing assisting the City through code development, enforcement and review processes, along with making recommendations and mapping as needed at an hourly rate of \$50.00 per hour up to \$1500.00.

Motion to enlist SEIRP according to their proposal and for the work to be completed by August 1st, 2010 by Huston, second by Pierce. Approved.

REVIEW WATER RATES & PENALTIES – Mayor Wilson informed the council that too much time is being spent on late water/sewer bills by staff. Monthly procedures include sending a reminder to residents who's bills not paid by the 15th of the month along with a 10% penalty. Most bills are not paid until the next notice which is a 24 hour notice that is place on the resident's door.

Repeat offenders seem to be the biggest problem along with too much time and money spent on sending out the notices. City may need to get more aggressive and apply more penalties for unpaid bills.

The Utility Committee will look into this and bring their suggestions to the council at a future meeting.

Water rates will be reviewed after the City finds out if they will receive funding for a new water plant.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS – Mayor Wilson made the following recommendations:

Planning & Zoning – reappointment of Kevin Van Heiden, Linda Pierce and Sharon Beard to serve with current members of Paul Duncan and Bill Juhl. New appointments to this board are Gary Todd and Bernabe Rodriquez.

Motion by Huston to approve Mayor's recommendation for reappointment and new appointments, second by Pierce. Approved.

Board of Adjustment – reappointment of Don Clark and Steve Moore to serve with current members, Don Orr and Bill Wolford. New appointment of Jim Crawford to the Board.

Motion to approve appointments of Mayor by Pierce, second by Kaalberg. Approved.

Parks and Recreation Board – All new appointments are as follows; Jim Gabriel, Mike Pavey, Jose Estrada, Todd Salazar and Nate Carlson.

Move to approve appointments by Kaalberg, second by Pierce. Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utilities – None

Streets & sidewalks – None

Public Safety – Kaalberg reported on E-911 meeting. Steve Meyer will be writing a grant to secure funds for replacing radios for all emergency departments in the County. All radios need to be “narrow band”.

Pierce and Duncan of the Safety committee have read thru the Police Policy handbook from Chief Orr. Duncan would like the City Attorney, along with the rest of the council to look over to make sure all are in compliance, and then committee can meet with Officer Orr.

Finance – Prior and Huston met on Friday with City Clerk to go over figures for the proposed 2010-11 budget. No major expenses this year, all departments are being conservative. Public Hearing to approve budget will be February 24, 2010.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Wilson and Huston attended a meeting with representatives of the Rebuild Iowa Board in Des Moines on Monday along with John Meyer from French Reneker and Tracey Lamm of SEIRP. Meeting was instigated by Rep. Tom Sands and was to get some answers as to why the City was denied levee funds SEIRP had applied for on behalf of the City.

Mayor Wilson stated that it was somewhat frustrating because this money was suppose to be for disaster relief, but several of the cities receiving funding were “high and dry” during the 2008 flood.

The group was told there will be additional funding coming in the near future to apply for.

Meeting adjourned by Mayor.

Mayor

Attest: City Clerk