July 25, 2016
Williamsburg City Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance and noted council members Bunge, Grier, Marshall, McGovern and Sandersfeld present. Also present was City Attorney Eric Tindal, Public Works Director John Avery and City Clerk Shelley Annis.

Motion Bunge, 2nd Sandersfeld to approve the agenda and consent agenda – all aye.

Motion Bunge, 2nd Sandersfeld to accept the resignation of Madeline Beckler from her position as Recreation Assistant effective July 15, 2016 – all aye.

Motion Sandersfeld, 2nd Bunge to approve Resolution 43-16 approving the purchase of a 4500Z ventrac Tractor and Grooming Equipment for the Rec Department from TNT Landscaping, LLC for $26,262.85. McGovern, Marshall, Grier, Bunge, Sandersfeld – aye.

Josh Kraushaar representing Garth Von Ahsen explained that in 2011 the City paid Von Ahsen to remove a mobile home from the mobile home park across from the high school for $1,500.00 plus title to the home. There has been an issue getting the title from the owner due to approximately $3,800.00 of outstanding back taxes owed. The home has been fixed up, but title cannot transfer until the back taxes are satisfied. Council instructed City Attorney Tindal to negotiate a reduced payment for the back taxes with the County.

Motion Grier, 2nd Marshall to approve the request by Greg Stolze to hold the 28th Annual Hit the Bricks Road Race on Saturday, August 6th beginning at 8:00 a.m. on city streets, contingent to all participants signing waivers – all aye.

Mayor Murphy authorized closing the west side of Industrial Park Drive on Sunday, September 11th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. for the Alzheimer's Walk at Highland Ridge.

Motion Grier, 2nd McGovern to authorize the use of the gravel lot at the Rec Center on Friday, September 16th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for over-flow parking for the Lifestyle Enrichment Fair being held at Highland Ridge.

Motion McGovern, 2nd Sandersfeld to grant permission to businesses on the Square to sell merchandise or food only, no alcohol, in the first twenty feet of the street from the curb in front of the business within the fenced area – all aye.

Motion Sandersfeld, 2nd Marshall to allow use of the park on the Square, close State and Court Streets and use the old elementary school lot to land a helicopter on Sunday, September 11th for a Patriots Day Celebration from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and allow use of the fire station as a backup site in the case of bad weather – all aye.

Motion Bunge, 2nd McGovern to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 09-16 amending City Code Chapter 105-Solid Waste Control and City Code Chapter 106-Collection Disposal & Recycling. McGovern, Marshall, Marty, Sandersfeld, Grier – aye.

Motion McGovern, 2nd Bunge to suspend the requirement of three readings of an ordinance and approve Ordinance 09-16 upon publication & signature of the Mayor. Marshall, Grier, Sandersfeld, Bunge, McGovern – aye.

Motion Marshall, 2nd McGovern to accept the proposal from VJ Engineering at time and materials up to $4,335.00 for a storm sewer study at South & Washington Streets. Motion failed 2-3 with Council members Grier, Sandersfeld, & Bunge voting nay.

Motion Marshall, 2nd Bunge to accept the proposal from VJ Engineering at time and materials up to $4,335.00 for a storm sewer study at South & Washington Streets. Motion passed 3-2 with Sandersfeld & Grier voting nay.

Motion Bunge, 2nd Sandersfeld to direct the City Clerk to prepare a resolution to move the start of City Council meetings from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. beginning October 1st. Motion passed 4-1 with Marshall voting nay.

Motion Sandersfeld, 2nd McGovern to enter into closed session at 8:35 p.m. per Iowa Code Section 21.5.1.c, "To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation…". McGovern, Marshall, Grier, Sandersfeld, Bunge – aye.

Motion Sandersfeld, 2nd McGovern to return to regular session at 9:17 p.m. McGovern, Marshall, Grier, Sandersfeld, Bunge – aye.

Motion Sandersfeld, 2nd McGovern to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. – all aye.

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Shelley Annis, City Clerk/Treasurer