

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Tuesday, September 21, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Platte and Councilpersons Burke, McGee, Harri and Brown. None were absent.

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Jon Stoppels, Library Director Anna Curtis, Quality of Life Director Troy Stowell, Utility Director Scott Poyer, Police Chief Larry Weeks, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, and City Clerk Kristy Reinecke.

Also Present was City Attorney Phil Erickson.

Purpose of the meeting was a worksession. Notice of the meeting was duly given.

Public Comments:

None.

Department Head Reports:

Quality of Life Director Stowell reported on the following: updated Council on the status of the DNR Grant for Howe Field and that he will be working on modifying the Grant to get more points.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Councilman Burke reviewed with Council his concern with the safety of children Trick-or-Treating in the Irish Downs Subdivision area and his desire to see if the streets could be closed to traffic during the Halloween event. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have this issue looked into and check with St. Peters Church as well as the School to see if their parking lots could be used to hold vehicles if the streets were closed during Halloween Trick-or-Treating from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. This item will appear on the October 5th Worksession for further discussion.

Attorney Erickson reviewed with Council the Putnam land issue and the 16 foot strip of land that is in question. Attorney Erickson stated that once he had investigated the issue further, that there would be no Council action required and that the Putnam's should just moved forward with their Quiet Title. Attorney Erickson further stated that he will be drafting a letter to the Putnam's stating such. Council thanked Attorney Erickson for the review.

Attorney Erickson reviewed with Council the Medical Marijuana issue and the possibility of further Legislation in November of 2016. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have Attorney Erickson draft an Ordinance to incorporate language into the City Code to address dispensaries and the location and zoning of such facilities. This item will appear at a future worksession.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the ongoing yard waste issue at the Department of Public Works. City Manager Stoppels stated that he is working on getting signs posted at the location as well as drafting a Resolution to be adopted by Council to address the issue. This item will appear on the October 5th Worksession for further review by Council.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

Council reviewed Chapter 10, Forfeiture of the City Code and reviewed the proposed language. This item will appear on the September 28th Agenda for First Reading.

Council reviewed Chapter 11, Garbage and Trash and reviewed the proposed language changes. This item will appear on the September 28th Agenda for First Reading.

Public Comments:

None.

Council Comments for the Good of the Order:

Councilman Burke stated that he is very excited for the upcoming Urban Air Event and wondered if there was any assistance needed. Mayor Platte stated that Quality of Life Director Stowell has everything under control and is handling the event wonderfully. Utility Director Poyer stated that he could use some volunteers to man the fire pits that they will have going during the event.

Councilwoman Brown asked what the status was on the Dog Park; if pot belly pigs were allowed as pets in the City; if pigeons and chickens were allowed in the City; that there was an issue with a driveway on North River Street due to a gas line cut; if a letter was being sent to the Michigan Street resident that had raised some questions; that she was saddened to hear about the vandalism at the Playground of Dreams; and wondered what the status was for options for food truck vendors.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk