

Public Notice
Hazleton City Council Meeting
September 20th, 2017

Hazleton City Council meeting held at the City Hall called to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7:00 PM by Mayor VandeVorde. Council members present, Ekstrand, Duffy, Hayzlett, Miller & Vawter. Also present: City Clerk Baych, Public Works Loomis, Fire Chief Dettbarn and City Attorney Hosack. Miller/Vawter moved to approve the agenda, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Miller questioned the Best Lawn invoice. VandeVorde stated that invoice was for mowing of 2 vacant lawns in town. Vawter asked if council had discussed outsourcing this mowing and VandeVorde stated letters had been sent to the property owners giving them notice and home owner did not comply with the letter and instead of Public Works whose hours are stacked up & taking city equipment into unknown areas Best Lawn was hired for the mowing of these lots. Vawter stated that should have been council approval. VandeVorde stated the home owners got the letter without council approval and Vawter stated you need council approval to spend money. VandeVorde stated the cost is accessed back to the property owner. Hayzlett/Duffy moved to approve the consent agenda: a) August 16th, 2017 minutes b) Clerk Report, c) Disbursements. Roll Call, Hayzlett yes, Vawter yes, Miller yes with the exception of the Best Lawns invoice, Ekstrand yes, Duffy yes, motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING: Amend Provisions to Code of Ordinance Pertaining to Burning. Hayzlett/Vawter moved to open public hearing at 7:05, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. This ordinance states “at the discretion of the fire chief or designee, any fires deemed to be an illegal burn or a nuisance fire may be fined in an amount up to \$500.00 depending on the offence”. Miller asked if ticket books need to be purchased. Attorney Hosack stated no he uses a uniform citation form. Hayzlett/Miller moved to close public hearing at 7:07, Roll Call All Ayes, motion approved. Miller/Vawter moved to approve First Reading of Ordinance 17-01/Amend Provisions to Code of Ordinance Pertaining to Burning. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Vawter/Miller moved to approve waiving of 2nd & 3rd Reading, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pat Arthaud informed the council on the progress of the museum. The City of Oelwein gave the museum a large piece of limestone and work is being done to display the school bell on it.

BUCHANAN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT: Deputy Buzynski onsite. The current city ordinance violations were discussed. Ekstrand commented on the recent vandalism to the city park. The record of performance for the City of Hazleton was 54.77 hours with 54 records. Report on file.

HAZLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Dettbarn thanks the council for their support in changing the burn ordinance.

PUBLIC WORKS: Loomis informed council he would be flushing city fire hydrants October 2nd & 3rd. A discussion on the barriers at the city brush and old man hole scrap metal was held. PW will store until enough can be taken to the scrap yard. The city brush pile will be locked. For access notify city clerk. Duffy/Miller moved to table upgrading PW cell phone & plan until more information on total cost of phone & data charges are looked at. Loomis discussed the water main break on Third Street he stated once street has settled road repair can proceed. He also informed council that driveway that was affected by main break has dried out. Duffy/Hayzlett moved to approve public works contract with Prairie Road Builders with rates appropriate to past repairs to repair Third Street, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried.

CITY CLERK: Baych informed council on property damage between residents regarding a dog problem. She also stated there are several trees around town that need to be addressed because they are overlapping streets and alleys. Miller/Hayzlett moved to approve the Urban Renewal Report, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. Duffy/Miller moved to approve Resolution 17-18/Annual Financial Report, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. Ekstrand/Miller moved to approve city clerk attend Iowa League of Cities Conference 09/27 –09/29, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Miller/Vawter moved to approve clerk

attend IMFOA/Datatech conference October 18th – 20th, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. Hayzlett/Duffy moved to approve changing October council meeting to October 11th, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ACTION: Larry Megonigle addressed the council on putting up a garage. He shared his blue print of the structure. The council advised Mr. Megonigle he would need a variance with the Board of Adjustment in order to proceed. Jean Gallmeyer gave the council an update on the skate park fundraising efforts. The skate park proposed to the council that the City of Hazleton support this project by considering a match of funds over the next five years at a rate of \$5000 to \$8000 per year. She stated the total project was looking to be approximately \$80,000 - \$100,000. The skate park would be constructed in phases. The council discussed the project and will consider their request during budget workshops. Vawter/Ekstrand moved to approve use of the Legion & 105 Hayes St. for skate park fundraising on October 21st., Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. The council discussed the options regarding 211 Third St S. The city will proceed with citations. Harry Weber addressed the council on the proposal he submitted for work on the City Park drainage issues. Duffy/Hayzlett moved to approve Weber Construction proposal for \$16,125.00 to repair the drainage issue, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. Hayzlett moved to approve Volga River Tree Care's bid to trim low hanging branches on Benton St E and removal of Basswood on Benton & Third for \$2500.00, Roll Call Hayzlett yes, Duffy yes, Vawter yes, Miller no, Ekstrand yes. Motion approved. Hayzlett/Duffy moved to approve utility board's recommendation to reimburse P.Vance for \$624.68 for water & sewer hookup. Roll Call, Duffy yes, Miller no, Hayzlett yes, Ekstrand yes, Vawter no, motion approved. Hayzlett/Duffy moved to approve Resolution 17-16/Property lien, roll call, All Ayes, motion carried. Ekstrand/Vawter moved to approve Resolution 17-17/Property lien, Roll Call All Ayes, motion approved.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: Hosack clarified procedures for new Fire Code Ordinance.

MAYOR REPORT: VandeVorde stated the contractors for Hayes Street will be returning for paving late September or early October. DOT not onsite to discuss DOT Contract.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT: Darin Hayzlett presented a check for \$200.00 for new flags & flag poles. He congratulated all the council & staff for their commitment to their city.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION: VandeVorde clarified his decisions on the reasons he outsourced the mowing on the vacant lots. Darin Hayzlett stated to the council the problems he ran into when he mowed a vacant lot for Hayes Daze. Angie Schutte asked for a date when construction on Hayes St would resume. October 1st is what the contractor has told the city, weather permitting. Pat Arthaud commented on the condition of the playground equipment at City Hall Park.

ADJOURN at 9:30 PM

Lisa Baych, City Clerk

Gerald VandeVorde, Mayor