

MINUTES  
FOR THE SPECIAL  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020  
BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM

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1) CALL TO ORDER:

Burger called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm

2) PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

The audience and council stood for the pledge to the flag.

3) ROLL CALL:

Edenfield, Burger, Longbotham, Rhodes, Stram, McDonald & Hert were present.

4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Burger moved to approve the agenda as written. Edenfield seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda

F/S: Burger/Edenfield

YEAS: Edenfield, Burger, Longbotham, Rhodes, McDonald, Stram & Hert

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

5) MAYOR REPORT:

No report given.

6) ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

No report given.

7) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Sean Kaer commented on the following:

- Not in favor of constructing a new facility for the price proposed.

Thom Cunningham commented on the following:

- Not in favor of building a quarantine facility without a clinic.
- Concerned about the special meetings and little amount of notice provided to the public.

Sean Kaer commented on the following:

- Agree with Cunningham regarding the little notice provided for special meetings.

8) COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Longbotham commented on the following:

- Not in favor of the special meetings being held, business needs to be done during regular meetings.

Stram commented on the following:

- Regarding the notice of special meetings, Stram was able to provide Cunningham with a copy of the agenda that was posted at Davidson Landing.
- Expressed concerns with the proposed quarantine facility / community center.
- Inquired if the City would be charging for the use of the quarantine if there is someone staying in it. The City would need to develop rules and procedures for the use of the facilities.
- Felt that \$433,000 was a lot of money to spend on a two-bedroom two-bathroom facility
- Inquired if the facility was not being paid for with CARES funding, would it be something the council would even be considering?

Rhodes commented on the following:

- The original proposal for the quarantine facility was that it would be combined with a community center. The council had determined at the last council meeting, that a clinic would be a better use of the space and would fit better with the intended use of the CARES funding.
- Had heard more people in favor of a clinic than a community center
- The bidders have stated they would work with the local clinics to design the facility to fit the needs of PeaceHealth and SEARHC.
- Regarding a request that the City put the question of the facility to a referendum, the timing would not allow for that at this point.

McDonald commented on the following:

- The CARES funding will go away at the end of the year, if the City does not decide how to spend it, we will be returning it to the State.
- Concur that the city needed to decide on whether or not to move forward with construction or to go another direction.

Administrator Les Carter commented on the following:

- The city could not use the facility for capital gain. Charging for the use of the facility would need to be done for only the purpose to pay for the costs associated, and no profits could be made.
- Agreed that the Council needed to decide on how they wanted to go with expending the CARES funding, if they did not want a building then they needed to have a "Plan B".
- Explained that he had been working on a Plan B, should the council not move forward with the quarantine facility/clinic. The city could use those funds to purchase new EMS supplies and Equipment and get a new EMS squad trained. VPSO Shannon Bosdell has experience and knowledge of what is needed to run an EMS squad and has offered to assist.

9) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Awarding the bid for Construction of a 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom dormitory with communal kitchen and laundry facility for use as a quarantine location and dual use as emergency housing, discussion and action item:

Burger move to open discussion for the award of the bid with floor plan including clinic. Edenfield seconded the motion. Rhodes move to award the bid to PK builders approved agreed upon design. Longbotham seconded the motion. There was further discussion. Discussion included that PK Builders did not include a floor plan with their proposal, and CBC did. Discussion concluded that PK Builders would work with local clinics on the design needs of a clinic and that prior to final award of the bid, the City Council would need to have a design in front of them to approve.

MOTION: Move to award the bid to PK builders approved agreed upon design

F/S: Rhodes/Longbotham

YEAS: Edenfield, Burger, Longbotham, Rhodes, Stram & Hert

NAYS: McDonald

STATUS: Motion Passed.

- b) Providing authority for the Administrator to utilize funds saved from the purchase of vehicles towards the purchasing price of another approved vehicle or equipment, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to authorize the administrator conserve funds and make purchases that city needs for vehicles. Rhodes seconded the motion. Discussion included that the Administrator was able to save funding on trucks purchased and wanted to have the ability to use the funds saved for the purchase of another truck that had been approved but was a higher expense.

MOTION: Move to authorize the administrator to conserve funds to make purchases that the City needs for vehicles

F/S: Burger/Rhodes

YEAS: Edenfield, Burger, Longbotham, Rhodes, Hert, Stram, McDonald

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

10) CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Sean Kaer commented on the following:

- Hard time hearing McDonald

Thom Cunningham commented on the following:

- The City does not have building codes and requested that the City have an independent third-party contractor or engineer look over the final design plans and make sure they meet state requirements.
- Was unaware that the building that was being discussed had changed to include that it was a clinic and not community center.

11) CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Edenfield commented on the following:

- PK Builders had stated they did provide a floor plan in their prior two bids
- The City already has a clinic that is not used
- Like idea of a quarantine facility and emergency community housing, not a community gathering place.

Stram commented on the following:

- Encouraged the public to continue to participate in the meetings and have their voice heard so the council knows what the public wants.

Burger commented on the following:

- Looked forward to the time the City Council meetings could be open to the public again and everyone under the same roof.

Administrator Carter stated that the vehicle purchase for the harbor will have the power to remove boats from harbor just as the current vehicle does. The other vehicles purchased are equipped for plows to be put on.

12) ADJOURNMENT:

Burger adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

  
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Lee Burger, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Teri Feibel, CMC