

CITY COUNCIL

March 18, 2019

The March 18, 2019 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Don Spiegel, President. A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. City Council members present were John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Aaron Korte, Marc Mays, Rick Roberts, Don Spiegel, and Bill Thornton.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Mark Ellis, Law Director; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the March 4, 2019 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the March 4, 2019 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the March 4, 2019 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the March 4, 2019 Planning Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the March 11, 2019 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Discussion was again held regarding the sale of approximately 28 acres of land contained in Waterworks Park. It was noted that the City purchased 16 acres of land for this park in 1998 at \$2,000.00 per acre and the remainder of the land has been in the possession of the City since the early 1900's. Mr. Ellis explained the steps necessary to proceed with the sale including approval of the sale by the Park Board, an Ordinance approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members of City Council authorizing the sale, and a public sale of the property. City Council members discussed setting a minimum on the sale of the land. Suggestions to set the minimum of the sale at \$32,000.00 were expressed by some City Council members. The President called for a Roll Call vote on this suggestion with the vote being 6-1 in favor of \$32,000.00 as the minimum, with Mr. Roberts dissenting. A down payment on the day of the sale was discussed. Mr. Ellis suggested a non-refundable 10% down payment be required on the day of the sale and the buyer be given forty-five (45) days to close the sale. The hiring of an auctioneer was discussed. Mr. Ellis indicated that the auctioneer will conduct the bidding process only and this will not be a commissioned sale. City Council members agreed to have Mayor Washburn contact possible auctioneers for the sale of this land.

It was reported that Spring Clean-Up for residential sanitation customers will take place April 22, 2019 thru April 26, 2019

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Don Spiegel, President