

CITY COUNCIL

January 19, 2015

The January 19, 2015 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Rick Roberts, 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 Bill Thornton, Roxie Karg, Rick Roberts, Tom Shumaker, Don Spiegel, and Scot Swinehart. Bob Blocksom was absent.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Mark Ellis, Law Director; Susan Shupp, Aspen Energy; Alissa Paoletta, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the January 5, 2015 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the January 5, 2015 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the January 5, 2015 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the January 5, 2015 Planning Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the January 12, 2015 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

At this time Ms. Susan Shupp, Aspen Energy, addressed City Council indicating that Aspen Energy would like to propose an opt-out aggregation program to be placed on the May primary ballot for local voters to decide upon. Ms. Shupp explained the benefits of the opt-out aggregation for residents. Ms. Shupp noted that electric rates are currently as low as they were in 2012 but additional taxes and tariffs are causing increases in electric bills. It was noted that an Ordinance to place the proposed opt-out aggregation program on the May primary ballot needs to be filed with the Board of Elections by February 2, 2015. It was noted that a special City Council meeting would be necessary to meet the February 2, 2015 filing date with the Board of Elections. Mr. Swinehart inquired as to the costs to place the issue on the May ballot and it was determined that these costs are unknown. City Council members decided to further research the matter and determine if this is going to be a possibility for the May primary and indicated that it may have to be an issue placed on the November general election ballot if the members of Council decide to proceed.

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Shumaker, to place Ordinance No. 188-12 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FROM A RESIDENTIAL 3 (R3) DISTRICT TO A GENERAL BUSINESS (GB) DISTRICT, PERTAINING TO A PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF EAST WYANDOT AVENUE.", on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 188-12 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Shumaker, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 188-12. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 188-12 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Shumaker, seconded by Ms. Karg, to place Ordinance No. 189-12 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A CASE LOADER PLUS ACCESSORIES THROUGH THE STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM.", on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 189-12 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Spiegel, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 189-12. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 189-12 was duly adopted.

It was noted that Mr. Mark Ratliff's term on the Civil Service Commission expires on March 1, 2015. Mr. Ratliff will be contacted to determine if he is willing to serve another term on the Civil Service Commission.

Mayor Washburn presented his 2014 State of the City address.

It was noted that the bid opening for the lease/purchase of two police cruisers will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

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

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Rick Roberts, President