

## MINUTES OF MEETING: OCTOBER 3, 2017

1. Call to order: Mayor Pro Tem Steve Vanek called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
2. Steve Vanek gave the pledge and the invocation.
3. Roll Call: present council members – Cheryl Marak, Brian Muska, David Pratka, and Steve Vanek. Mayor Tommy Muska and Karla Dulock were both absent.
4. On a motion by David Pratka, seconded by Brian Muska; approve minutes for August 29, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.
5. On a motion by Cheryl Marak, seconded by David Pratka to Approve Bills: September 2017 - Excluding check #: 18278 and 293636. All in favor, motion carried.
6. On a motion by Cheryl Marak, seconded by David Pratka to Approve Bills: True Value Hardware - check #'s: 18278 and 293636. Brian Muska abstained, all others in favor, motion carried.
7. Discussion, consideration, action, if any, re: Monthly Departmental Reports. On a motion by Brian Muska, seconded by David Pratka, approve monthly departmental reports. All in favor, motion carried.
8. There were no citizen comments.
9. Discussion, consideration, action, if any, re: Spay/Neuter program – Animal Birth Control Clinic. Carrie Kuehl was present from the Animal Birth Control Clinic. Mayor Muska said that we have a number of people in town that are feeding cats on public and private property. She said that this is a huge concern because those cats aren't current on their vaccinations and they will continue to breed. Carrie said that there are state ordinances in place to help cities. She said that if someone provides food, water, shelter, and care for 72 hours to an animal, then you can encourage them to take care of them. She said that the best choice to help with this issue is to trap, then neuter/spay, and then return the animal back to its environment. She said that relocation does not work since cats have a hard time finding their way back home. She said donors to the clinic sponsor ½ the cost of the spay and neuter surgeries. All normal and expected costs are included. The medical costs to the city would be \$25 for a cat neuter surgery, \$45 female cat spay surgery, \$10 rabies vaccination, and \$35 for a female cat spay surgery if brought in before she is in heat or bred. On a motion by Brian Muska, seconded by Cheryl Marak, table this item for further discussion in a workshop. All in favor, motion carried.
10. Discussion, consideration, action, if any, re: Feeding of stray animals – nuisance ordinance. Officer Keathley was present and he said that the city ordinance allows each household a maximum of three animals. He said that there are a few people that continue to feed the stray cats in the area by dumping out large amounts of cat food around town and he is getting complaints from citizens regarding the number of cats that come out when those people feed them. He said that the city could adopt a nuisance ordinance to help with this issue. On a motion by Brian Muska, seconded by Cheryl Marak, table this item for further discussion in a workshop. All in favor, motion carried.
11. Discussion, consideration, action, if any, re: Leslie Nemecek – installation of gas line on South Reagan. Leslie Nemecek purchased a lot on Reagan Street but there is no gas available to her. She is requesting a gas line be put in on Reagan Street and would like the city to pay for this. She also said that propane is not an option to her either since it's been prohibited since 1940 by city ordinance. On a motion by Brian Muska, seconded by Cheryl Marak, table this item to discuss at a later date for further research. All in favor, motion carried.
12. Discussion, consideration, action, if any, re: Suzanne Hack – update on the West Economic Development Committee. Suzanne Hack was not present for this discussion. David Pratka who is on the EDC stated that their next meeting is in December and Mayor Muska said he will ask Suzanne to come to the January council meeting for an update. No action was taken.
13. Discussion, consideration, action, if any, re: Public Works employees – removing comp time and paying overtime instead. Courtney Dulock said that there are a few public works employees that are consistently over the 168 comp hour minimum. Shelly Nors said that smaller cities are going away from comp time and are just paying their employees overtime due to the size of their staff. On a motion by Cheryl Marak, seconded by Steve Vanek, approve removing public works employees comp time and pay overtime instead. Each public works employee can retain 80 hours of comp time and the city will pay out the remaining balance. After the 80 hours of comp time is used for each employee, there will be no more comp time. All in favor, motion carried.
14. Discussion, consideration, action, if any, re: Ceremonial homecoming bonfire at Westfest grounds. Steve Vanek said that the city Fire Marshal did issue a permit for this and he said he will have firemen present during the bonfire. On a motion by Cheryl Marak, seconded by David Pratka, approve the ceremonial homecoming bonfire at Westfest grounds. All in favor, motion carried.
15. Discussion, consideration, action, if any, re: Revisit employee health insurance. Courtney Dulock said that the recently approved Insurors of Texas quote, came back higher than anticipated. She called our current provided, Bolton and Associates and they can offer our renewal rate with a 17% increase with a buy up \$1,000 deductible option for our employees. On a motion by David Pratka, seconded by Brian Muska, approve the renewal rate with United Healthcare of \$451.37 per employee and having Bolton and Associates as our insurance agent. All in favor, motion carried.

16. Council member comments and requests for items to be placed on future agenda. Mayor Muska asked to put the Police Department take home vehicles on the next agenda and to research information for Leslie Nemeec regarding gas and propane for Reagan Street.

17. Council adjourned at 5:45 pm.



Shelly Nors, City Secretary



Tommy Muska, Mayor