

Members Present: Sloan, Kent, Petty

Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Nelson, Adm. Bradley, Clerk Zeman, J. Ostrander, R. Sinden, J. Bohl, S. Meise,

Call to Order –Ald. Sloan called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m. noting compliance with the Open Meeting Law. Moved by Petty, seconded by Kent to approve the minutes of April 12, 2022. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Kent, seconded by Petty to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

- a) **Accounts Payable** – Moved by Kent, seconded by Petty to recommend to Council approval of the accounts payable for **\$764,190.26**. Motion carried unanimously.
- b) **TID 6 Termination** – J. Ostrander noted that TID #6 was created on 7/27/1999 as an industrial district. In 2006 we added territory and additional project costs and again in 2010 it was amended again for additional project costs. TID #6 shares increment with TID #8 and TID #9. Because TID #9 was recently closed as well, once TID #6 is closed, it will roll into TID #8. TID #6 must close in 2022; we will receive our last increment in 2023. Motion by Petty, seconded by Kent to recommend to Council authorizing the termination of the TID 6 District, effective 4-26-2022. Motion carried unanimously.
- c) **Acting Police Chief** – Adm. Bradley advised that the Police & Fire Commission has appointed Captain Rob Sinden as “Interim Chief” until the position is filled. Adm. Bradley recommends that, based on Captain Sinden’s tenure with the City and his experience, he is put at the same rate of pay Chief Schauf is currently at. Motion by Petty, seconded by Kent to approve compensating “Acting Police Chief” Rob Sinden at the same rate of pay current Police Chief Mark Schauf is receiving, effective May 7, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.
- d) **Rapid River Apartments, LLC** – Adm. Bradley explained that this is the townhouse project, Devil’s Lake Townhomes, LLC, on Lake Street. We do currently have a pre-development agreement with them for this project. It is expected that this project will be completed in June/July of 2023. The land will be sold for \$1 and will require no additional infrastructure. The initial plan is that the townhouses will be rented and eventually down the road, they will be sold. Included in the agreement is language that does not allow this property to become a tax-exempt property for the duration of 20 years. Motion by Petty, seconded by Kent to recommend to Council approving the Development Agreement with Rapid River Apartments, LLC for Lake Street parcel 206-1154-10010 with the amendments to sections 2.4 and 5.2 to reflect the 20-year capitation. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items:

- a. **Public Fire Protection Charge**
Adm. Bradley explained that there is a fire protection charge that is charged against every home. Currently this is split, ½ is paid by property taxes and ½ by water use. This is a water use cost. A lot of tax-exempt facilities, by property taxes paying this, are not currently paying for this. If this is all moved to be billed with water, it would free up about \$289,000; however, the residents will be paying more.
- b. **Update on the 2023 Budget**
Adm. Bradley presented an update on the 2023 preliminary budget cuts. Each department made their recommendation as to where they would like to see the budget cuts. All departments have met or exceeded their goals.
- c. **Update on the Shared Ride Corrective Action Plan (CAP)**
No discussion took place. This will be included on the May 10, 2022 agenda.
- d. **Legal Counsel**
This was discussed during the 2023 budget updates. Council members would like to know how they get access to the attorney with questions. Adm. Bradley noted that contact information for the attorney can be provided to Council members. It was noted that past attorneys have assisted with the role of HR. It was also noted that by contracting out for this position, we have a larger venue of specialized legal counsel. Past Atty. J. Bohl feels it’s best practice for the City to have an attorney on staff. He feels this is currently working out for the City because there has not been any litigation.

Informational Items:

- a. B. Zeman noted that it was recommended by Boardman & Clark, the current acting attorney, to approve a \$45 reimbursement claim for replacement of a mailbox that was likely damaged by a snow plow.

Adjournment – Moved by Petty, seconded by Kent and carried to adjourn at 6:50pm.
Brenda Zeman, City Clerk