

Special Council Meeting minutes, May 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor John Rawson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council attending: A. Stevens, J. Tranberg, J. Anderson, P. Syverson, C. Ekern, D. Stephenson, J. Rawson. Others in attendance: Attorney-Mark Radcliffe, TCT-Andrew Dannehy, Kevin Lisowski, SEH-Crystal Raleigh and Charles Pearman, Andy Graff, Clerk/Treasurer-Debi Fremstad,

Public Comment: none.

SEH-Broadway/Pearl project discussion: C. Raleigh stated that at the May 1st meeting the City asked SEH to prepare a proposal for advancing the project and taking a second look at mechanical dredging. SEH has prepared a list of factors for the City to consider and is requesting further direction or clarification on the items described in the memo that has been handed out. We need to know if the City would like to pursue the north or south side of the railroad tracks for a haul route, we have to provide supporting documentation for amending permit from hydraulic to mechanical, we would need to obtain easements from non-City owned parcels that would be affected by dredging and hauling, and the estimated costs are from 2018 (anticipate inflation ranging from 3-8% per year). Hydraulic dredging was estimated at \$2,014,000; mechanical dredging with temporary haul road on south side of the railroad tracks was \$1,944,000; and mechanical dredging and hauling over the road was \$2,034,000. Upon direction from the Council SEH will draft a scope of work and a sequence of tasks that we believe are necessary to take the project through additional permitting, easement negotiations, bidding, and construction.

Kevin Lisowski, on behalf of the Sportsman's Club, stated we don't need plans; we need to try and get permitting to cross the wetlands. C. Pearman clarified that the only plans SEH has is for mechanical dredging with hauling on the south side of the railroad tracks. K. Lisowski believes that we can save between 15-30% of budgeted cost if the mechanical dredging is done on the north side of the railroad tracks; this would be a \$1.4-1.8 million project. The Sportsman's Club has been doing SEH's job and getting budget numbers on the 2 different methods. He will have more numbers coming in soon. Kevin thinks that SEH is putting up roadblocks and they need to get started with figuring out if we can get a mechanical dredge permit using the north side of the tracks.

Attorney Radcliffe asked if anyone has talked to the railroad about this project? Maybe before we proceed; they should be contacted-that is the first priority. There is also a transmission line in the area; so, they would need to be contacted as well. The current permit is for hydraulic dredging.

Motion by J. Anderson to table this until we contact the railroad and power company regarding this dredging project, 2nd by J. Tranberg. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Broadway/Pearl Project update: Attorney Radcliffe looked over the bid instructions for the project and stands with his earlier opinion to keep the contract with A-1 as bidded. They need to substantially complete finish phase 1 by September 8, 2023. You can't substantially change the bid and not be worried about getting sued.

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Premise amendment to Amey Knopps, Broadway Bar & Grill liquor license: Amey provided a map of the area wanting to be amended. **Motion by J. Tranberg to amend the premise of the liquor license for Amey Knopps, Broadway Bar & Grill as presented, 2nd by A. Stevens. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Aquatic Center application: Nelly Margan turned in another application for Swim Team coach. The Swim Team coach was approved at the April 6th meeting. If more lifeguards apply, could we authorize the director the ability to hire them? **Motion by D. Stephenson to authorize the pool director to hire the balance of staff needed for the 2023 season, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion: none. Roll call vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, A. Stevens-yes. Motion carried.**

Motion by D. Stephenson to hire Jeff Johnson at \$12/hour for part-time summer help, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion: none. Roll call vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, A. Stevens-yes. Motion carried.

Next Common Council Meeting, June 5, 2023

Motion by P. Syverson to adjourn at 7:48 pm, 2nd by J. Tranberg. Discussion-none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer-Debra Fremstad