

CITY OF ST. CLAIR
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 05, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Marvin More at 7:00 p.m. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the meeting was held remotely via video conference. Council Members on the video conference: Mayor More, Cindy Glamm, Duke Arndt, Randy Thompson and Dick Fitzloff. Council Members not available for the video conference: None. City Staff on the video conference: Bill Fitzloff, Fire Chief, Thad Baker, Public Works Supervisor and Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer. Others on the video conference: Jeff Domras (Bolton and Menk).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor More welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES AND BILLS

A motion was made by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Fitzloff to approve the May meeting agenda. Motion carried with all in favor.

The minutes of the April 2020 Regular Council Meeting were approved with a motion by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Arndt and carried with all in favor.

The invoices and bills for the month of April 2020 were approved with a motion by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Thompson and carried with all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – The following Unfinished Business items were discussed:

MILL STREET/PARK STREET SOUTH PROJECT – Jeff Domras (Bolton and Menk) was present via video conference to discuss and explain the proposed Mill Street/Park Street South Improvement Project and the changes to the proposed project that were discussed at the Regular April City Council meeting. The proposed project with changes, includes the following:

1. WATER: water main upgrade to replace the old, undersized 4” water main with a 6” water main and the addition of a hydrant at the intersection of Mill Street and Front Street East.
2. SEWER: replacement of the old, clay sewer pipe with new 8” PVC pipe and new sanitary sewer manholes.
3. STORM SEWER: construction of a storm sewer main, catch basin and drive-over curb and gutter along Park Street South from Front Street East to Main Street East.
4. STREET: street reconstruction of the entire project area will be done after the underground infrastructure work is complete; and
5. WATER TREATMENT PLANT PAVING: paving of the Water Treatment Plant entrance and parking lot which are currently gravel.

The cost estimate for the project plus engineering and admin. is estimated at \$670,000. The timeline to complete the project is estimated at 2 ½ to 3 months. After discussion and reviewing the advantages and disadvantages of doing the project during the 2020 construction season vs. waiting and doing the project during the 2021 construction season, the Council choose to move forward with the project for completion this year (the 2020 construction season). A motion was made by Council Member Fitzloff, seconded by Council Member Glamm to proceed with bidding of the proposed Mill Street and Park Street South Improvement Project as outlined above and as detailed by Mr. Domras, for completion in the 2020 construction season. It was noted that the final blacktopping lift will be completed in 2021, as it is recommended that the area go through a freeze/thaw cycle prior to the final lift. Motion carried with all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS – There were no New Business items to discuss.

REPORTS

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Bill Fitzloff reported on the following:

1. Township Fire Contracts were discussed. Township Fire Contracts are renewed every three (3) years. The St. Clair Fire Dept. provides fire protection and emergency medical services for the City of St. Clair and portions of five (5) Townships (Decoria, LeRay, Mankato, McPherson and Medo). McPherson Township and Medo Township have approved the new 3-year contract. Fire Chief Fitzloff will meet with LeRay Township on May 12th and Mankato Township on May 20th to discuss the new 3-year contract.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. REPORT

Public Works Supervisor Thad Baker reported on the following:

1. Spring hydrant/water main flushing was completed mid-April
2. Street sweeping on County streets will be done tomorrow (May 6th) and on other curb and gutter streets throughout the City on Wednesday, May 13th.
3. The new 60" EXMARK lawn mower is in service. The old Toro 72" lawn mower will be sold.

CITY CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

City Clerk-Treasurer Catherine Seys reported on the following:

1. CENSUS UPDATE: St. Clair continues to have the lowest response rate of any city in Blue Earth County with less than 40% of St. Clair residents having responded. Census information and links for completing the Census are posted on the City website.
2. A Special City Council meeting will be held via video conference on Tuesday, June 2nd at 6:30 p.m. with Greg Burkhardt, Burkhardt and Burkhardt CPA for the presentation of the annual 2019 audit.
3. ELECTION UPDATE:
ELECTION LEGISLATION: Due to concerns relating to the Covid-19 pandemic and in-person voting, there is legislation being considered that includes voting by mail and funding for the implementation of sanitation and safety protocols in polling places. Currently (due to the number of registered voters in the precinct) St. Clair residents vote in-person at City Hall or by absentee ballot. Additional information regarding the status of this legislation should be available by the end of May.
PRIMARY ELECTION: Tuesday, August 11th.
GENERAL ELECTION: Tuesday, November 3rd.
4. St. Clair Days events and activities for 2020 have been cancelled except for the fireworks display. The fireworks display will be on Friday, June 26th at approx. 10 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. No Council Member attended the April School Board meeting.
2. The April meeting of the Blue Earth County Mayors and Clerks was cancelled.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were no comments from the public during this portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – The video conference meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Glamm seconded by Council Member Arndt and carried with all in favor.

Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer