

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 19, 2017

Chairman Winters called the regular meeting of the Administration Committee to order at 5:30 pm.

Members present: Mayor Adams, Arianne Honkamp, John Peterson and Dave Winters

Staff present: Chief Dickson, Tricia Diduch and Jodi May

Motion by Mr. Peterson, second by Mrs. Honkamp, to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of June 5, 2017. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

THE MAYOR – DALE ADAMS

Mayor Adams stated that there has been a lot of discussion about the stop lights at the intersection of Main Street and Blackhawk Boulevard and how it has been affecting the downtown businesses. Mayor Adams stated that he received a letter from Cyndy Fogarty, owner of Country Cottage, in reference to the construction on Highway 75. Mayor Adams added that Brian Capezio, owner of Village Loft, and Megan Forsythe, Village of Rockton resident and Principal at Whitman Post, have been working together and contacted Representative Joe Sosnowki's office stating that there is a petition circulating with over 1,100 signatures on it trying to stop the lights from being installed at the intersection. Mayor Adams stated that they are requesting that the Village write another letter opposing the stop lights. Mr. Peterson stated that the Village has already opposed the stop lights when a letter was composed in 2013 and that nobody showed up to the public hearings at that time. Mr. Winters inquired if the speed limit should be decreased in the downtown area. Chief Dickson stated that the biggest problem the police department is seeing is the area where the "proceed with caution" sign is at. Chief Dickson stated that since there isn't another green light at the intersection for the drivers that are traveling northbound crossing the bridge and they are getting confused. Mrs. May stated that the stop light will be more liberal for the traffic on Highway 75 once the project is complete and that the traffic on Main Street will trigger the stop light. Mr. Peterson stated that this is not the first time that traffic has caused delays in the Village. Mayor Adams stated that the Village has made their stance clear and that he didn't feel it was necessary to compose another letter to IDOT. The Committee also agreed.

PUBLIC SAFETY & LEGAL – DAVE WINTERS, CHAIRMAN

Mr. Winters stated that he has a purchase requisition for Stalker Radar/ Applied Concepts up for approval at the Village Board meeting on June 20, 2017 in the amount of \$2,474 to replace moving radar units for the police department. Chief Dickson said that the current radar units are old and that they budgeted to have two radar units replaced each year and this is the state bid price that was provided. The Committee was okay with this.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & BUDGET – JOHN PETERSON

Mr. Peterson discussed the numeric grading system for the downtown streetscape consultants and that they need to be completed by the trustees in order to rank the consultants. Mr. Peterson stated that a motion to recommend moving forward with negotiations will be made at the Village Board meeting on June 20, 2017 after Ms. Diduch evaluates and totals the scores on the matrix.

Mr. Peterson stated that he was contacted by Brent Seay and Scott Wallace in reference to having a bouncy house at the Rockton River Market. Mr. Peterson said that they would charge a few dollars and the bouncy house would be monitored by the Rockton Lions Club Leos. Ms. Diduch stated that Mr. Seay would have to pay a fee to do this at the Rockton River Market and that she will reach out to him.

Mr. Peterson complimented Sgt. Camacho from the police department along with the other officers and security for OSD and stated that they did a wonderful job. Mr. Peterson added that other communities and event coordinators from the area came to get ideas from OSD on how to better their events.

ADMINISTRATION – ARIANNE HONKAMP

Motion by Mrs. Honkamp to purchase a Dell laptop for Mayor Adams in the amount of \$464.28, second by Mr. Peterson. Mayor Adams stated that the computer that he has in his office was given to him from Winnebago County IT and that the keyboard no longer works. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

Mrs. Honkamp discussed the purchase requisition for Bud Weiser for a 2017 Chevy Trax that is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on June 20, 2017. Ms. Diduch stated that she would like to look at the vehicle before its purchased. Ms. Diduch was going to try to go look at it after the meeting and advise what she thought of the vehicle.

THE CHIEF – STEVE DICKSON

Chief Dickson stated there were 26 total incidents during OSD which resulted in 6 arrests (3 of which were at the grounds) and one use of force incident. Chief Dickson added that the shuttle to OSD from Chemtool was great, but there needs to be more signage in the future advertising this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

Mayor Adams stated that he spoke with the potential buyer of the church near Blackhawk Boulevard and Main Street and that he advised that he wasn't going to purchase the building because IDOT stated that the opening bid was going to be \$80,000. Mayor Adams said that IDOT is supposedly going to demolish the building now, but he hasn't verified this with IDOT.

Mayor Adams added that when the Village was originally going to sell the old Public Works building that they had a potential buyer, but the Village wasn't in a hurry to sell the building because it was still needed for extra cold storage. Mayor Adams was approached by the initial potential buyer and he stated that he would like the right of first refusal because he heard someone else was interested in purchasing the building. Mayor Adams stated that he will talk to Atty. Szeto about this. Mr. Peterson stated that there should be parameters on his side that he has to meet as well for the transaction to take place. Mrs. May recommended that they put a time limit on the right of first refusal so that the potential buyer has 14 days to decide whether or not he would like to purchase the property. The Committee was okay with this.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Peterson, second by Mrs. Honkamp, to adjourn at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk