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MINUTES
PARK HILLS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 8, 2013

The Park Hills City Council met in regular session Tuesday, January 8, 2013, at the Park Hills Council Chambers. Mayor Easter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Councilman Reed and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Council Members present at roll call were Cruse, Dickerson, Gordon, House, Kelly, Reed, Cunningham, Politte, and Mayor Easter. Also present were City Administrator John Kennedy, City Attorney Ed Pultz, Assistant City Administrator / Community Development Director Matt Whitwell and Deputy City Clerk Terri Richardson.

Minutes of previous meeting(s)

A motion was made by Councilwoman House and seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 11, 2012. ***The motion carried with all in favor on voice vote.***

City Administrator's Report

Haney Park Remediation

- Most of the soccer fields have been stripped of one foot of soil and some of the areas have been filled with new soil
- Most of the areas outside the floodway have been capped with one foot of topsoil
- Parking lot at the concession stand is complete

Street/Sidewalk Work:

- Work continues on Smith Street from Meadow to Evans Row to improve drainage prior to any repair work
- The 500 block of Hampton has been partially prepped for overlay. Additional excavation of some areas will be done and a rock base installed
- Lead Belt Materials has shut down their asphalt plant for the winter
- Some streets on the list that have curb and gutter installed will be milled in anticipation of paving when Lead Belt Materials starts up in the spring

Election Filing Update:

- Candidate filing remains open until 5:00 pm on January 15th
- Filings to date are:
 - Mayor – Danny Naucke and David Easter

- Ward 1 – Dennis Gordon
- Ward 2 – No filing yet
- Ward 3 – Tom Reed
- Ward 4 – Larry Kelly
- Special Road District – Danny Keen

Library Roof Repairs:

- Repairs are complete for the overhang along the front of the building with installation of a metal sloped-roof
- Damaged slat-wall on the interior has been replaced
- The Library Director reported that the overhang over the main entrance has leaked in the past – about two years ago
- Matt will get a bid to install a similar metal roof over this overhang to prevent future leaks and to provide a consistent appearance for the front of the building

Flat River Bank Stabilization:

- Contractor has completed channel and bank repairs and installed wing walls according to the Corps of Engineers approved plan
- We will consult with the engineers and evaluate additional areas of the stream to see if further work is needed downstream

Motor Vehicle Related Fees:

- Handout of December receipts
- Year to date figures in all 3 categories are significantly higher than last year

Other:

- Fire Department Annual Call Summaries:
 - Handout of 2011 and 2012 Call Summaries from 9-1-1
 - Total calls were up by 216, a 23% increase
 - Biggest increase was in EMS calls from 260 to 461
 - No changes to call-out protocol (per Chief Wagganer)
- Library Elevator:
 - The float mechanism for the sump pump for the elevator shaft failed sometime in the past
 - Approximately four feet of water accumulated in the elevator pit before it was discovered
 - Street Department pumped out the pit and had the pump repaired and placed back in service

- A periodic inspection schedule will be implemented to avoid potential future problems
- Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet:
 - Handout invitations and information
 - City will pay for Council member and guest
 - Let Terri know before January 15th

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Easter had no discussion.

Council Discussion

Councilman Kelly said that resident Kevin Boren had asked about the marking of the dangerous curve on Hovis Farm that winds around his driveway. City Administrator Kennedy stated that a warning sign has been installed.

Councilman Kelly asked if consideration could be made for the city crew to avoid blading after a snow on the 400 block of Hovis Farm to allow sleigh riding on that hill. He stated that the City staff did have issues, but that he did not find any residents in that immediate area who objected. Councilman Kelly also asked if the Council would consider repealing or amending Ordinance #1007-12 that dealt with restricted parking of two spaces in the downtown area. He stated that it was causing hard feelings between business owners in that area and its purpose had been served. With the creation of alternative parking funded by the TIF district, the ordinance and signage governing those two particular spaces were no longer needed in his opinion.

Councilman Politte asked if the City could purchase updated equipment for the dog catcher, relating an incident in the east hill area where a large dog attacked a smaller one, and where the dog catcher had only a makeshift pole with a loop to try and catch the large dog. City Administrator Kennedy stated that he would make sure equipment was purchased and made available to the dog catcher.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill #1031 – An Ordinance amending Chapter 600: of the Municipal Code

City Administrator John Kennedy said that an Ameren Missouri account representative reported that the gross receipts tax on streetlights had not been collected for several months due to an accounting error. To rectify, the City will be billed for back fees and then it will be returned with the regular monthly franchise payment. It was suggested that the City consider enacting an ordinance exempting all City accounts with Ameren Missouri from the gross receipts tax process. Following discussion at the December 11, 2012, meeting, staff was directed to prepare an ordinance to address this.

Bill #1031 was read two times by title. A motion was made by Councilman Cunningham and seconded by Councilwoman House to approve the bill as read. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Council Members Kelly, Dickerson, House, Politte, Cunningham, Cruise, Reed and Gordon. Nays; None. ***The motion carried.***

NEW BUSINESS

Bill #1030 – An Ordinance approving the plat of a subdivision survey of Evans Row

Community Development Director Matt Whitwell presented a request to consider the approval of a survey plat to subdivide a parcel on Evans Row into two lots as presented by property owners Scott Vandergraph, Barry McCord, and Paul Whittaker. Property owners representative, John David Lemp, was present and addressed the Council, stating that the owners plan is to develop the two lots with duplexes but realized the issue before the Council today was just the subdivision of the parcel into two lots. Councilman Reed asked Whitwell if the jugged out area on the east side of the lot was accurate on the drawing, and if it posed any problem with the street layout. Whitwell said he would look into it further, however, the issue at hand only dealt with the centerline division of the property. This request was found to be compliant and was recommended for approval by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Bill #1030 was read two times by title. A motion was made by Councilwoman Dickerson and seconded by Councilman Reed to approve the bill as read. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Council Members Kelly, Dickerson, House, Politte, Cunningham, Cruise, Reed and Gordon. Nays; None. ***The motion carried.***

Approval of Board Appointments

The Park Hills Senior Citizens Aid Association Board of Directors submitted nominations of Lelia Skelton and Martha Douglas to be reappointed to serve three year rotating, staggered terms to begin January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015 for consideration by the Council.

A motion to approve the nominations as presented was made by Councilwoman House and seconded by Councilman Politte. ***The motion carried with all in favor on voice vote.***

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney had nothing to report.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Dickerson and seconded by Councilman Cunningham to adjourn the meeting. ***The motion carried with all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.***