

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DAVENPORT CITY COUNCIL
September 13, 2017

ROLL CALL

Mayor Brad Sweet called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Members present were: Alan Coriell, Nathan Hansen, Scott Liebing, Pat Rosman, Pete Schweiger, and Theresa Telford.

Absent: Patrick Katz

Pete Schweiger made a motion to excuse Patrick Katz from the meeting. The motion was seconded by Theresa Telford. The motion carried.

Also present were: Fred Bell, Gene Hein, Aaron Hensen, Cory Hollis, Steve Goemmel, David Leath, Todd McLaughlin, Rod Price, Marcia Smith, Mark Smith, Steve Steadman, and Lance Strite.

MINUTES

Pete Schweiger made a motion to approve the amended minutes from the August 23, 2017 meeting. The amended minutes shall read “Alan Coriell, Pat Rosman, Patrick Katz, and Nathan Hansen voted for the motion to table Avista’s request for a rezone of Dugger’s Annexation until the next meeting. Pete Schweiger and Theresa Telford voted against the motion. The motion carried 4 – 2.” The motion was seconded by Nathan Hansen. The motion carried.

Pete Schweiger made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2017 special meeting of the Davenport City Council. The motion was seconded by Nathan Hansen. The motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

Deputy Steve Steadman reported 95 calls for service in the month of August. Steve detailed the various calls and asked for comments or questions. There were none. The Mayor thanked Steve for his report and his service to the community.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

No Changes

COMMENT / SIGN IN SHEET

Aaron Hensen, Todd McLaughlin, and Rod Price representing Avista Corporation signed in to talk about Avista’s request for a rezone of Dugger’s Annexation to the City of Davenport. Mayor Sweet suggested that they offer their comments when the City Council discusses the issue in old business. The gentleman agreed with the Mayor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Sweet reminded all the councilmen to make sure they have completed the Open Public Records Training that is required of all elected officials. The Mayor told the members that the City’s three year audit will be soon and certificates for the training are on the audit checklist.

He briefed the City Council on the progress of the City’s airport hangar construction. The Mayor said that that he’s waiting on bids for the concrete and electrical work before proceeding.

The Mayor gave a progress report on the Avista’s relighting program and street repairs within the City. He said the City received grant funding to help with both of these projects.

Brad showed the City Council a thank you card from the Baker family. They camped in the City Park during their cross country bike trip. The Baker's really liked the hospitality that the people of Davenport showed them.

Brad complemented City Administrator Steve Goemmel for all his efforts securing grants to help the City pay for infrastructure repairs in Davenport.

The Mayor invited everyone to attend the German-German dinner at the Lincoln County Museum in October. The dinner is fundraising effort to support the museum.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Avista's Request to Rezone the Property Known as "PT W2NW of S22-T25N-R37EWM Dugger's Annexation to the City of Davenport from Residential Two to Industrial Zoning. Mayor Sweet reminded the City Council that this issue was tabled for further consideration at the last regular meeting of the Davenport City Council. The Mayor recognized Todd McLaughlin from Avista.

Todd introduced Aaron Hensen and Rod Price from Avista. Aaron represents the substation division of Avista and Rod represents the real estate group. Todd told the City Council that he felt there were three ways the City Council could approach Avista's request:

1. Splitting the parcel roughly at Marshall Street leaving 13 acres on the north portion of the parcel and eight acres on the south portion of the parcel. The north portion of the parcel could be rezoned industrial and the south portion could be left as residential two.
2. Rezone the whole parcel to industrial as requested.
3. The City Council could do nothing and leave the parcel zoned the way it is.

Todd asked the City Council to consider allowing Avista's suggestion to split the parcel into two parts at Marshall Street and rezone the northern parcel to industrial. The southern portion of the parcel would remain residential two. This would allow the City room to expand if a developer was interested in buying the southern parcel.

Pat Rosman asked if Avista would be willing to actually sell the southern portion to a developer who wanted to put houses on it. Rod Price told Pat that Avista prefers to sell land that they aren't going to use and "yes" they would sell the parcel if someone made them an offer. Rod commented that the southern part of this property would accommodate 27 houses and Marshall Street would serve as a great access point. He told the City Council that Avista decided that the northern 13 acres of this property would be enough land for Avista to do a total build out of their planned substation, pole yard, and service center.

Alan Coriell made a motion to approve Avista's request to rezone the northern 13 acres of Dugger's Annexation to the City of Davenport from residential two to industrial provided that the other eight acres of the property to the south remain zoned residential two. Pat Rosman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

City Administrator Steve Goemmel told the City Council that he would present a draft ordinance to the City Council reflecting these changes to the zoning map once the parcel is split by Avista.

NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading of Ordinance 1114 Amending the 2017 Budget – Airport Capital Improvement Fund.

City Administrator Steve Goemmel told the City Council that this amendment is needed to approve the expenditures associated with the FAA Runway EA Grant that the City received. Steve said the grant carried over from 2016 and the expenditures could not be foreseen when the 2017 budget was adopted.

Pete Schweiger made a motion to approve Ordinance 1114 at its first and final reading. The motion was seconded by Theresa Telford. The motion carried.

2. *First Reading of Ordinance 1115 Amending the 2017 Budget Street Fund.* City Administrator Steve Goemmel told the City Council that this ordinance is needed to authorize the expenditures for added street repairs. The City received grants from TIB and FEMA to repair the winter damage to the streets and for the Avista Relighting Project.

Pete Schweiger made a motion to approve Ordinance 1115 at its first and final reading. The motion was seconded by Nathan Hansen. The motion carried.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Theresa Telford made a motion to approve Claims/Vouchers #13849 - #13890 in the amount of \$104,177.03 and Payroll/Vouchers #13812-#13848 in the amount of \$62,924.40. The motion was seconded by Nathan Hansen. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Nathan Hansen made a motion adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Pete Schweiger. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

David M. Leath City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Brad Sweet