

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DAVENPORT CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 8, 2017**

ROLL CALL

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

Also present were: Ted Aldous, Maria Bircher, Tanner Bergman, Jolene Erickson, Stacy Friedlein, Britt Heidegger, Steve Goemmel, Patty Hupp, Linda Knutson, Dave Leath, Brandon Lee, Heidi Lee, Laney Lee, Paige Lee, Mariah Liebing, Dirk Robinson, Marcia Smith, Mark Smith, Mike Stauffer, Charla Stiles, and Patrick Wolf.

MINUTES

Patrick Katz made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 25, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Nathan Hansen. The motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

Sargent Mike Stauffer reported 56 calls for service in the month of January. Mike detailed the various calls for service and asked for questions or comments. There were none.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

No Changes.

COMMENT / SIGN IN SHEET

- Maria Bircher signed in to address the City Council. Maria told the City Council that she's concerned about the loss of income to the City if retail marijuana stores are prohibited within the City. She said that part of the money from marijuana sales goes to fund drug and alcohol recovery programs. Maria commented that she sees alcohol as a bigger problem in Davenport. She told the City Council that she actively works in recovery programs and that she'd like to see alcohol banned from the community if marijuana is banned.
- Jolene Erickson signed in to address the City Council. Jolene asked what the status of the city attorney is. She wondered if he was attending the meeting.
- Charla Stiles signed in to address the City Council. She is against allowing retail marijuana sales within the City of Davenport.
- Brandon Lee signed in to address the City Council. Brandon urged the City Council to prohibited retail sales of marijuana within the City of Davenport. Brandon cited information that he'd collected on public safety and crime. He told the City Council that if retail marijuana sales are allowed in Davenport, we'll see more crime and car accidents.
- Katie Laflin signed in to address the City Council. Katie urged the City Council to not allow retail marijuana sales within the City of Davenport. She is concerned about public safety and the image of the town.
- Linda Knutson signed in to address the City Council. Linda asked the City Council not to allow pot shops within the City. She thinks that marijuana is a gateway to more substance abuse and she commented that she wants to protect the children of the community.
- Dirk Robinson signed in to address the City Council. Dirk asked the City Council to ban retail marijuana sales within the City of Davenport. He commented that the social costs associated with drug use is much more costly than any income that the City would receive from marijuana sales. He is concerned about the impact to the community of such businesses.

- Ted Aldous signed in to address the City Council. Ted asked the City Council to ban the retail sales of marijuana within the City of Davenport. He said that crime will increase as well as traffic accidents. He's also concerned with the added burden that these businesses will put on law enforcement.
- Patty Hupp signed in to voice her opposition to retail marijuana sales within the City of Davenport.
- Paige Lee signed in to address the City Council. She goes to school in Davenport and she said the students are getting mixed messages about marijuana. Signs at the school tell students not to smoke marijuana and the City is allowing marijuana sales within the City.
- Laney Lee signed in to address the City Council. She goes to school in Davenport. She said the students get mixed messages about marijuana. She said marijuana is a bad influence on kids.

Mayor Sweet said he was concerned with the ever changing environment regarding the marijuana laws. He told the City Council that he chose not to have the city attorney attend the meeting because of the cost involved.

The city attorney opined that the City can impose a ban on retail marijuana sales within the City but he said any such action will open the City to litigation from anyone who has already applied for a license. The Mayor told the City Council that our insurance company would not cover the City against liability in that situation.

The Mayor thanked the people who attended the meeting for their concerns and attending the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire/Police

Mayor Sweet asked the committee to meet on February 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The Committee agreed to the meeting.

Building/Planning

Mayor Sweet asked for a committee meeting on February 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. to meet with a representative of Avista. They want to discuss the use of the land that Avista recently purchased. This land is described as the Duggan Annexation to the City of Davenport. The Committee agreed to the meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Theresa Telford made a motion to pay Claims/Vouchers #13276-#13302 in the amount of \$81,673.46 and Payroll/Vouchers #13250 - #13275 in the amount of \$56,725.82. The motion was seconded by Patrick Katz. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Pete Schweiger made a motion adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alan Coriell. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

David M. Leath Clerk/Treasurer

Brad Sweet, Mayor

