

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DAVENPORT CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 27, 2019**

ROLL CALL

Mayor Brad Sweet called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Members present were, Patrick Katz, Cory Hollis, Nathan Hansen, Chris Ruiz, Lance Strite and Theresa Telford.

Absent: Pete Schweiger.

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

Also present were, Fred Bell, Lana and Caleb Bowdish, John and Heidi Harden, Gene Hein, Steve Goemmel, Don Larsen, David Leath, Bill and Robin McCluskey, and Harold Thompson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Patrick Katz made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Theresa Telford. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

POLICE REPORT

Deputy Gabe Gants introduced the City Council to Deputy John Evans. John is the newest guy hired by Lincoln County. Gabe told the City Council that he did not have a report for tonight, but he will have a report for the next meeting. The Mayor thanked both deputies for coming to the meeting and their service to the community.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

No Changes.

COMMENT / SIGN IN

- Lana and Caleb Bowdish signed in to address the City Council. They said, “we opposed Mr. Hendrickson’s project for the same reasons that we mentioned at the Planning Commission.”
- Eric Orvis told the City Council that he opposes the project for traffic and safety reasons.
- John Harden signed in to address the City Council. He commented that Mr. Hendrickson did not bring plans to the Planning Commission and he did not take the time to attend this meeting. He said, “that just shows his lack of effort.” Mayor Sweet told Mr. Harden that Mr. Hendrickson wrote a letter asking the City Council to defer this issue to the next meeting due to a sudden death in his family.” He said, “that’s why he is not here.”
- Robin McCluskey signed in to address the City Council. She told the City Council that she is opposed to the project. Robin was concerned that the term “mob” was applied to the citizens who came to comment on the project at the Planning Commission meeting.” She said, “We are not a mob. We are concerned homeowners who care about our neighborhood.”
- Don Larson signed in to address the City Council. Don said, “I’ve lived in this neighborhood since 1952 and I don’t want to see anything change.”
- Harold Thompson signed in to say that he is opposed to the project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Fire

Mayor Sweet recognized Davenport Fire Chief Craig Sweet. Craig gave a brief report on the fire department and the number of fires in 2019. City Administrator Steve Goemmel asked Craig to update the City Council on the status of the new fire station project. Craig told the City Council that construction estimates are much higher than anticipated so they are still trying to find a funding source. The Mayor thanked Craig for his report and his service to the community.

Building/Planning

Mayor Sweet asked the Building/Planning Committee to meet on December 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a request from Jim O'Rourke to allow septic systems in his proposed development. The Committee agreed to meet.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sweet told the City Council that in order to prevent an automatic extension of our existing law enforcement contract with Lincoln County, he is sending a letter of contract cancellation to the Commissioners. The Mayor commented that he hopes to begin negotiations for a new contract in February of 2020.

Mayor Sweet congratulated the Davenport girls' soccer team for winning the state championship. He said, "it was exciting and a lot of fun to watch."

The Mayor told the City Council that he is working on new committee assignments for next year. He said, "I'll have them done for the next meeting."

OLD BUSINESS

1. Third Reading of Ordinance 1144 Changing Chapter 2.36 of the DMC Dealing with Salaries of City Employees and Elected Officials. – City Administrator Steve Goemmel asked the City Council to consider this ordinance. The City Council discussed the ordinance and decided to do a third reading of the ordinance since Pete Schweiger was absent for the meeting. They want to have a full council so everyone can vote on the proposed ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Steven Kresek's Request to Rezone 318 Jefferson Street from "Residential Two to Commercial." Mayor Sweet recognized Planning Commission Chairman Gene Hein. Gene told the City Council that they did not approve Mr. Kresek's request at their last meeting. He said, "We thought it was spot zoning, and in a commercial zone, you can't live on the main floor of a building so he couldn't live in his home." Gene commented that the vote was unanimous to disapprove the request to rezone 318 Jefferson Street.

Cory Hollis made a motion to grant Steven Kresek a zone change for 318 Jefferson. The motion was seconded by Lance Strite. The motion failed. All members present voted against.

2. Loren Hendrickson's Request for a Conditional Use Permit to Build an Apartment Building on Lots 8,9, and 10, Block 74, Essigs Addition to the City of Davenport. Mayor Sweet recognized Planning Commission Chairman Gene Hein. Gene told the City Council that the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on this issue at their meeting on November 20, 2019. He said, "the Planning Commission denied the request for a conditional use. Some of the issues were a lack of parking, no plans for the Commission to review, and the builder's ability to meet the setbacks."

Mayor Sweet told the City Council that Mr. Hendrickson had experienced a sudden death in his family and submitted a letter asking the City Council to defer voting on his request until the next meeting. Cory Hollis said. “we have to be fair to both sides and I want to hear from Mr. Hendrickson” Lance Strite made a motion to table this request until the December 11, 2019 meeting so that Mr. Hendrickson could give his side of the story. The motion was seconded by Patrick Katz. The motion carried.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Theresa Telford made a motion to pay Claim/Vouchers #16096 in the amount of \$400.30; and Claims/Vouchers #16128 - #16148 in the Amount of \$30,248.60. The motion was seconded by Patrick Katz. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Patrick Katz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Nathan Hansen. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

David M. Leath
City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Brad Sweet