

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

June 27, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Groat at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Deborah Groat, Mark Reams. Alan Seymour- excused.

OTHERS PRESENT: Terry Emery, Tim Aslaner, Zach Andrews, Jeremy Hoyt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the meeting on April 25, 2016 were approved as amended.

AGENDA:

Comments from Citizens:

Discuss Changes to the Meeting Date: Mrs. Groat talked with Mr. Seymour, he was good with meeting on Monday at 6:00pm prior to Council. She stated that if there is a reason they cannot get through all the agenda items one hour prior to Council, they could reschedule that item for another meeting or time.

Meetings for Public Affairs will be the 4th Monday of every month at 6:00pm.

Discuss Mayor's Salary: Mr. Reams would like to wait to discuss the Mayor's salary to the same time that we discuss the Council salary, which is prior to election. Mr. Aslaner stated that the committee would be able to change it. Mrs. Groat stated she recalled wanting to change it until we had completed a whole calendar year. Mr. Reams stated that he would like to see two cycles of President before we change the salary. Mrs. Groat asked Mr. Emery if he thought the Mayor had earned a different salary than the other Council members. Mr. Emery stated from the six months that we have been in this form of government, he has done a good job of balancing the needs of the City with President of Council / Mayor. Mr. Emery stated that he is probably in the office between 2-3 times a week, for approximately 5 hours in the office a week. Mr. Aslaner stated that he is at the staff meetings every other week. Mrs. Groat stated that 20 hours a month would be an additional 200-400 a month in salary. Mr. Emery stated that somewhere along those lines are good.

Mr. Emery stated that they need to talk with Mr. Rausch about what is he is doing outside office times. Mrs. Groat stated that we need to have a quantifiable need for the increase in salary. Mr. Emery stated that there is a quantifiable increase in duties from Mayor to a Council member. Mr. Aslaner stated that by ordinance you can change the Mayor's salary, however, he suggested that you wait until closer to the election of president/mayor. Mrs. Groat asked if a reconsideration of the Mayor's salary at the December meeting will work for Mr. Reams. He said that will give them time to discuss it and decide what is the Mayor doing and what we expect the Mayor to do.

Discuss the Annexation of Proposed Water Plant Property: Mr. Hoyt explained that we are going to follow the same procedures as the Watkins Road hotel, as far as the annexation of the property for the future water plant. Mr. Hoyt said they will look into annexation of the reservoir but since it is not contiguous it is a little more difficult. Mr. Aslaner stated we will be coming to Council with a one reading resolution to allow Mr. Emery to file the petition for annexation with the County either on July 11th or July 25th. Mr. Hoyt stated it should take 4 to 6 months to complete the annexation.

Discuss Vacant Property Registration: Mr. Aslaner discussed section 1320 and the changes that were suggested in the handout by Mr. Andrews. They discussed having an annual registration fee for vacant properties ranging from \$200 to \$1,000. Mr. Andrews stated what he is finding when he goes on his daily inspections that there are a lot of empty houses, which the property tax is current on them. Mrs. Groat asked Mr. Andrews when he would like the committee to consider the registration and she also requested that he send a copy with the changes in red for them to review.

Mr. Reams had a few clean up items in 1320.24, which needed to state residential and commercial property owners. He also mentioned 1320.03(a) states any building. Mr. Emery suggested that they give the committee the updated copy and time to look through it and come to the first Council meeting in August.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36p.m.