

City Council Minutes: May 21, 2007

Fulton City Council

Regular Meeting

Mayor Van Zuiden called the meeting to order and directed the clerk to call the roll. On roll call, Mayor Howard Van Zuiden, Aldermen Charles Dykstra, Gene Field, Merle Sterenberg, Charlie Letcher, Warren Juist, Wes Letcher, Bill Loerop and Ron Roels answered present. Also in attendance were Bill Shirk – City Attorney, Jim Rhoades – Chief of Police, Jim Miller - Police Sergeant, Dan Clark – Public Works Director, and Heather Bennett – Tourism Director.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. The invocation was given by Pastor Scott Bonestroo of Spring Valley Reformed Church.

Ald. Sterenberg moved, seconded by Ald. C. Letcher to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2007 regular meeting and the May 19, 2007 adjourned meeting. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Ald. C. Letcher moved, seconded by Ald. Sterenberg to approve the bill list as presented. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Ald. Juist moved, seconded by Ald. C. Letcher to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

The first item on the consideration or action agenda was Denny Ottens's request to extend his beer garden closing time from 10:00 PM to 1:00 AM. Jane Orman-Luker, who resides on 4th Street, told the council they have been bothered by music and noise from the downtown taverns and asked them not to extend the beer garden hours. Denny Ottens responded by saying there is never music in the beer garden, only a television. The council discussed the number of police calls to his business and asked Mr. Ottens about his plans to control what goes on in his business when he is not there.

Ald. C. Letcher moved, seconded by Ald. Sterenberg to deny Denny Ottens's request to change the beer garden closing time to 1:00 AM. Roll call vote/Ald. Dykstra, Field, Sterenberg, C. Letcher, Loerop voted yes/Ald. Juist, W. Letcher, Roels voted no/motion carried.

Ald. Field moved, seconded by Ald. C. Letcher to pass Ordinance No. 1348 Authorizing the Sale of Municipally Owned Real Estate (Industrial Development No. 2, lot #5 to Delbert J. Temple) Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Ald. Roels moved, seconded by Ald. C. Letcher to locate the Lincoln Highway Gazebo at 208 10th Avenue, property to be purchased from Edwin and Nancy Kolk. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Ald. Loerop moved, seconded by Ald. W. Letcher to pass Resolution No. 200 Providing an Inducement to Harkness Properties, LLC Regarding a Redevelopment Project in the City of Fulton. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Ald. Roels moved, seconded by Ald. Juist to award the 2007 MFT street work jobs totaling \$146, 112.00 to Northwest Illinois Construction, the lowest qualified bidder. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Ald. Roels moved, seconded by Ald. Loerop to approve the Façade Grant Committee's recommendation to approve the grant applications of Wilson Floral (1100 4th Street) and Bill and Pam Blecha (1008 4th Street) for awnings. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Ald. Dykstra moved, seconded by Ald. Loerop to hold a Fulton Forum at the Fire Station sometime in July to enlist ideas for the use of the Fire Station building from the public; notifying residents of the forum through the City newsletter. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Ald. Dykstra moved, seconded by Ald. Juist to adjourn. Voice vote/all yes/motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:25PM.

Minutes recorded by,

Linda Hollis

City Clerk