

City Council Minutes: May 3, 2010

CITY OF FULTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 3, 2010

5:30PM

Mayor Russell called the meeting to order and directed the clerk to call the roll. On roll call, Mayor Larry Russell, Aldermen Charles Dykstra, Gene Field, Charlie Letcher, Warren Juist, Wes Letcher, Bill Loerop and Ron Roels answered present. Also in attendance were Bill Shirk- City Attorney, Randy Balk - City Administrator, Heather Bennett, Tourism Director and Jim Rhoades - Chief of Police. This opened the public hearing on a Flex grant application for the Robert Fulton Commons and the Mayor turned the hearing over to Sharon Pepin, of Community Funding and Planning Services. The public hearing minutes are recorded elsewhere. The public hearing closed at 6:15pm and the regular meeting began immediately.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and the invocation was given by Pastor Edie Lenz of First Reformed Church.

There was no communication from visitors.

Ald. Field moved, seconded by Ald. C. Letcher to approve the April 19, 2010 regular council meeting minutes. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Ald. Field moved, seconded by Ald. W. Letcher to accept the resignation of second ward Alderman Merle Sterenberg. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Ald. Roels moved, seconded by Ald. Dykstra to support the zoning board of appeals recommendation to deny the variance request made by Jim Miller of 1220 15th Avenue. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried. Mr. Miller's request to build a garage 326 square feet over the 40% allowable lot coverage was unanimously denied by the zoning board of appeals on April 29, 2010. Zoning Board Chair Ron Shear said the zoning officer was working with Mr. Miller and he was considering a small garage and was getting his property surveyed.

Ald. Roels moved, seconded by Ald. Loerop to table the CDAP Flex Grant application for the Robert Fulton Commons. Roll call vote/Ald. Filed, Juist, C. Letcher, Loerop and Roels voted yes/Ald. Dykstra and W. Letcher voted no/motion carried.

Ald. W. Letcher moved, seconded by Ald. Dykstra to pass Ordinance No. 1409 Amending Chapter 111 Entitled Alcoholic Beverages (a total of 2 A1 licenses permitted with sales ending at 10:00pm.) Roll call vote/Ald. Roels, Loerop, W. Letcher, Juist, C. Letcher, and Dykstra voted yes/Ald. Field voted no/motion carried.

Ald. W. Letcher moved, seconded by Ald. C. Letcher to accept the budget for the Windmill and the Windmill Cultural Center. Roll call vote/Ald. Loerop, W.

Letcher, C. Letcher, Field and Dykstra voted yes/Ald. Roels and Juist voted no/motion carried.

Ald. Dykstra moved, seconded by Ald. W. Letcher to approve the articles of agreement between the city and the steering committees with these additions; the city will be named as additional insured in paragraph 13 and the city will be responsible for the cost of preparing the agreement. Roll call vote/Ald. Dykstra, Field, C. Letcher, W. Letcher and Loerop voted yes/Ald. Juist and Roels voted no/motion carried. The steering committee will be writing by-laws soon. The steering committee was appointed by the council.

Ald. Roels moved, seconded by Ald. C. Letcher to approve seniority effective to the original hire date for anyone who was rehired prior to a 2002 policy book amendment. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried. The amendment states that if an employee leaves employment with the city and is rehired within 5 years, they will after one year of continuous re-employment revert to the original seniority date.

Ald. Field moved, seconded by Ald. W. Letcher to approve the fire department's request to remove their flagpole and plaque from the old fire station. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Ald. C. Letcher moved, seconded by Ald. Roels to allow Immaculate Conception Catholic Church to pave 12 feet of city right of way along 7th Street when they make the vacant lot on the corner of 11th Avenue and 7th Street into a parking lot. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried. Mike and Mary Paul, church members, were in attendance to answer any questions about this request. Mrs. Paul said the church would pave the alley behind the church at the same time. Mr. Paul said they will make sure the drainage for the parking lot is approved.

The council will have economic development workshops on May 17, 2010 and June 7, 2010 immediately after the city council meetings and on Saturday May 22, 2010 at 8:00am and Saturday June 12, 2010 at 8:00am.

Mayor Russell said he has someone to appoint to the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals and will name that person at the next meeting.

Ald. Field moved, seconded by Ald. Dykstra to enter executive session to discuss personnel. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried. The council entered executive session at 7:15pm. Executive session minutes are recorded elsewhere.

The council returned to regular session at 7:30pm. Ald. Field moved, seconded by Ald. Roels to adjourn. Voice vote/all yes/motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Minutes recorded by,

Linda Hollis

City Clerk

