

Mitchellville City Council Proceedings
Regular Meeting – April 7, 2014

The Mitchellville City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm in the council chambers of City Hall, 204 Center Ave. N., pursuant to notice.

Mayor Filbert called the meeting to order, roll call, members present: McGhee, Crook, Thomas, Zook and Engler.

A request by Engler to amend the tentative agenda by moving item 13, Flavor of Mitchellville 2015 to a later date.

A motion by Engler to approve the amended tentative agenda, second by Thomas. Motion carried unanimous

A motion by McGhee to approve the consent agenda paying claims of \$138,446.48 including 1 regular and 1 quarterly payroll, and 3-17-14 council minutes, the resignation of Karla Brazelton and Trish Myers for the Park and Rec Board, Library Board of Trustees minutes, Feb financials and stats, March bills and Directors March report, second by Zook. Motion carried unanimous.

Public Audience: Marlene Olson, 10750 NE 62 Ave, Mitchellville, wanted to address the proposed annexation of the Craig's land NW of the city limits. "The city already has 202 acres land that is in the city limits, it is zoned for development and has access to water, sewer and paved road to interstate 80. It is unwise to use land outside the city limits that is not in the Polk Co land use plans or the City's CIP. To provide water and paved road to the proposed land would be very costly to the City or some other entity. An annexation of the land would need to be approved by the City Development Board, which as a state agency would need to approve the annexation by 4 out of 5 votes. She and her husband will fight any kind of annexation of their land."

Mayor Filbert read the proclamation for National Library Week April 13-19-2014.

Mayor Filbert read the proclamation for Affordable Housing Week April 21-16-2014.

The council discussed the request for voluntary annexation of lot two and NE ¼ of the S ¼ of district 14-0, parcel 0001-003-00 in Beaver Township NW of the City. Edward Craig representing IA-KY LLC, property owners of the real estate, introduced Corry Lansink of Lansink Construction, the company wanting to build on the property. Engler ask if he had considered building on the Webb property. He stated he had looked at it but installing a railroad spur would be difficult. He was not sure the portion of NE 62nd from Cotton Ave would support the traffic for building his building and moving his products. Engler ask if the quality of life for rural residents has been considered. Lansink stated if the City of Mitchellville wants growth they will need to allow businesses to come into the City. McGhee said with the sewer line coming up to camp creek there would be development coming to this area. Zook said this should have been discussed with the city in the very beginning and none of the neighbors had been talked to. Lansink stated the truck traffic would be minimal in the beginning, he would be manufacturing building panels and the traffic could go west instead of east out of the property. Engler ask if they had looked at other properties and Lansink said he had looked at property in Altoona but the railroad spur would be a diagonal. Crook asked if he had spoken to the railroad and yes he has. Engler ask Craig to explain flag pole annexation. He thought 104th Street could be used as the vehicle to close the required "within 50 foot" gap and he was not for involuntary annexation. Zook stated the problem is trying to jam this down anyone's throat. The entire council should have been involved.

A motion by Thomas to approve the bid from Mid-Iowa Environmental for the removal of asbestos from 101 6th St. NW, second by Crook. Motion carried unanimous.

Discussion of the collection of the aging EMS accounts. There is \$28,929.88 not being actively collected. Chief Twohey requested approval to pursue other collection agency. Thomas wanted him to see if another company would go back to the 2010 accounts. Crook asked if there would be any problems switching the old account over to another company, Twohey said no. A motion by McGhee to move ahead with information on other collection agencies, second by Zook. Motion carried unanimous.

A motion by Thomas to approve changing the City ordinance to approve a 4-way stops at 3rd St. NW at Walnut and Walnut at 4th NW, second by McGhee. Motion carried unanimous.

Council discussed a possible quarterly employee recognition program. This may be done by putting names on a plaque, framed certificate, quarterly luncheons or time off with pay for the recipient. Crook expressed the need for the City to save money not spend it. McGhee suggested pursuing the different options, Engler agreed.

The council reviewed and discussed the applications received for the Public Works Director position. A motion by Zook to appoint Wayne A. Patterson to the position, second by Engler. Motion carried unanimous.

Department heads, council members and the Mayor gave updates. Engler and Zook said there is some confusion about the I&I letters that went out to the residents. The letter was sent to inform the residents that they will be receiving a letter requesting an appointment time for the PW employees to inspect their sewer line as mandated by the EPA.

Public Audience: Judy Johnson, 203 5th St. NW, agreed with and appreciated the approval of the 4 Way Stops at the school. She also had a little problem hearing everybody that spoke at the council meeting. Clerk Norton requested her to raise her hand and ask people to repeat themselves anytime she could not hear.

Don Berkey, 113 2nd St. NW, stated he also had problem hearing everybody. He ask if the city would be doing annexation then condemnation. Mayor Filbert stated the City was still in the process of gathering information and eminent domain would not apply in this case because it is not for public use.

Mike Carmoney, 6450 NE 104th St., lives in the only house on the road and has been there for 23 years. The economic growth needs of the city verses the impact on a few people may put us on a slippery slope. What other kinds of companies would be allow to come to the area.

Mike Ryan, 9959 NE 62nd Ave. was upset because no one has seen a site plan and just because someone doesn't want to pay the price for land that is there for development we shouldn't have to change. Some company looking to buy cheap land and develop it without regard for the surrounding community. He said he had spoken with Bob Barnes and Mr. Barnes wanted nothing to do with the project. None of the neighbors had been talked to about this and he would fight any annexation.

Jon Woods, 204 3rd St. NE. Maybe the city should consider employee recognition certificates and a plaque for long term city committee and board volunteers.

Mayor Filbert called for adjournment of the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Jeremy Filbert, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ruth Norton, City Admin/Clerk