**NORA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Nora Springs City Hall

Financial Committee Meeting at 6:45 p.m.

The Nora Springs City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Hassman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Margaret Ueker, Jim Kraninger, Brian Pederson, Steve Blickenderfer, and Bob Moen.

Others Present: Tyler Cooper, Tom Madden, Jesse Dugan, Alicia Schmidt, Jared McNett, Al Brallier, Gladys Brallier, and Mike Brallier.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Kraninger, to approve the agenda as posted and sent to the news media (24) hours prior to the meeting.

Vote: 5 ayes, motion carried.

**Public Hearing**

It being the time and place for the Public Hearing to review the plans and specifications for the Bridge Replacement – 1st Street SW Project. Mayor Hassman opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Hassman asked Ms. Yaddof whether she has received any written comments or objections. None have been received. Mayor Hassman asked for comments or objections from the citizens present.

Al Brallier, citizen, thought the City should look into removing the plaque and a light post base from the current bridge and use them as part of the historical display the City is erecting.

Mayor Hassman closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

**Citizen Participation**

*The Mayor and City Council welcome comments from the public for items not listed on the agenda. You are asked to state your name and address for the record and to limit your remarks in order that others may be given the opportunity to speak. The Order of Business is at the discretion of the Chair. No action will be taken.*

**Department Reports**

Tyler Cooper, the Nora Springs Public Works Director, was present and mentioned that Heartland is in town completing a patch over on Seminary Ave. Cooper asked Council if they had any questions with his report. Council asked that the three trees in Lookout Point Park be taken down and if that isn’t possible to block off the section where the trees are located. He said he would look into it further.

Jesse Dugan, the Nora Springs Police Chief, asked if Council had any questions with his report. They did not. Mayor Hassman asked if he had any more information in relation to bodycams. He did not at this time.

**New Business**

Tom Madden, with SEH, reported on the progress of the new Wastewater Treatment Facility. The new sludge tank is completed but there are slight hairline leaks being fixed. They have finished pouring the base slab for the equalization basin. The plant is performing really well.

Motion by Blickenderfer, seconded by Kraninger, to approve Resolution No. 2020-48, “A Resolution Approving Pay Request No. 19 to Gridor Construction, Inc. on the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Project,” in the amount of $173,891.80.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Blickenderfer, Pederson, Kraninger, Moen, Ueker Nays: None

Vote: 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Blickenderfer, seconded by Moen, to approve Resolution 2020-49, “Resolution Approving of Change Order No. 7 on the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement Project,” in the amount of $40,236.00.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Blickenderfer, Pederson, Kraninger, Moen, Ueker Nays: None

Vote: 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Blickenderfer, seconded by Pederson, to approve Resolution 2018-29, “Resolution Approving the Plans and Specifications and to make Award to the low bidder, Minnowa Construction, Inc., of Harmony, Minnesota, for the amount of $919,782.49, on the 1st Street SW Bridge Replacement Project.”

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Blickenderfer, Pederson, Kraninger, Moen, Ueker Nays: None

Vote: 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Blickenderfer, seconded by Ueker, to approve Resolution No. 2020-51, “Resolution Giving the Mayor the Authority to Execute the Contract and the City Administrator Authorization to Execute Other Associated Paperwork on the 1st Street SW Bridge Replacement Project.”

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Blickenderfer, Pederson, Kraninger, Moen, Ueker Nays: None

Vote: 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Blickenderfer, seconded by Ueker, to approve Resolution No. 2020-52, “Resolution Approving the Engineer’s Construction Administration Services Agreement Not to Exceed $182,788.00 for the 1st Street SW Bridge Replacement Project,’ with Short, Elliot, and Hendrickson.

Roll Call Votes: Ayes: Blickenderfer, Pederson, Kraninger, Moen, Ueker Nays: None

Vote: 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Kraninger, to approve the FY20 Annual Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Report, for period ending June 30, 2020.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Blickenderfer, Pederson, Kraninger, Moen, Ueker Nays: None

Vote: 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Moen, seconded by Ueker, to approve Resolution No. 2020-53, “Resolution Certifying Nuisance Abatement,” for the property at 508 8th St. NW, in the amount of $75.00.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Blickenderfer, Pederson, Kraninger, Moen, Ueker Nays: None

Vote: 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Kraninger, seconded by Ueker, to give Dave Franke permission to hunt with his muzzleloader on his property in accordance with his prior provided map for the 2020-2021 hunting season and would require Mr. Franke to request permission annually.

Vote: 5 ayes, motion carried.

**Communication Report**

Elizabeth Yaddof, Acting Clerk, reported that she has been receiving calls from residents concerning Halloween. She has looked into other communities policies and guidelines for this year’s Trick-or-Treating. Discussion was held regarding these guidelines and it was determined that if a resident would like to participate in Trick-or-Treating this year to leave their porch light on. If a resident chooses not to participate, simply turn off their porch light. It is up to each individual resident if they choose to participate. Trick-or-Treating hours will the same as every year from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31st.

Discussion was held in regards to closing City Hall on November 3rd due to the election. With the pandemic City employees would like to avoid large gatherings in small areas, which happens during voting hours. Council approved the closure of City Hall on November 3rd and the employees will use Personal Time Off.

Motion by Blickenderfer, seconded by Moen, to approve Resolution No. 2020-54, “A Resolution to Adopt Amendments to Written Employee Policy Handbook for the City of Nora Springs, Iowa.”

Roll Call Votes: Ayes: Blickenderfer, Pederson, Kraninger, Moen Nays: Ueker

Vote: 4 ayes, motion carried.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion by Blickenderfer, seconded by Kraninger to approve the Consent Agenda and the following items:

* Approve the September 8, 2020 Regular Session Minutes
* Approve the October claims, $140,002.89
* Approval of GG’s Place Alcohol License and Sunday Sales, pending the State receiving all required documents
* Set next regular session for November 10, 2020

Vote: 5 ayes, motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Blickenderfer, seconded by Moen, to adjourn this regular session of the Nora Springs City Council at 8:02 p.m.

Vote: 5 ayes, motion carried.

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Randy Hassman, Mayor Elizabeth Yaddof, Acting Clerk