Glenwood City Council Minutes

July 22, 2014

Glenwood City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 22, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Kim Clark called the meeting to order with the following present: Council Members – Susan Hirschman; Craig Florian; Kay LeFever; Jessie Lundvall; and Joe Edwards; Police Chief Eric Johansen; Public Works Director Perry Cook; City Administrator Brian Kissel; Library Director Jenny Ellis; and City Clerk Angie Winquist – Guests: Terry Craig; Michelle Wright; Misty Gray; Marsha Liddell; and Kenneth Mortimer

Motion by LeFever; second by Lundvall to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Approve agenda
2. Approve abstract of claims #2
3. Approve minutes of July 8, 2014
4. Approve renewal Class C Beer Permit/Sunday Sales for Lincoln Farm & Home Services
5. Approve renewal Class C Liquor License (BW) Beer/Wine/Sunday Sales for Tom & Tiff’s; pending dram shop

Florian inquired about publishing minutes before they are approved. Clerk advised council minutes must be published within 15 days after council meets

Roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Council member Hirschman reported for Public Administration held at 6:00 pm; prior to council meeting; to discuss sidewalks and crosswalks from Linn St. and Sharp to entrance of the sports complex. Council is thinking about getting this done; but there is more work and research with further conversations and meetings with Steve Perry; the city engineer before a decision will be made to proceed with grants

Council member Florian reported for Finance & Budget held at 6:30pm; prior to council meeting; to discuss discrepancy between library board and city on pay raises for library staff. Library Board; according to their statues; approved a 3.2% increase; the city budgeted 3%; and Council approved 2.5%. Currently; the library doesn’t have a quorum; so the city is handling their finances. Florian stated the library staff were promised a 3.2%; and feels they should get what they were promised; therefore making a motion for a retro 3.2% pay increase; effective July 1. The current board and Director Ellis assured they will not go over budget.

Motion by Florian; second by LeFever to retro pay library employees a 3.2% increase; effective July 1

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Guest Terry Craig stated she had been misquoted in the July 8 minutes; requesting the minutes be amended to read:

1. July 1st rocket car races went well and thanked public works and police department for closing off street
2. There are other things going on at the library that she was not privy to them at the time

Craig also thanked Council for the approval of pay increases for library employees.

Motion by Lundvall; second by LeFever to amend July 8 minutes to correct Terry Craig report for library

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstained: Florian Motion carried.

Jason Bardsley with Glenwood Soccer Club presented maps with plans to install a sprinkler system at the complex (8 fields). The club will raise the money needed; $62,000; from donations and grants; asking Council for the okay to go forward with this project. The earliest to start date would be spring 2015 but could be 2016; depending when funds are secured. Asking for council approval to go forward with this project; next step will be to meet with GMU. Also asking for approval to allow Cory Leick to level out soccer fields

Motion by Florian; second by Lundvall for Glenwood Soccer Club for Cory Leick to level out soccer fields

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Kenny Mortimer requested permission to use Field 5 at the baseball complex for a 24 hour tournament being held August 22nd-24th in honor of Rod Evans. The money raised will be donated for upkeep of fields/dugouts and the park board has approved use of field 5

Motion by Florian; second by LeFever to approve Rod Evans Memorial softball tournament using Field 5

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Florian; second by LeFever to approve Resolution #3359 filing liens against properties (206 N Locust; 113 Valley; 510 Hersey; 112 N Grove; 115 Hillcrest; & 1005 Timber Lane)

Roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by LeFever; second by Florian to approve Resolution #3360 to fix a date of meeting at which it is proposed to take action for the issuance of General Obligation Local Option Sales Tax Swimming Pool Bonds and General Obligation Local Option Sales Tax Refunding Bonds

Roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried

Departmental Reports:

Public Works Director Perry Cook reported the following:

1. Provided figures from public works auction held July 17; $31968 gross; $27,172.80 net with $2700 going to police department from sell of police vehicle. Thanked council for approval of this auction which will allow for purchase of chipper.

Police Chief Eric Johansen reported the following:

1. Received 24 applications for open position; August 4 will be physical agility testing
2. New Tahoe should be done by end of week
3. Recommended and requested motion to promote Officer Coffey and Officer Worcester to Police Officer III effective August 7; with a pay increase of $22.24/hr as set forth by Union contract

Motion by LeFever; second by Florian to promote Coffey and Worcester to Police Officer III at a pay rate of $22.24/hr effective August 7, 2014 as set forth by the Union contract

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Library Director Jennifer Ellis reported the following:

1. Presented photo of the Little Free Library, donated by two poets; located at the Mineola trail head
2. Provided year end library stats

City Administrator Brian Kissel reported the following

1. Thanked public works and Alan Hughes for work done for a successful auction
2. Submitted CAT grant for funding of lazy river and is pursuing one more grant that will be submitted in October
3. Pool Committee will host another Town hall meeting August 11, 2014 at city hall
4. Read resignation letter from Tricia McSorley from Library board effective immediately
5. Concepts is providing technology upgrade at no additional cost to city and will begin installation last week of July

Mayor Clark reported RAGBRAI has requested support letters

At 7:44pm; a motion was made by Florian; second by Hirschman to go into closed session; per Iowa Code 21.5(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual’s reputation and that individual request a closed session.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

At 9:10pm; a motion was made by Florian; second by LeFever to come out of closed session.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Florian; second by LeFever; to place Library Director Jenny Ellis on 6 month probation, 3 days unpaid suspension; and require she attend one management class (providing proof of completion); and for one year; any new hires or terminations will be done with involvement from council or library board. Any social media will be for positive promotional information for the library

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Mayor Clark requested an ad be placed in paper for new library board members.

Motion by Lundvall; second by Florian for City to pay for ad for Library Board members

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by LeFever; second by Lundvall to adjourn Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

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Attest: Kimberly Clark, Mayor

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Angie Winquist, City Clerk