


City of Van Meter, Iowa

City Council Minutes – 07-24-2023

- 1) The Van Meter City Council met for a special council meeting on Monday, July 24, 2023, at the VRC located at 910 Main St. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The following council members were present upon roll call: Joel Akers, Travis Brott, Blake Grolmus and Lyn Lyon (via phone). Councilman Herman was absent. Staff present: City Attorney Fatino, City Engineer Bob Veenstra, Police Chief Mike Brown, Library Director Jonatha Basye, City Clerk Jessica Drake, and City Administrator Liz Faust.
- 2) Grolmus moved, supported by Brott, to approve the agenda. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers -- YES; Brott – YES; Grolmus – YES; Lyon - YES.
- 3) Council engaged in discussion with City Attorney Fatino and City Engineer Veenstra regarding current and possible language relating to Planned Unit Development zoning (PUD). Council directed City Staff to work with the City Engineer and City Attorney on necessary steps revising the current PUD language, rolling current PUD under the revised district and the possibility of creating new PUD districts.
- 4) Grolmus moved, supported by Brott to deny the request for gas line relocation in Grand Ridge Estates. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Brott – YES; Grolmus- YES; Lyon - NO.
- 5) Library Director Basye lead discussion with Council regarding the composition of the Library Board of Trustees and the proposal to change the composition to 3 residents and 2 non-resident members (limited to residing within the Van Meter Community School District) as well as changing the term limits from 6 to 4 years. Council directed City Staff to work with the City Attorney to take the necessary steps to have the questions placed on general election ballot for November 2023.
- 6) City Clerk Drake provided an update on the process improvements regarding code enforcement including content changes to the notice, date corrections within the notice and clarification on the phased approach.
- 7) Brott moved, supported by Grolmus, to approve the purchase of a new pumper truck from Toyne at a purchase price not to exceed \$455,000.00 as recommended by Fire Chief Schmitt. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES, Brott – YES; Grolmus – YES; Lyon – YES.
- 8) City Clerk Drake led a discussion on park land dedication specifically regarding the park land dedication requirement on the approved, final plat of Hudson Heights.
- 9) City Engineer Veenstra led a discussion regarding updates on the Water Plant planning and design, well field land options and additional discussion on the structure of the City’s Planned Unit Development ordinance.
- 10) Grolmus moved, supported by Brott, to adjourn the meeting. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES, Brott – YES; Grolmus – YES; Lyn - YES. Mayor Adams adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

 Allan B. Adams, Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk