

Outline of minutes from special meeting on March 11, 2020 6:30pm

Held at Natural Bridge branch Library

Roll Call – All 8 present: Pro Tem Hunt, Martin, Moss, Smith, Evans, Nelson, Reid, Knox

Presentation by Terry Gannon, Resident and Real Estate Agent

Ms. Gannon discussed her primary interests in improvements in Normandy, particularly focused on housing. She described the members of her team, interests in sharing potential buyers and partners in the Pearl development on the property in process of being secured from the Sisters and from the City, developing property in the Opportunity Zone, near the Wedge, and re using the vacant properties owned by the City. She described long range plans like in Springfield, Mo. She said some are pursuing programs to help veterans, including one where veterans provide some labor to produce veteran houses. An architectural review board could help maintain consistency of looks. The University could also help by continuing to pay taxes on property it buys. The Councilmembers asked a few questions and thanked her for her ideas.

Business:

1. Glen E Park park grant assistance. Tim explained that the park commission has agreed to pay the contractor directly so Normandy does not need to act as the “bank”. The mayor asked for something in writing so it is not misunderstood in the future.
2. Vacant property ordinance. The ordinance was distributed. Tim said it modifies our ordinance to agree with newer state law. Reid made a motion to first read the ordinance, seconded by Knox and unanimously approved. Moss made a motion to second read the ordinance, seconded by Knox and unanimously approved. Reid made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Moss and approved unanimously by roll call vote, all 8 voting aye.
3. Ferguson agreement to provide public works services and supplies to Normandy. Tim outlined many of the services such as mechanics, salt loading, and others. Just as Normandy offers police and court services, Ferguson offers public works services to neighboring cities. An intergovernmental agreement is needed but Normandy is under no obligation to purchase such services. Reid made a motion to secure the intergovernmental agreement with costs for consideration and to allow the Mayor Pro Tem to negotiate such terms, seconded by Smith and unanimously approved.
4. Hillsdale contract for court services. The Mayor explained the contract, calling for Hillsdale to compensate Normandy \$2,000 per month, with Hillsdale also paying for their judge and prosecutor. We would provide room and clerical assistance. It would be reviewed in 90 days and again at 180 days. Hillsdale is considering the contract tonight also. Reid made a motion to enter into the contract with Hillsdale, seconded by Moss and unanimously approved.
5. HLS parking contract at the P W yard. The Mayor explained that a truck has been parking at the yard for a few years at no cost. The Mayor proposed that the operator pay \$200/month, which the operator agreed to. Our attorney will draw up a contract if the Council approves. Councilmembers asked for the following in addition to attorney recommendations: He carry insurance and that we are held harmless, he provides his drivers license, that it can be ended

with 30 days notice, or any time with cause, the key to the facility be marked "do not duplicate", and that he not be allowed to dump on any city property. Moss made a motion to approve, seconded by Martin and unanimously approved.

Citizen comment

David Bloom, 7601 Augusta stated that he would like to see newer housing code adopted as is being done through 24/1 efforts.

City Administrator Fischesser reported that Staffing has been reduced and we are working on plans to deal with the Corona Virus. It could have a significant impact on how local governments perform services, conduct or cancel meetings and courts, police streets and act to control behaviors that might spread the virus.

Motion by Reid to adjourn the open meeting and go into close session to discuss real estate and personnel, seconded by Nelson. Roll call and all 8 voted aye.

By Tim Fischesser