

Council met in special session with the following persons present: Mayor Richard Zink, Safety-Service Director Ralph Holt, Auditor Gary Lewis and Clerk Beverly Brown.

President Richard Donley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Kevin Chambers, Mr. Lee Koogler, Mr. John Levo, Mrs. Bonnie Parr, Mr. Charles Walker, Mr. Tim Young.

Absent: Mr. David Shoemaker

President Donley explained that Mr. Shoemaker was out of town and absent from the meeting. Mr. Levo made a motion to excuse Mr. Shoemaker and Mr Koogler seconded the motion with all members present voting yea.

Mr. Lewis offered prayer for the session and Mayor Richard Zink led the assembly in the "Pledge of Allegiance".

RES. 07-4 – A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AN ENGINEERING FIRM FOR FLOODWAY DELINEATION AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY- President Donley read the resolution by title only and Mr. Holt explained that this was in response to the EPA verifying that the sewer plant is not in a flood plain and needed to be done before they could do anything with the sewer plant. Mr. Chambers made a motion to waive the three-reading rule and Mr. Koogler seconded the motion with all members present voting yea. Mr. Walker made a motion to accept the resolution and Mrs. Parr seconded the motion. All members present voted yea; resolution adopted.

RES. 07-5 – A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A LOAN TO PAY FOR A CONTRACT WITH WASTEWATER SYSTEM ENGINEERING FIRM AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY- The clerk read this resolution in full for a first reading. Mr. Holt said the \$1,573,322.45 amount on this resolution was for the cost of the flood way delineation and for the cost of the engineering. Mr. Koogler made a motion to amend the resolution to read that they were authorizing the mayor to apply for a loan for wastewater system engineering services costs and the cost for the floodway delineation as previously listed in Resolution 07-4. Mr. Walker seconded the motion for the amendment and all members present voted yea. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Chambers. All members present voted yea. A motion to pass the resolution was made by Mr. Koogler and seconded by Mr. Chambers with all members voting yea. Resolution passed.

RES. 07-6 – A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WASTEWATER SYSTEM ENGINEERING FIRM AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY- The clerk read this resolution in full for a first reading. Mr. Koogler made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule and Mrs. Parr seconded the motion. All members present voted yea. Mr. Levo made a motion to pass the resolution and Mr. Koogler seconded the motion with all members present voting yea. Resolution adopted.

The next item was a possible lease of a vac truck. Mr. Koogler said that at the last Finance Committee meeting they did make a recommendation for procurement of a vehicle. He thought in terms of appropriations for the upcoming year; that had been included in the budget so he would make a motion to approve and Mr. Walker seconded the motion. Since legislation was not available, Mr. Koogler said that it could be presented at the regular Council meeting on February 12, 2007 for passage, but this vote would give the city that they needed. Mr. Lewis said that he had been shopping around to get the best interest rate and he had it down to 5.48 so far but he wasn't done shopping. That was just for the vac truck and down to 5.82 on the other equipment. All members present voted yea. Motion passed.

Possible purchase of the Washington School property was next on the agenda. Mr. Chambers said that the Property Maintenance & Restoration Committee had met prior to the special council meeting and out of that meeting came the suggestion and the motion that the City enter into an agreement with the Hillsboro City Schools to purchase the Washington School property with an offer of up to \$160,000 including the demolition of the current school. He said that what they were doing now was authorizing the Mayor to enter into that agreement. Mr. Chambers made a motion to that effect giving the Mayor and Safety-Service Director the authority to enter into an agreement as already stated. He said that this was just to let the School Board know that the City is willing to purchase that property up to the \$160,000. Mr. Koogler asked the basis for the \$160,000 and Mr. Chambers said that it was suggested by them to include the demolition which is

just an estimate at this time. He said that the School Board was putting it out for bid; there was an engineer looking at it. Mayor Zink had talked to Art Reiber and that was the figure that was listed as a ceiling. Mrs. Parr seconded the motion and all members present voted yea. Motion approved. This allows Administration to give approval, but there will be legislation prepared for the regular Council meeting on February 12, 2007.

The last items concerned the possible sale of the bus garage and 14 acres on Homestead. Mr. Chambers said that these two items also came from the committee meeting directly before the Council meeting. The committee would authorize the Mayor and/or Safety-Service Director to look in to the potential selling of the bus garage and/or the 14 acres on Homestead Avenue. The 14 acres on Homestead has to be researched to see if it has to go through CIC before they would be permitted to sell it. He said that the motion was to authorize them to put that out for bids; not necessarily that they would sell it, but they would put it out for bids and see if there was any interest on either piece of real estate.

Mayor Zink said that it probably needed to be worded "Accept or reject any and all bids". Mr. Koogler said that they could take a straw poll but he thought before they could authorize the bidding he thought they would have to have legislation on those issues. Mr. Chambers said that unfortunately due to the timeline, they were not going to be able to have legislation but he thought that they would bring it up then they could have potential legislation at the regular Council meeting. Mr. Chambers said that he would contact Mr. Beery regarding the legislation. Mr. Chambers made a motion to authorize Administration to put out "feelers" to see if anyone would be interested in the purchase of either of the two properties. He said there was still some legwork to be done and they needed to see if it had to go through CIC to even be able to sell it. Mrs. Parr seconded the motion and all members present voted yea. Motion passed.

With no further business to come before the special meeting; Mr. Koogler made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Parr seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

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Richard Donley, President of Council

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Beverly Brown, Secretary