

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order with Roll Call by Mayor Rick Walker.

Roll Call:	Lane	Present Virtually	Ritter	Absent
	Daniels	Present	Murdock	Present
	Honomichl	Present Virtually		

Mayor Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda Items will be acted upon by one motion unless a Council member requests an item be removed for discussion and separate action.

1. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve Minutes of the Council Meeting on January 21, 2021.
 - b. Approve Pay Ordinance No. 895.

Motion by Council member Murdock to approve the Consent Agenda; second by Daniels.

Roll Call:	Lane	Yes	Ritter	Absent
	Daniels	Yes	Murdock	Yes
	Honomichl	Yes		

Motion carried.

1.5 Consider Pay Ordinance No. 895a.

Motion by Council member Murdock to approve Pay Ordinance No. 895a; second by Daniels.

Roll Call:	Lane	Yes	Ritter	Absent
	Daniels	Yes	Murdock	Yes
	Honomichl	Yes		

Motion carried.

2. Call to Public:

"Members of the public are welcome to use this time to comment about any matter relating to City business not listed on this Agenda. The comments that are discussed under Call to Public may or may not be acted upon by the Council during this meeting. **There is a four-minute time limit.** Please stand and wait to be recognized by the Mayor. You must state your name and address."

No one appeared for Call to Public.

3. Old Business: None

4. New Business:

- a. Consider Bid for Entrance Gate at Riverfest. Administrator Brungardt said there are ongoing vandalism events at Riverfest, mostly trucks and four-wheelers causing damage to the grounds. Discussions were held with the Sheriff's Office and having a gate to close when the

park is not open is a proposed aid to remedy the damages. It's difficult for the players who use the soccer fields due to the ruts and damaged grounds. Administrator Brungardt provided Council with information for the proposed slide gate. The gate would be closed during the hours the park is closed from dusk to dawn hours. The Park Board is very supportive of the gate. This is the type of gate utilized in some of the Johnson County Parks. Cameras have been installed around Riverfest Park.

Council member Murdock asked if there has been consideration to adding poles and cables to stop the crossover into the park area. Discussion that the limestone blocks have also been considered. She commented about trees, plantings, big rocks to add along the roadway. There is no reason for cars to drive off the road into the grassy area.

Council member Daniels commented on the gate sensor and how it works.

Mayor Walker said it is a sad state of affairs that we have to gate the park because of damage. Discussion ensued among Council members and Staff. Cost for the barriers was also discussed. Council member Lane said he is in favor of the gate and agrees with Council member Murdock in putting in the rocks or cables. Council member Honomichl is in favor of the gate. He would support barriers of rocks, trees, or native vegetation and naturalization. He discussed a possible wi-fi opener on the gate with a camera.

Motion by Council member Murdock to authorize the City Administrator to accept the proposal from Allied Fence & Security in the amount of \$10,980.09, with the inclusion of a wi-fi enabled opener in addition to the gate cost ; second by Honomichl.

Roll Call:	Lane	Yes	Ritter	Absent
	Daniels	Yes	Murdock	Yes
	Honomichl	Yes		

Motion carried.

- b. Consider Bids for Fence on 83rd Street Bridge Pedestrian Barrier. Planning Director Weisenburger said in an effort to finish the sidewalk construction along 83rd Street, a safety fence needs to be constructed on the jersey barriers at 83rd and Kill Creek Road within the City's right-of-way. Staff sent out four bid contracts and only two responded. Staff has met with Lindsay Fence, the low bidder, concerning the project. Mayor Walker commented on a lesser height of the fence since the taller fence isn't required for safety.

Motion by Council member Murdock to accept the bid proposal from Lindsay Fence in an amount not to exceed \$5,467.85; second by Lane.

Council member Honomichl said the lower fence should be less funding. Discussion.

Roll Call:	Lane	Yes	Ritter	Absent
	Daniels	Yes	Murdock	Yes
	Honomichl	Yes		

Motion carried.

- c. Consider Survey Proposal for 82nd Street Sidewalk Project. Planning Director Weisenburger said this is a follow up on the 2020 CDBG project for the sidewalk construction along 82nd Street to be completed in Spring of 2021. He discussed the final surveys done by PEC.

Motion by Council member Murdock to direct Staff to enter into Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with PEC for surveying services for the 2020 CDBG construction project in an amount not to exceed \$16,035; second by Daniels.

Roll Call:	Lane	Yes	Ritter	Absent
	Daniels	Yes	Murdock	Yes
	Honomichl	Yes		

Motion carried.

- d. Discuss 2021 Strategic Plan Update. Administrator Brungardt said he has gone through the items listed in the table shown in the Staff Report directed to Council on this Item. These items were suggestions made by Council member Honomichl at the January 21st meeting. Administrator Brungardt commented on each of the four (4) items and the responses for each one. If there are no other changes, Attorney Reavey will prepare a Resolution for Council's consideration at the next Council meeting. Discussion ensued among Council.

Council member Honomichl commented on the Downtown Streetscape Plan. Does this need to be discussed further. Mayor Walker said this will be discussed in the next agenda item.

- e. Discuss 2021 CIP Update. Administrator Brungardt said there was good feedback at the last meeting, and he has incorporated those comments. One of the recommendations was to be more aggressive with the funding resources and less conservative in doing projects. He commented on each of the five (5) items stated in the Staff Report directed to Council on February 4, 2021. He discussed the 2022-2026 spreadsheets provided in the report that have been revised according to the five (5) items in the Staff Report.

Council member Murdock asked about the streetscape discussion. She feels the plan needs to be reviewed and looked at again for what the current needs are. We need to look at what is actually going on with the businesses in the downtown area. Council member Murdock commented on the pool painting being in the CIP instead of being in a maintenance fund. It takes a lot of work to apply for grants, is there a need to look at contracting a grant consultant to help look for grant money. Discussion with the Mayor and Council members about grants and the timeframe needed for submitting them.

Administrator Brungardt said the Park Board has suggestions for growing the programs in the sports fields. The Park Board members reviewed the items that were in the bond referendum and would like to have bathrooms put back in the sports fields program. Mayor Walker and Council discussed the projects with Administrator Brungardt.

Council member Lane agreed with Council member Murdock on reviewing the downtown streetscape project. Council member Honomichl agrees; he said this is a 15-year old plan and things have changed and we need fresh ideas and also how to deal with drainage. He said a commitment to a reinvestment in downtown will help inspire the businesses. Council member Honomichl agreed that we need to have objectives in line to go for funding sources as they take time to apply for. Council member Daniels said he likes the planning for it, and keeping the funding going forward. He said he isn't opposed to looking at a grant writer or looking at other options. Council member Daniels said he agrees with revisiting the downtown streetscape plan as he wasn't in favor of the current plan. We have to talk to the businesses in downtown about investing in the downtown and improving their buildings.

Administrator Brungardt commented on the funding for revisiting the downtown plan. Council discussed this could also be an economic development area for redevelopment of downtown.

5. Executive Session: N/A

6. Advisory Reports:

- a. City Administrator, Mike Brungardt, said at the February 18th Council meeting, there will be a

public hearing for a tax abatement. The details are still being worked through with the applicant.

The committee formed last year to look at the old street shop buildings has met again to discuss what to do with the property. The group will continue meeting monthly.

Administrator Brungardt stated Steve Chick has announced he will be retiring April 1st. He commended Steve for his 15 years of work to the City. He has been of great assistance through the years. Administrator Brungardt expressed his appreciation for Cameron and has moved him to a department head position. Cameron now has all his building certifications and has worked hard. An ad has been placed for a building inspector.

- b. City Attorney, Patrick Reavey, no report.
- c. City Planner, Brad Weisenburger, no report.
- d. City Clerk, Lana McPherson, said the new food truck, Burg Barrel, will be at Dollar General parking lot this Saturday, February 6th.

7. Council & Mayor Comments:

Council members had nothing further to comment on.

Mayor Walker commented on a letter he received about speeders on 83rd Street. A discussion ensued between Administrator Brungardt and Mayor Walker. Mayor Walker said he is in favor of asking the Sheriff to bring the speed trailer back to that area.

Motion by Council member Murdock to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.; second by Honomichl.

All Council members approved by "ayes."

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Lana R. McPherson, MMC, City Clerk