

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 6, 2020

The regular meeting of the Pontiac City Council was held on July 6, 2020 at the Eagle Theater..

Mayor Alvey called to order the meeting of the City Council at 7:00 P.M.

City Clerk, Sharon Dunham, was directed to call roll, and the following members of the Council were present: Barr, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

Absent: Swanson

MEETING OF THE PONTIAC CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY

Mayor Alvey asked that the record show the same Aldermen present for this meeting as are present for the regular Council meeting: Barr, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

Mayor Alvey asked if there was any business to come before the Civic Center Board this evening. Hearing none, he declared the meeting closed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Alvey called to order the Public Hearing at 7:01P.M. to offer an opportunity for public comment on a Community Development Block Grant - Downtown Small Business Stabilization Program to provide a Grant for Working Capital to O.C.B.R. Weathersby Resources, Inc. And DMRG Theaters, Inc (Crescent Theaters) City Administrator, Robert Karls, discussed the program including funding, program requirements and other pertinent facts.

He then presented a prioritized list of community development and housing needs.

See attached exhibit.

O.C.B.R Weathersby Resources have been in business since 2008 and have a 62% reduction in revenue because of the COVID-19. They employ 4 full time employees and are applying for the \$25,000.00 Grant.

Mayor Alvey submitted two letters received from The Pontiac Chamber of Commerce and Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council giving their support.

Mayor Alvey asked for any input from the public. Hearing none, he closed this portion of Public Hearing.

DMRG Theaters Inc. (Crescent Theater) have been in business since 2001 and have been shut down since March because of COVID-19. They have 6 full time employees and are applying for the \$25,000.00 Grant. Mayor Alvey submitted two letters received from The Pontiac Chamber of Commerce and Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council giving their support. Mayor Alvey asked for any input from the public. Hearing none, he closed this portion of Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Alvey stated that there were two items on the consent agenda. He asked if there was a need to have any item removed for later discussion. Hearing none, motion made by Myers, second by Kallas, that the items on the consent agenda be approved as presented.

A. Motion by Myers, second by Kallas to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2020 City Council Meeting. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Eckhoff,

Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

B Motion by Myers second by Kallas, to approve the payment of bills totaling \$366,584.24 from all funds. . On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolution 2020-R-007 O.C.B.R. Weathersby Resources, Inc.

Mayor Alvey asked for a vote on Resolution 2020-R-007, authorizing the submission of the City's application for Community Development Block Grant - Downstate Stabilization Program Fund for Working Capitol for O.C.B.R. Weathersby Inc. in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Motion made by Eckhoff, second by Kallas to approve Resolution 2020-R-007, as written. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, and Wille. Abstain vote recorded: Gabor

B. Resolution 2020-R-008 DMRG Theaters, Inc. (Crescent Theater)

Mayor Alvey asked for a vote on Resolution 2020-R-008, authorizing the submission of the City's application for Community Development Block Grant - Downstate Stabilization Program Fund for Working Capitol for DMRG Theaters, Inc. in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Motion made by Hicks, second by Bradshaw to approve Resolution 2020-R-008, as written. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

C. Request for proposals - Disposal of Real Estate - 314 N. Main Street

Motion by Kallas, second by Eckhoff to approve the requests of purchase proposals of the property at 314 N. Main Street, along with the proposed purchaser to include in their plans the facade of the building. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

D. Demolition - 821 N. Oak Street

Motion by Eckhoff, second by Wille to approve the demolition of the City owned property at 821 N. Oak Street. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

E. Rec-Center HVAC Bids

Motion by Myers, second by Gabor to approve the bid price of \$6,517.07 from Lyons Brothers, Heating & Air Cond, Inc. for one of the smaller air conditioning units at the Rec-Center. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

F. Appointment of Cathy Robinson to Pontiac Public Library Board

Motion by Kallas, second by Myers to approve the appointment of Cathy Robinson to the Pontiac Public Library Board. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

G. Phase IV Review

Fire Chief Jake Campbell let Council know that there are no new updates, that they are following same protocols and meeting with other entities once a month.

Taylor Baxter noted that the Splash Pad is now open from the hours of 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. with (2) hours of play and then one hour for staff to disinfect. Those who are coming to the Splash Pad will be checked for temperatures and given a wrist band.

All the playgrounds in the City are now open and the pool at the Rec Center hopes to be open at the end of this week.

Ellie Alexander gave to Council an update of the Community Development Committee and what they are doing to involve the residents of the City. There are “Meet the Merchant” videos on the City’s You-Tube channel, continuing with E-news, video tours, “adopt a pot” for downtown businesses to take care of the flower pots in front of their buildings, and the committee is working on a video series with Wally’s for a 2' X 4' video display.

H. First Quarter Financials - Budget Update

Bob Karls presented to Council a brief overview of the City’s budget. There is a loss of revenue because of COVID-19, but may have some revenue sent from the state, though the amount is not know. The City is cutting back on capitol improvement, departments have put in a strong effort regarding costs, etc. The Finance Committee will meet to go over details.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Alvey commented on the good news, such as the Splash Pad opening, parks open and restaurants being able to serve inside with controlled capacity.

Administrator Comments

Finance Committee meeting is set for July 13, 2020 at 2:00 P.M. at City Hall

Infrastructure Committee meeting is set for July 20, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at the Eagle Theater

Community Service meeting is set for July 21, 2020 at 2:00 P.M. at City Hall.

The Planning Commission has (3) petitions to discuss at their meeting on July 14, 2020 at 4:30 P.M.

IMRF would like payments made to them from the City monthly now instead of quarterly.

And a thank you to Mary & Liz for coordinating the Council meeting at the Eagle Theater and regular Council meeting will be at the Eagle Theater until further notice.

Council Comments

Consensus of the Council was that it was good to be at a Council meeting in person after the last meetings being via phone.

Public Comments

Rodney with Kids-Inc reminded the Council of a kids get together with law enforcement on July 12, 2020 from Noon until 7:00 P.M. at the Block 59 parking area south of the courthouse. All will have temps taken and will keep social distance.

Executive Session

Motion by Hicks, second by Gabor to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss and consider Collective Negotiating matters as authorized under Section 2(c)2 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Action will be taken after Executive Session. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

Return from Executive Session

Ordinance 2020-O-013 - Agreement between City and Firefighters

Motion by Kallas, second by Wille to approve Ordinance 2020-O-013, Agreement between the City and Pontiac Firefighters Union, Local 3239 of the International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO as written. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

Adjournment

On motion duly made and seconded, the regular meeting of the City Council was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L Dunham
City Clerk