

City Council Minutes
June 22, 2015

Mayor Thayer called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Present: Councilors Paul Canter, Harry Myers, Ron Thexton, and Cindy Canter. Staff present included Chief Operating Officer Jim Minard (C.O.O) and Public Works Superintendent Dave Claborn (PWS). Councilors Donna Dillard and Lonnie Koroush were excused.

Public Comments: Luane Waytenick expressed concerns over a fence being constructed in the former 4th Street right-of-way, north of Fir Street, and history of the vacation and prior access. Minard noted the Council had vacated the southerly portion of 4rd Street in 1979 and the fence was legal. Additional concerns were raised about drainage and placement of materials. Minard was requested to look into this and report back to the Council at its July meeting.

Staff Reports: Claborn reviewed his report sent to the Council and noted the irrigation for the City Park baseball field was operational. There were questions about signs for the dog park rules and leash laws. Minard would be looking into them as well as getting a water supply to the dog park – though it appeared somewhat complicated and expensive.

Consent Agenda: Councilor P. Canter moved to approve the consent agenda as amended with the new bills, which was seconded by Councilor Myers and unanimously approved.

Public Hearing: Proposed Uses of State Revenue Sharing: Mayor Thayer opened the public hearing. The question was asked what the proposed use was. Minard noted the proposed use of these funds was a supplement to the General Fund and available for any legal governmental purpose. Mayor Thayer closed the public hearing.

Public Hearing: 2014-2015 Budget: Mayor Thayer opened the public hearing on the proposed budget as approved by the Budget Committee. Minard noted there were no changes in the budget as developed by staff and approved by the Budget Committee. There was no testimony and Mayor Thayer closed the hearing.

Resolution 2015-05: A Resolution Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues: Myers moved to approve Resolution 2015-05, which was seconded by Councilor C. Canter and approved 4-0.

Resolution 2015-04: Adopting the Budget, Making Appropriations, and Imposing the Tax: Myers moved to approve Resolution 2015-04, which was seconded by Councilor C. Canter and approved 4-0.

Resolution 2015-06: Transferring Funds within the General Fund for Personal Services: P. Canter moved to approve Resolution 2015-06, which was seconded by Myers and approved 4-0.

Extension of Red Hills Subdivision Preliminary Plat: The principals of the Red Hills Subdivision, south of Orchard were requesting another extension given wetland approval issues at the State level. Given the fact that they were continuing to move forward with design work, C. Canter moved to grant the extension to December 31, 2105 as requested, provided progress was continuing to be made on the project. P. Canter seconded the motion, which passed 3-1 (Thexton – No).

Legion Hall: Thayer and C. Canter suggested the City accept the rent increase offered by the South Benton Nutrition Program and resolve this matter. There was discussion on the matter of fixtures, furniture and appliances. Councilor Thexton noted he had met with the Council of Governments on the nutrition program and really did not gather much support for this program. Minard suggested, to address the concern on ownership of fixtures in the building, that the City could use the Hull grant funds to purchase the chairs and tables. C. Canter moved to accept the SBNP's offer of \$2000 more on the annual rent, and negotiate that the SBNP would be responsible for the maintenance and operation of the city owned sanitizer (which is locked and used only by the SBNP) and the City being responsible for repair and maintenance of the stove. Myers seconded the motion. Under discussion it was noted the SBNP be informed that no City fixtures were to be removed or replaced in the future. The motion passed 3-2 (Thexton and P. Canter – No).

Ordinance No. 2015-002: Smoking Prohibition on City Owed Lands: Minard noted this ordinance prohibited smoking on the grounds, parking and adjacent areas of city owned land with buildings at City Hall, Legion Hall, and the Library. Smoking would also be prohibited in City Parks and trails, though not in those parking lots.

Myers moved to have the first reading of Ordinance 2015-002 by title only, which was seconded by P. Canter and unanimously approved. Mayor Thayer read the ordinance by title only.

P. Canter moved to have the second reading of Ordinance 2015-002 by title only, which was seconded by Myers and unanimously approved. Mayor Thayer read the ordinance by title only.

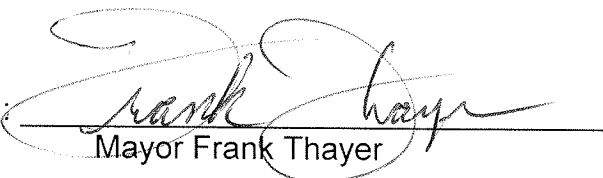
Thexton moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-002, which was seconded by C. Canter and unanimously approved.

Audio Recordings on Website: C. Canter moved to have the audio recordings placed on the City's website, similar to what the City of Harrisburg does. Myers expressed his concern that there was no information on what the cost of this posting and removal might be. The motion was seconded by P. Canter, but failed 2-3 (Myers, Thexton, and Thayer – No). Minard noted that if cost was the only issue he would contact the website administrator and report back to the Council next month.

Other Business: Myers moved to have the recently completed dog park at City Park named "C&C Dog PAWk" in honor of Paul and Cindy Canter that were instrumental in accomplishing that project. The motion was seconded by Thexton and approved 4-0.

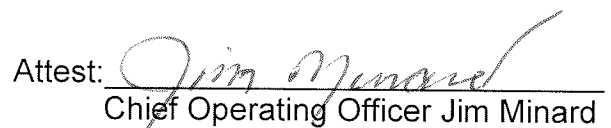
Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Signed:



Mayor Frank Thayer

Attest:



Chief Operating Officer Jim Minard