

FINANCE & LEGAL COMMITTEE
BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE
CIVIC CENTER & PROMOTION COMMITTEE
MARCH 20, 2007

Present: Mayor Liechty, Council Members Grabinger, Schulz and Heinrich, City Attorney Dalsted, Wollan, Weight, Horgan, Sveum and Fuchs. Absent: Council Member Parisien.

Schulz moved to recommend the City Council authorize the dismissal of the NDC Holdings/David Ripley lawsuit without prejudice. Seconded by Liechty. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Council Member Parisien seated herself.

Grabinger moved to recommend that the City Council request City Attorney Dalsted to seek an Attorney General's opinion relative to the tax exempt status of the Jamestown/Stutsman Development Corporation regarding property tax status. Seconded by Liechty. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Liechty declared a conflict of interest relative to the request from Jamestown College for the City to authorize the issuance of MIDA Bonds as her husband is on the Jamestown College Board. Schulz moved to allow Liechty to discuss and vote on the issue. Seconded by Grabinger. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Grabinger moved to recommend that the City Council grant preliminary approval, subject to a public hearing, to the request from Jamestown College for authorization to issue Municipal Industrial Development Bonds, in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.00, to finance the construction and equipping of a new wellness center and the construction of an addition to the Larson Sports Center on the Jamestown College campus. Seconded by Schulz. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Grabinger moved to recommend that the City Council authorize the reimbursement to Valley Markets, Inc. (Hugo's), the tax increment amount of \$84,847.89, paid for the tax year 2006. Seconded by Parisien. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Schulz moved to recommend that the City Council grant the request from the Vet's Club, Inc., for a gaming site authorization to conduct bingo at the Civic Center on April 18, 2007, for the Life's Focus event. Seconded by Parisien. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Grabinger moved to recommend that the City Council introduce the First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 2-29.1(b) (3) of the City Code pertaining to appointment of personnel. Seconded by Schulz. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Grabinger moved to recommend that the City Council introduce the First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and re-enact Sections 5-1 and 5-10 of the City Code pertaining to the sampling of malt beverages in an off-sale establishment. Seconded by Parisien. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Heinrich indicated a possible conflict of interest relative to the request of the Marcil Group, Inc., request for 2:00 A.M. bar closing as he is a trustee of the Elk's Club which is located in the Marcil Group, Inc., property. Grabinger moved to allow Heinrich to participate and vote on the matter. Seconded by Parisien. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Grabinger moved to recommend the First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 2-2.2 of the City Code pertaining to the hours of sale of alcoholic beverages. Seconded by Schulz. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Grabinger moved to recommend that the City Council authorize entering into an agreement with CGI Communications for the City to participate in a Community Video Showcase Program for the www.jamestownnd.com web site at no cost to the City. Seconded by Parisien. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Consensus of the Committee was to have the City Administrator complete and file an application to the Jamestown/Stutsman Development Corporation requesting \$500,000.00 from the Economic Development Fund to be used to assist with the cost of the Railroad Parking Lot and Adjacent Streets Reconstruction Project.

Grabinger moved to recommend that the City Council establish a City Wide special assessment district for the Railroad Parking Lot and Adjacent Streets Reconstruction Project with the street costs to be assessed in the normal manner used for streets and the parking lot costs assessed 25% to the properties from 3rd Street North to 2nd Street South between 2nd Ave West and 2nd Avenue East, and 75% to the balance of the properties within the city. Seconded by Parisien. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Liechty declared a conflict of interest relative to the establishment of a property valuation relative to the Garden Hills Living Center. Grabinger moved to allow Liechty to participate and vote on the issue. Seconded by Parisien. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

The committee discussed various scenarios relative to the property valuation that should be established for the Garden Hills Living Center.

Dean Remboldt and Duane Barth approached the committee with their thoughts as to why they felt the higher valuation should be established.

Schulz moved to place on the City Council agenda, without recommendation, the issue of establishing a property valuation for the Garden Hills Living Center Project. Seconded by Parisien. Voice vote showed: 4 ayes (Schulz, Heinrich, Grabinger and Parisien), 1 nay (Liechty). Carried.

Liechty presented a number of questions before the committee concerning the Civic Center monthly report relative to the Home and Garden Show event profit and loss statement, as well as an incident involving a burned out elevator motor.

Heinrich moved to have Council Member Parisien and the City Administrator visit with Lori Andersen relative to these concerns. Seconded by Liechty. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Informational:

- a. Monthly Departmental & financial reports.
- b. Letter received from the City of Devils Lake regarding solid waste disposal.

Jeff Fuchs
City Administrator