

POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
JULY 26, 2007

(CORRECTED PER COUNCIL 8/6/07 COPY)

Present: Mayor Liechty, Council Members Schulz, Heinrich, Grabinger and Parisien, City Attorney Dalsted, Donegan, Horgan, Sveum and Fuchs.

Liechty moved to place on the Police and Fire Committee agenda discussion relative to the condition of the Ranch House Motel as a result of the fire in January of the current year. Seconded by Parisien. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Gail Fisher, Jeff Willer, John Lokemoen, Terry Wanzek, Deanna Weiser and Shelly Anderson appeared before the committee to discuss their concerns relative to the condition of the Ranch House Motel property and the time which has passed since the fire with little work done to clean up the property. They expressed safety concerns for area residents and children relative to the property not being more adequately secured, as well as the disorderly manner in which any cleanup was being conducted. They also expressed their concerns with the type of clientele that was residing at the motel and again the concerns for the safety of area residents.

The committee consensus was that the City would proceed and continue working to resolve the situation through the current City ordinances, with the understanding that the procedures required to remedy the situation would take time, and that the City Building Official and the City Attorney would continue researching information to amend current ordinances in order to provide for more definitive time lines for similar events in the future.

Discussion was held relative to vehicles parked in City owned parking lots for extended periods of time.

Heinrich moved to recommend the City Council establish a 72 hour parking restriction in City owned parking lots. Seconded by Liechty. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Travis Dillman, Interstate Engineering, Inc., presented an Alternate A to the parking lot layout for the Downtown Railroad Parking Lots Improvement District #07-43. This Alternate would provide for the second access points to the parking lots to be located on the street side in the middle of the blocks.

Grabinger moved to recommend the City Council select Alternate A as the site plan for the Downtown Railroad Parking Lots Improvement District #07-43. Seconded by Heinrich. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Parisien moved to recommend the City Council approve the request of Jerry Purcell for driveway width and separation variances at 1202 7th Avenue SE, subject to the property owner being responsible for snow removal. Seconded by Grabinger. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Schulz moved to recommend the City Council approve Change Order No. 2, to Magney Construction, Inc., for Master Lift Station Replacement, Phase II, Sewer Improvement District #03-31, for a net decrease in the contract price of \$10,921.00. Seconded by Heinrich. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Heinrich moved to recommend the City Council approve the request of the First United Methodist Church to close the 100 Block of 3rd Street SE on September 8, 2007. Seconded by Parisien. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Heinrich moved to recommend the City Council approve the request from Montana Dakota Utilities to prepare a proposal on the feasibility of installing a generator fueled from the methane gas produced at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Seconded by Grabinger. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Heinrich moved to recommend the City Council grant the request from Meidinger Square to place a 4 hour parking restriction on the west side of the 300 Block on 1st Avenue South. Seconded by Grabinger. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Grabinger moved to recommend the City Council accept the petition for street hard surfacing in the alley of Block 10, Solien & DeNault Hi-Acres Second Addition as part of the 2008 Paving District. Seconded by Heinrich. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Jeff Fuchs
City Administrator