

Finance & Legal Committee
Building, Planning & Zoning Committee
Civic Center & Promotion Committee

January 20, 2009

Present: Liechty, Parisien, Kourajian, Schulz, Nygaard, Reuther, Wollan, Weight and Fuchs.

Liechty moved to recommend the City Council accept and approve a Cooperative Agreement between Otter Tail Power Company and Northern Plains Electric relative to service territories. Seconded by Parisien. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Kourajian moved to recommend the City Council approve the established selling price for City owned lots. Seconded by Nygaard. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Kourajian moved to recommend the City Council introduce the First Reading of an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 2-6 of the City Code pertaining to competitive bidding on certain contracts. Seconded by Schulz. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Dwaine Heinrich and Dan Buchanan appeared before the committee relative to the petitions for an initiated ordinance for a Quiet Zone for railroad traffic. They informed the committee of a Senate Bill to be introduced by Senator Nething which, if approved by the state legislature, would provide grant funding of 90% of the cost of implementing a Quiet Zone. Dan Buchanan urged the City Council to enact the initiated ordinance on its own motion rather than calling a special election on the issue.

Liechty moved to recommend the City Council call a special election to be held as soon as possible relative to the petitions for an initiated ordinance providing for the establishment of a quiet zone for railroad traffic. Seconded by Nygaard.

Liechty moved to amend the motion to delete the language "to be held as soon as possible". Seconded by Kourajian. Voice vote on the amendment showed: 4 ayes, 1 nay, (Nygaard). Motion carried.

Voice vote on the motion, as amended. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Liechty moved to table proposals received for the re-design of the City of Jamestown web-site until the March 24, 2009, Finance & Legal Committee meeting. Seconded by Kourajian. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

A special joint meeting of the Stutsman County Commission and the Jamestown City Council will be held on February 10, 2009, at 4:00 P.M., at City Hall, for the purpose of resolving any differences relative to a Memorandum of Agreement to provide joint library services, to adopt the Memorandum of Agreement, and to appoint the members of the Joint Library Board.

Parisien moved to recommend the City Council introduce the First Reading of an ordinance to rezone all the land on the south side of Section 33, T140N, R64W, that is north of and adjacent to the I-94 R/W that is currently zoned C-2 (General Commercial District) including all of Auditor's Lot 33-1 and Lot 6, Glinz 4th Estates, from C-2 (General Commercial District) to C-1 (Local Commercial District), and a strip of land 380' in depth on the west side of the Hwy 281/52 Bypass in Section 33, from the south side of the BNSF R/W to the north line of Auditor's Lot 33-5, from A-1 (Agricultural District) to C-1 (Local Commercial District). Seconded by Schulz. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Ralph Friebel, Renaissance Recycling, appeared before the committee to inquire whether the subsidy provided to 4R's Recycling would be available to his firm should they acquire the assets of 4R's Recycling. Several committee members indicated that they would support the ongoing subsidy provided that the recycling services provided by the firm are equal to or greater than what the community has received in the past.

Informational:

- Monthly financial and departmental reports.
- Minutes of the January 12, 2009, Planning Commission meeting.

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