

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

August 21, 2012

Present: Andersen, Kourajian, Buchanan, Brubakken, Dalsted, Reuther, Sveum, Klundt, Wollan, Schwartzkopf and Fuchs. Absent: Gumke.

Kourajian moved to table to the September committee meeting the offer from Tim Dabill to purchase Lots 1 & 2, Block 2, Beverly Hills 6th Addition, and Lots 18 & 19, Beverly Hills 3rd Addition, in the amount of \$6,000, subject to the buyer paying for all costs of surveying and approval of a re-plat prior to deed transfer. Seconded by Brubakken. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Kourajian moved to recommend the City Council approve the request from the Corner Bar for a permit to close the east end of 2nd St West and to dispense alcoholic beverages on September 15, 2012, from 10:00 AM to 2:00AM September 16, 2012. Seconded by Brubakken. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

A public input meeting was opened to receive public comments regarding Section 8, of Appendix B of the City Code relative to subdivision development improvements and suggested changes.

Mark Goehner, Marjo Inc., appeared and stated that he is working on developing a number of residential lots in northeast Jamestown. The Eastwood Drive Development included 14 lots of which 13 have had homes constructed, and that in working with Jordahl Construction assisted in the development of 20 lots, which took 2 years to construct and sell. He indicated that Jordahl had intended on doing more development; however, with the upfront cost burden to construct improvements, he has decided to refrain from any more development.

Clarice Liechty appeared and asked what type of changes the City was looking at proposing. She stated that her husband and a business partner did do some smaller development areas in the past; however, they would develop smaller areas to meet demand and reduce the cost of the upfront costs. She further cautioned that the City should consider how much a developer or developers are allowed to develop within a certain period of time so as not to have an overabundance of lots available as occurred in the late 70' and early 80's.

Corey Bayer indicated that he has not developed any lots in the city. He stated that there are buildable lots within the city currently; however, not many desirable lots that are suited toward the type of construction people want to do. He further indicated that he felt the city needed to encourage development as there is a shortage of new and existing homes for sale.

Candace Dempsey, Reuben Liechty Realtors, indicated that young families looking at relocating to Jamestown are looking for newer homes to purchase, however, development of residential lots are costly at this time.

Jeff Fuchs
City Administrator