

**MEETING OF September 20th, 2016
MINUTES FOR September 6th, 2016**

The City Council met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers; Mayor Brenda Stadsholt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; City Clerk Martha Balbinot called the roll and the following Alderpersons answered to their names: Portia Brown, Randy Bell, Andy French, Charlie Campbell, Jim Stroh, Becky Chaney, Bob Cooper and Ross McDowell. A quorum was present. Meeting was taped. City Attorney Blake Lindner was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was repeated by City Officials and Guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT # 1

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING HELD September 6th, 2016

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held September 6th, 2016. There being none, the minutes were approved as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING HELD September 8th, 2016

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held September 8th, 2016. There being none, the minutes were approved as written.

FINANCE REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt asked for any questions on the Finance Report.

ACTION TAKEN: Motion made by Bell, seconded by Stroh, to approve the Finance Report.

Voting Yes: Brown, Cooper, Bell, French, Campbell, Stroh, Chaney and McDowell

Voting-No: None

CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt asked for any questions on the Consent Agenda.

ACTION TAKEN: Motion made by Stroh, seconded by Chaney, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Voting Yes: Cooper, Bell, French, Campbell, Stroh, Chaney, McDowell and Brown

Voting-No: None

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MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt reported the following:

1. Mayor Stadsholt read and presented a Proclamation in recognition of American Legion Post # 138 in honor of American Legion Day.
2. The Hope Chest will be having a good pantry from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. every Thursday.
3. Alderperson Andy French made a short presentation about the benefits of a Community Wellness Program. A committee meeting will be scheduled for next week to go into more detail.
4. Mayor Stadsholt thanked those who attended the Spoon River College Foundation Fundraiser held at Big Horse Winery.
5. Salon 300 held a ribbon cutting for the opening of their new salon located at 300 W. Main.
6. Work is progressing on the CGAP Grant. It has been delayed somewhat due to the return on surveys was too low and Debbie Bohm was hired to go door to door in order to complete the survey requirements. There will be a Public Meeting on September 20th, 2016 at City Hall for anyone having questions.
7. The soft opening of the new candy store “Little Bit of Everything Candy & More” was held on Saturday September 3rd, 2016.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt requested a motion to go into Closed Session under Sections 2(c)11 Possible Litigation and 2(c)2 Negotiations.

ACTION TAKEN: Motion made by Bell, seconded by Stroh, to go into Closed Session under the above mentioned Sections at 7:20 p.m.

Voting Yes: Bell, French, Campbell, Stroh, Chaney, McDowell, Brown and Cooper

Voting-No: None

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt requested a motion to return to Open Session at 7:40 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN: Motion made by McDowell, seconded by Stroh, to return to Open Session.

Voting Yes: Bell, French, Campbell, Stroh, Chaney, McDowell, Brown and Cooper

Voting-No: None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: None

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

DISCUSSION: None.

ACTION TAKEN: None

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Police Chief Kevin Noble reported the following:

1. This upcoming weekend, September 9th, 10th and 11th will be the annual Oktoberfest celebration and that signs have been placed on boulevards to control traffic.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Fire Marshal/Zoning Officer John Kachanuk reported the following:

1. We are still waiting for the glass for the security window at City Hall.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

DISCUSSION: Public Works Director Jewel Bucy reported the following:

1. Public Works is working on the streets designated for the seal and chip program.

2. Sykes Construction will begin on the street entering the Business Park sometime after September 29th, 2016.

3. New heat and air ducts are being installed at the City Center building.

FARNSWORTH ENGINEERING GROUP

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

COMMITTEES

FINANCE & PURCHASING

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

LICENSES, ORD. & LEGAL

DISCUSSION: Councilman McDowell reported that he would be working on an Ordinance setting a speed limit on all Havana Park District property.

ACTION TAKEN: None

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HEALTH & SANITATION

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: Alderwoman Portia Brown reported that Economic Development Director Ron Hills will be giving his report on September 20th, 2016. It was also announced that the Public Works department will begin looking for a new PT employee.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PLANNING

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

PROPERTY & ZONING

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC SAFETY

DISCUSSION: Alderman Stroh made a motion, seconded by Chaney, to approve a request by Sharilyn Holtman from the Mason District Hospital Auxiliary to block two parking spaces in front of 204 W. Main to allow cake drop-off for the Mason District Hospital cakewalk booth from 10:00 a.m. on September 9th through 6:00 p.m. on September 10th, 2016. Police Chief Kevin Noble requested that the spaces be moved a little more to the West as that is where the command area for the officers meet that are working at the Oktoberfest.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions of discussion needed. There being none the motion was approved as follows:

Voting Yes: Stroh, Chaney, McDowell, Brown, Cooper, Bell, French and Campbell

Voting No: None

PUBLIC WORKS

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC COMMENT # 2

Discussion: None

Action Taken: None

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ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt asked motion be made to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN: Motion made by Cooper and seconded by Brown to adjourn.

Voting Yes: Campbell, Stroh, Chaney, Bell, McDowell, Brown, Cooper and French

Voting No: None

Brenda Stadsholt

Mayor

Martha J. Balbinot

City Clerk

GUESTS:

Wendy Martin – Mason County Democrat

John Kachanuk

Kevin Noble

Jewel Bucy

Steve Blessman

Blake Lindner

Kathy Brown – U of I Extension Office

Ron Hills

Lori Smith

Candy Gann

Gary Davis

Loni Engeldow