

GENERAL REPORT

May 24, 2016

1. The Planning Commission voted to recommend the appointment of Adam Caylor to a three year term on this board. Adam works for USD 365 and is very interested in serving in this capacity.

There is only one opening left to be filled on the advisory boards and that is on the Garnett Community Foundation. Once all the boards are stabilized, we'll start making plans for the PRIDE committee.

2. Enclosed is information regarding the rezoning of certain property as listed on the Agenda. I am including a copy of a map that shows the specific location. An application for rezoning was submitted by Reuben Feuerborn dba Upright Monuments LLC who would like to construct a building to use as an extension of his monument business. Mr. Feuerborn's application asked to rezone Lots 8 and 9; however that would leave Lot 7, which is owned by Jerry Jasper, as R-3. Lots 1-6 are already zoned B-1 and the Planning Commission felt it best to have all lots from 1-9 zoned the same. Therefore, the Planning Commission voted to recommend a zoning change for Lots 7, 8 and 9 in Block 59 with the understanding that Mr. Jasper would be contacted to get his approval. Andy Frye has done that and he has signed a notarized statement agreeing to the zoning change.

There are already commercial type buildings on Lots 1-6 therefore Mr. Feuerborn's proposed building would fit in this area. Any property owner within 200' was notified of this proposed zoning change. No one attended or called to express their disapproval of the change.

3. Ordinance #4145 concludes the negotiations with KsFiberNet. Terry will explain the contents of this ordinance and the section that was revised to mirror the one approved by the City of Pittsburg.

4. If you approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone Lots 7, 8 and 9 in Block 59, then you will need to approve Ordinance #4146 which will officially approve the rezoning and allow the zoning map to be updated.

5. Included in your agenda packets is copies of the claim submitted by Harold Gilbreth who lives at 324 North Ash. The damage to his basement resulted after a major "plug" occurred in the city's sanitary sewer main. In discussing this incident with John Olson, he said while this area had never caused the city any problems, there appeared to be a large amount of tree roots that caused the blockage. Staff recommends the approval of Mr. Gilbreth's claim in the amount of \$8,495.11.

6. Hopefully you have seen the military banners that are now in place around the square and along Highway 59. To me, this is one of the most heartwarming projects the city has promoted. Special kudos go to the city electricians who chose specific locations for some of the banners such as the former owner of a business on Highway 59. I plan to acknowledge this at the ceremony on May 25th.

7. The library lighting project has now been completed. A total of 92 LED kits were installed by the city electricians. You will recall that I was able to get a matching grant through the USDA to pay approximately half of this expense. The library board provided the remaining funds from memorials and donations they have received.

8. The joint city/county commission meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on June 7th at Mr. D's restaurant.

9. City electricians continue to work on preparing the area for the new backstop at the Legion ball diamond. The concrete posts that will hold the poles for the netting will be poured next week. Legion team supporters plan to put in some new fencing and the electricians dug the holes for this project. People working together to make things happen.

10. You have probably noticed that the pool is full and ready for opening day on May 28th. Baseball season starts next week, too, so Phil is hoping for lots of warm, dry weather.

This same week-end will be the beautiful display of the Avenue of Flags at the cemetery. The flags will fly from Friday, May 27th through Monday, May 30th.

11. I am trying to get a date when the windows will be filled in on the back of the football stadium.

12. Farrel and I are working on a plan to repair the culvert under the bridge on the east side of the lake. Once we have our estimates, I'll present our ideas to the commission.

13. City offices will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2016 in observance of Memorial Day.

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